Cat face coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gray, the face and the ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the nose	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes, the mouth and the whiskers	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns B and C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the face measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Face

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st	**(1 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- With the yarn needle, run the tail of each ear down through the row ends of one side to its foundation edge, the wide end. The two faces of an ear look alike, so either may be up.
- Choose the stitch of Rnd 5 that is to be the top of the face. Lay an ear behind each side of it, the point up and straight out from the middle of the face: the middle of each ear is 4 stitches from the top stitch, and ½ in (1.3 cm) of its wide end is hidden. With its tail, sew the foundation edge to the back of the face, and the edge of the face to the ear.
- Eyes: with C, work two closed eyes in backstitch, each a curve like a shallow U, ½ in (1.3 cm) wide. The ends of each curve are 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the face and its lowest point is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above it; the inner ends are ½ in (1.3 cm) to each side of the middle line.
- Nose: with B, work one large French knot on the middle line, ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the middle of the face.
- Mouth: with C, begin on the middle line, 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the face, just under the nose, and work a small curve in backstitch to each side: down 3/8 in (1 cm), then up again by 1/8 in (0.3 cm), ending 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line, so that the two make a rounded W.
- Whiskers: with C, work two whiskers on each side, each two backstitches long and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) in all. They begin 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line: the upper one 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the face, slanting a little up toward the edge, the lower one ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle of the face, slanting a little down.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 10 ends to weave in.

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