

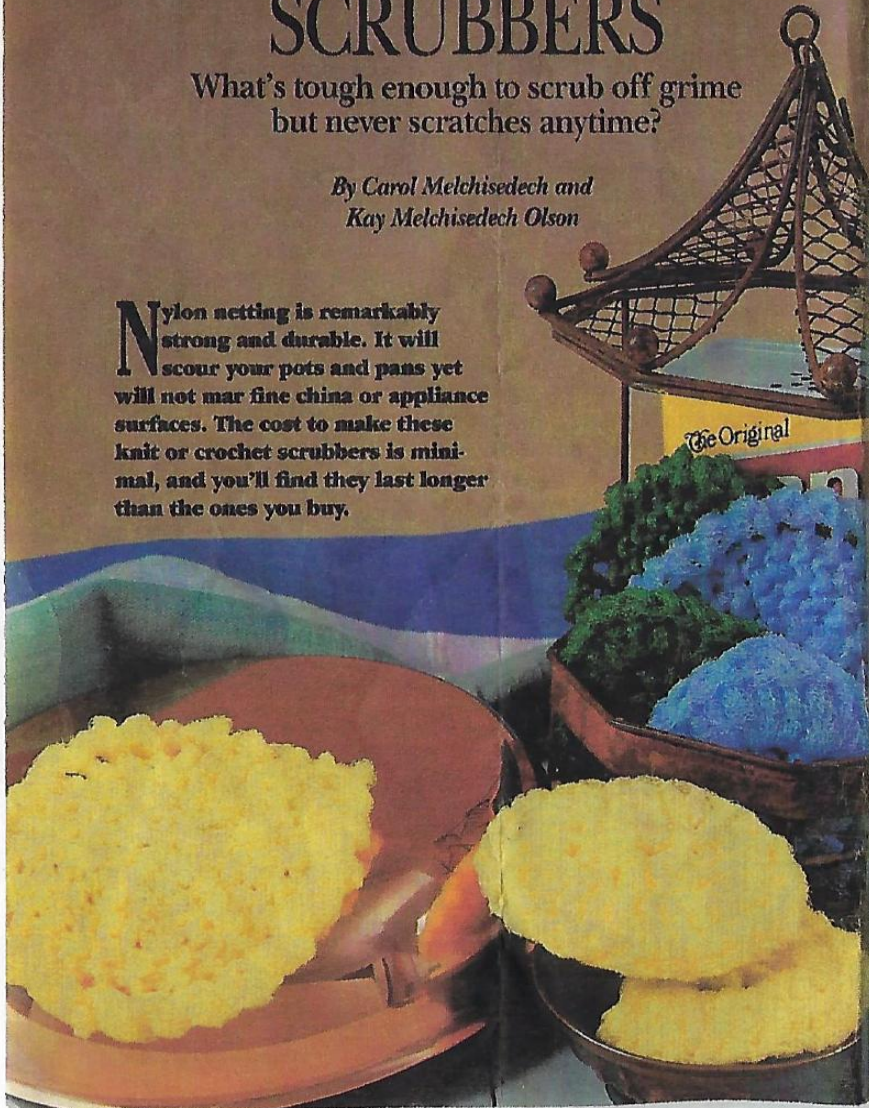
Sally — Here is the direction for the scrubbers.  
 I love one left that my sister sent me — it is square — she got it at a craft fair  
 in K.C. Looks like it is about 15 chains & then several rows of double-crochet in them —  
 Barb O.

# Tougher SCRUBBERS

What's tough enough to scrub off grime  
but never scratches anytime?

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**N**ylon netting is remarkably strong and durable. It will scour your pots and pans yet will not mar fine china or appliance surfaces. The cost to make these knit or crochet scrubbers is minimal, and you'll find they last longer than the ones you buy.



We found one at a craft fair, used it and knew we had to have more. After some experimentation, we came up with a knit and crochet version. We found that cutting strips from a bolt yard of netting was quite time-consuming; using the 3-inch netting on a spool was much easier. (See the Gift Store section of this issue for information on how to order spools of netting.)

Once your family sees how useful these scrubbers are, you'll have a hard time keeping one by the kitchen sink. They do a great cleaning job on all kinds of surfaces and even the finish on the car won't be scratched when rubbed with these nylon scrubbers.

## KNIT SCRUBBERS

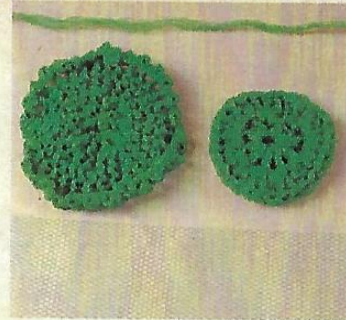
**Materials:** Approximately 8 - 10 yards of nylon netting 3 inches wide (strips can be cut from a bolt yard of netting — see diagram — or purchase 3-inch wide netting on a spool), number 10 knitting needles, large tapestry needle and scissors.

**Finished Measurements:** Approximately 4-1/2 inches in diameter

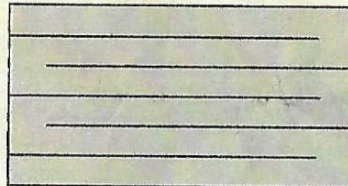
Cast on 8 sts. **ROW 1** K. **ROW 2** K2 tog, yo, K4, turn. **ROW 3** K6. **ROW 4** K2 tog, yo, K2, turn. **ROW 5** K4. **ROW 6** K2 tog, yo, K6. Repeat these 6 rows 9 times more. Bind off. Use large tapestry needle to sew circle together and work in ends.

## CROCHET SCRUBBERS

**Materials:** Approximately 6-8 yards of nylon netting as indicated for knit version (double amount if making a double-thickness scrubber), size G or K crochet hook, large tapestry needle and scissors.



A 3-inch strip of nylon netting (above bottom) will "scrunch" up (above top) to make knit or crocheted scrubbers. The knitted version is pictured above at left, the crocheted version (single thickness) above at right.



Nylon netting sold by the bolt can be used to make the scrubbers. Cut from a yard of fabric as indicated (each strip should be 3 inches wide).

**Finished Measurements:** Approximately 3-1/2 inches in diameter.

Ch 3. Sl st in first ch made to form ring. Ch 3. **RND 1** Work 9 dc in ring. Ch 3. **RND 2** 2 dc in same st, 3 dc in next st and each st around. Fasten off. Make a second, leaving enough netting to sew two scrubbers together if desired.

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