Materials
- Yarn: Worsted Weight / 4 / Cotton Yarn *See yarn notes below
- Crochet Hooks: J/10/6.00mm, H/8/5.00mm
- Yarn Needle
- 15mm Black Craft Eyes (2)

Experience Level
- Easy

Gauge
- In sc with 5.00 mm hook: 8 sts = 2"; 8 rows = 2"
- In body of towel with 6.00 mm hook: 12 sts = 4"; 5 rows = 2"

Size
- One Size: 8" W x 17.5" L (not including the head)

Notes
- Turning chains are not included in stitch count unless noted otherwise.
- Yarn Notes: Lily Sugar n' Cream worsted weight cotton yarn was used for the sample, 100% Cotton (120 yards / 109 m / 71 g / 2.5 oz).
- Yardage:
  o Jute (brown) (140 yards)
  o White (2 yards)
  o Yellow (4 yards)
  o Red (4 yards)
  o Orange (3 yards)
- This dish towel is constructed by first making a half circle for the head. You'll then work the body of the towel from top down. Lastly, you'll add facial features and buttons. I chose black plastic safety eyes on top of crocheted whites for my towel, but have included instructions for black crochet eyes, if you prefer that instead.

Abbreviations (US Terms)
- ch(s): chain(s)
- st(s): stitch(es)
- sl st(s): slip stitch(es)
- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- dc: double crochet
- Alt-dc: alternate double crochet (see last page)
- Join with standing sc & dc: see page 5
- sp: space
- RS: Right Side
- Rep: repeat

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Turkey Kitchen Towel Instructions

Head

Row 1 (RS): With brown yarn & a 5.00 mm hook, ch 2, work 4 sc in the 2nd ch from your hook. Do not join. Turn. (4 sts)

Row 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each st across. Turn. (8 sts)

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next st, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in the next st, rep from * across. Turn. (12 sts)

Row 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 2 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 2 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (16 sts)

Row 5: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 3 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 3 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (20 sts)

Row 6: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 4 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 4 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (24 sts)

Row 7: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 5 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 5 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (28 sts)

Row 8: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (32 sts)

Row 9: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 7 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 7 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (36 sts)

Row 10: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 8 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 8 sts, rep from * across. Turn. (40 sts)

Row 11: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 9 sts, * 2 sc in the next st, sc in each of the next 9 sts, rep from * across. Do not Turn. (44 sts)

Do not fasten off. Continue on to Body of Towel. Approximate width of head at this point is 5.75”.

Body of Towel – See photos below

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, work 1 sc into the side of each row across half circle, also add 1 sc in the center ch. Turn. (23 sts)

Row 2: Ch 20, skip 22 sts, join with sl st in the 23rd st. Turn. (20 chs) See photo below, right.

Row 3: Switch to a 6.00 mm crochet hook, ch 1, working into the back hump of the ch, work 2 sc in the first ch, sc in each of next 18 chs, 2 sc in last ch. Turn. (22 sts)

Row 4: Ch 1, (sc, dc) in the first st, (sc in the next st, dc in the next st) 10 times, (sc, dc) in the last st. Turn. (24 sts)

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in the first st, dc in the next st, * sc in the next st, dc in the next st, rep from * across. Turn.

Rep Row 5 until your towel measures 15” from Row 1 of Body of Towel.

Do not fasten off. Continue on to Ric Rac Trim.
Ric Rac Trim

**Row 1 (RS):** Alt-dc in the first st, * skip the next st, 2 dc in the next st, rep from * across to the last st, dc in the last st. Turn.  
(24 sts) * Fasten off brown yarn. Change colors to yellow yarn.

**Row 2:** Join yellow yarn with a standing dc in the first st, * work 2 dc in sp of next 2-dc cluster from previous row, rep from * across to last st, dc in last st. Turn.  
(24 sts) * Fasten off yellow yarn. Change colors to orange yarn.

**Row 3:** Join orange yarn with a standing dc in the first st, * work 2 dc in sp of next 2 dc cluster from previous row, rep from * across to last st, dc in last st. Turn.  
(24 sts)  * Fasten off orange yarn. Change colors to red yarn.

**Row 4:** Join red yarn with a standing dc in the first st, * work 2 dc in sp of next 2 dc cluster from previous row, rep from * across to last st, dc in last st. Turn.  
(24 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Continue on to Turkey Head Edging. Approximate length of body of towel is 17.5".

Turkey Head Edging

**Row 1:** With a 5.00mm crochet hook, join brown yarn with a standing sc in the bottom of the st of Row 3 of Body of Towel (see pic below), sc in each st around the head, work 1 last sc in the bottom of the st at the opposite end of Row 3 of Body of Towel.  
(46 sts)

Fasten off. weave in ends. Continue on to Eyes, Beak & Snood. Approximate width of head is now 6.25".

Whites of Eyes (Make 2)

**Rnd 1 (RS):** With white yarn and a 5.00 mm crochet hook, ch 2, work 8 hdc in the 2nd ch from your hook. Join with a sl st to the first st.  
(8 sts)

Fasten off leaving a 10" tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail end. Whites of eyes are approximately 1" in diameter. Continue on to Pupils if you're not using black safety eyes, or continue on to Beak if you are using safety eyes.

Pupils (Make 2)

**Rnd 1 (RS):** With black yarn and a 5.00 mm crochet hook, ch 2, work 6 sc in the 2nd ch from your hook. Join with a sl st to the first st.  
(6 sts)

Fasten off leaving a 10" tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail end. Eyes are approximately .5" in diameter. Continue on to Beak.
Beak

**Row 1 (RS):** With yellow yarn and a 5.00 mm crochet hook, ch 5, working into the back hump of the chain, sl st in the 2nd ch from your hook, hdc in the next ch, dc in each of the last 2 chs. (4 sts)

Fasten off leaving a 10" tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail end. Beak is approximately .75" W x 1" L. Continue on to Snood.

Snood

**Row 1 (RS):** With red yarn and a 5.00 mm crochet hook, ch 6, working into the back hump of the chain, sc in the 2nd ch from your hook, sl st in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, dc in the next ch, hdc in the last ch. (5 sts)

Fasten off leaving a 10" tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail end. Snood is approximately 1.25" L. Continue on to Adding Details.

Adding Details

**Step 1:** Insert the black craft eyes through the center of the whites of eyes, or sew the black crocheted pupils to the center of the whites of eyes using a yarn needle. Next, attach them to the head. I attached mine between rows 3 & 4 of the head. And placed them 1.125" apart from center of one eye to the center of the next. The whites of the eyes will be almost touching. Weave in ends.

**Step 2:** Use a yarn needle and tail of yarn to attach the snood. See photos below for placement. Weave in ends.

**Step 3:** Use a yarn needle and tail of yarn to attach the beak. The right edge of the beak will be covering the top edge of the snood a little bit. See photos below. Weave in ends.

See photos on the next page for how to hang the towel.
Now that I've finished, how do I hang it up?

Step 1 (photo A): With the turkey looking at you, insert your hand behind his head and through the hole. Bring the bottom edge of the towel, up and over the oven door handle from behind it.

Step 2 (photo B): Grab the bottom edge of the towel and pull it through the hole.

Step 3 (photo C): Pull the body of the towel all the way down to secure it. Step back and enjoy your talents!

Join with a Standing Single Crochet, or Double Crochet

Join with a standing sc: When instructed to join with a standing sc, begin with a slip knot on your hook. Insert your hook into the stitch or space indicated, yo, pull up a loop, yo and draw thru both loops on hook. ***See photos below.

Join with a standing dc: Join with a standing dc is worked in the same technique as a join with a sc except you yo before beginning. Begin with a slip knot on your hook. YO, insert your hook into the stitch or space indicated, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops on your hook, yo, pull through remaining 2 loops on your hook.
Alternate Double Crochet (alt–dc)
Instead of beginning rows of double crochet with a ch 2, then working a dc in the same st, I use this technique. I love the nice finished edge it creates and there are not gaps from the turning chains.

**Photo A:** Turn your work to begin a new row, but DO NOT chain.
**Photo B:** Work a single crochet stitch (*without a turning chain*), insert your hook into the first stitch, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull thru both loops (*see next pic*).
**Photo C:** See the yarn needle? It's between the two legs of the single crochet stitch you just made. This is where you insert your hook in the next part.

**Photo D:** Insert your hook between the legs of the single crochet stitch.
**Photo E:** Yo, pull up a loop.
**Photo F:** Yo, pull thru one loop.

**Photo G:** Yo, pull thru remaining loops to complete the stitch.