

MAKE YOUR OWN SCRUBBIE

Create Your Netting Yarn

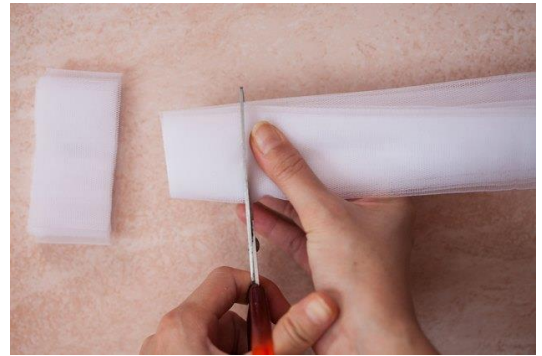
Step 1



Lay your yard of netting (When I was doing craft sales I bought 5 yard lengths.) out on the floor or table (I use my bed or couch and pin it down.). Fold netting to make several layers into a long rectangle, **as it came off the bolt.** It's still folded. Try to line up the folded edge as straight as you can. (I put a few pins in to hold the folded piece together.)

Step 2

Cut strips 3 to 4 inches in width down the length of the folded rectangle, cutting perpendicular to the end of the fabric to get the longest strips. Cut from the fold out to the opposite edge. Remember it's folded so the width of the first strip will be double when opened. Therefore cut the first strip narrower (about 1½ inches). Your first strip (and the last one or two) will be a little irregular when you begin to use it. Your creativity will dictate how to adjust. We are not concerned about perfection here. If you are a perfectionist, buy a machine made scrubbie. If you want a **two colored** scrubbie cut 1½ to 2 inch strips from both colors and use both strands like one strip. (See the red and white one shown in step 5.)



Step 3

Tie the ends of the strips together with a simple knot to form one continuous strip. Wind the strips into a ball if you wish. (I cut the strips as I use them.)

Crochet a Simple Scrubbie



Step 1

Tie the free end of the strip of nylon net into a slip knot and place the loop over a medium-sized crochet hook, size J or K, and chain four. Slip-stitch into the first chain to form a circle. The netting strip naturally compresses into a strand, about the same gauge as bulky yarn, as you work.

Step 2

Single crochet twice into each stitch (I crochet into the back strand of the stitch, not under both strands.) and continue crocheting in the same way forming a circle until you get the circle the size you want for the finished scrubbie. If your circle of crocheting begins to get “wavey” crochet one single crochet in the next stitch and two single crochet in the following stitch. Sometimes I find myself crocheting two single crochets in a row and then two in one stitch. Your crocheter’s eye and instincts will tell you how to keep the circle of crocheting flat.



Another way to say this is: Increase the size of your circle until it is 3 to 4 inches in diameter. Another technique for increasing a circle is to stitch twice into the first stitch and once into the second stitch, and then repeat the sequence. Increase the number of single stitches in the repeating sequence by one until your circle reaches the size you want.

Note: I took the photos in step 1, 2 and 4 from another instruction just to give you an idea of how it might look. Though the photos show double crochet, we are not doing double crochet here

Step 3

As you add more strips of netting, pull the knots to the side facing you (the inside).



Step 4

When you get the circle the size you want, begin to decrease the number of single stitches in a repeating sequence (1 single crochet in two stitches then skip a stitch). Repeat until the circle gets smaller and it forms a pillowy pad. The knots should be on the inside of the pillow.

Step 5

When the hole gets about the size of a nickel, slip stitch in every other stitch until the hole closes. Cut off the end to about 2 inches and pull it through the hole into the center of the scrubbie.



Tip

Chain a few stitches with the first strip you cut from the netting to determine if you are comfortable crocheting with that width of net yarn before you cut your entire piece. Then use the width that feels good for you.

Once you make a few plain scrubbies, experiment with stripes of different colors or get creative for a new look.

For an interesting scrubbie with a flair, you can combine a strip of net with a thread of cotton yarn (the kind used to knit dish cloths). Use the two together as one strip. I find that people like the feel of this and they quickly became my best seller. Using variegated yarn, it's fun to play with colors.

Have fun!