Christmas star coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 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: gold, rounds 1 and 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: christmas red, rounds 3 and 4	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, round 5	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

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

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

popcorn (Popcorn): Work 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it through the top of the first of the 5 dc from front to back, pick up the loop again and pull it through. It leaves 1 popcorn 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 coaster measures about 2 in (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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the round is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and the chains at the sides of a petal, are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, christmas red; C, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With A, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), (popcorn, ch 3) in each st around, sl st in first popcorn to join	**(6 popcorns, 6 ch-3 sps)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 5 dc in same sp, **[**6 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **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**] 11 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sk next st, 4 dc in next st, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 4 dc in next st, sk next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 48 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.
- Block: pin the coaster to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 5 rounds; 6 ends to weave in.

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