

# Fourth of July Potholder



## FOURTH OF JULY POTHOLDER

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### Materials:

- Red, white and blue worsted weight cotton yarn
- Crochet hook size G or size needed for gauge
- Needle and white thread
- Yarn needle

**Gauge:** After round 3 piece should measure about 9" x 1 1/2"

**To change colors at the end of a round:** Insert hook in the last stitch of the round, pull up a loop of the old color, yo with the new color and pull through both loops on hook. Tie the tail of the new color to the old color. Cut old color.

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*Potholder Body (this should form a "pouch-shaped" piece)*

With blue ch 31.

**Round 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; do not turn; continuing around, work 1 sc in the base of each ch, join with a sl st to the first sc; ch 1, turn (60 sc)

**Round 2:** Sc in the same st as joining and in ea. sc around; join with a sl st in the first sc; ch 1, turn (60 sc)

**Rounds 3-4:** Repeat round 2.

**Round 5:** Sc in ea. sc to within last sc; change to red; join with a sl st in the first sc; ch 1, turn. (60 sc)

**Round 6:** Using red, repeat round 2.

**Round 7:** Sc in ea. sc to within last sc; change to white; join with a sl st in the first sc; ch 1, turn. (60 sc)

**Round 8:** Using white, repeat round 2.

**Round 9:** Repeat round 5.

**Rounds 10-11:** Repeat rounds 6 and 7.

**Rounds 12-13:** Repeat rounds 8 and 9.

**Round 14:** Repeat round 6.

**Round 15:** Sc in ea. sc to within last sc; change to blue; join with a sl st in the first sc; ch 1, turn. (60 sc)

**Rounds 16-19:** Repeat round 2. Fasten off after round 19. Weave in ends.

### *Stars (make 3)*

With size G hook and white yarn, ch 2.

**Round 1:** Work 5 sc in the second ch from hook; join with a sl st to the first sc

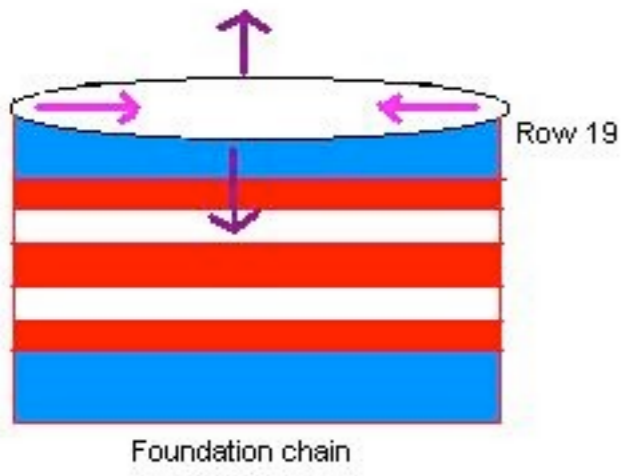
**Round 2:** (Ch 4, sc in the 2nd ch from hook, hdc in the next ch, dc in the next ch, sl st in the next sc in the ring) 5 times; fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Hanging Loop*

Ch 12, join with a sl st to form ring.

**Round 1:** Sl st in each ch around; fasten off. (12 sl sts)

**Finishing:** Stand the potholder body on its foundation chain. Following the illustration below, pull together row 19 at the pink arrows. The purple arrows pull away from each other to form the corners of the back side of the potholder. Push this back side flat on top of the foundation chain and sew the seam (from purple arrow to purple arrow) with blue yarn. Flip over to the right side of the potholder. Arrange the 3 stars from corner to corner of the blue stripe. Sew around the perimeter of each star with white thread. Sew the hanging loop to one corner.



Happy Crocheting!