Initial coaster A to Z

US terms



Finished size
Each coaster is about 4¾ in (12 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with 4 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: cream, rounds 1 to 5	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, round 6	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brick red, some of the pieces	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: forest green, some of the pieces	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: plum, some of the pieces	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the coaster measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round 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 line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Use cotton, or another yarn that takes the heat of a cup. The yarn amounts are for four coasters, one in each of the dark colors B, C, D and E, each with its initial.
- The grid of an initial has five columns, a to e from left to right, and seven lines, 1 to 7 from the foot to the top. Every place is named by its column and its line: a1 is the lower left corner, e7 the upper right one and c4 the middle of the coaster. Columns and lines are 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, so that an initial is 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) tall.
- In the lines of the initials, the word to stands for a straight line, and the word round for one smooth curve: it begins at the place named before that word and goes through the places named after it, in that order, and it runs smoothly out of or into a straight line that meets it there.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: 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 6 in (15 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Coaster: make 4

Make 1 with an edge in each of B, C, D and E. The lines say B.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the 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)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin each coaster to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Lay the coaster down, right side up, with the join of round 5 at the foot. Set a pin at each place of the grid that the initial asks for, measuring from the middle of the coaster, which is the place c4.
- The initial (sewn chain stitch): thread the yarn needle with a double length of the dark color of that coaster. Bring it up from the back at the first place, put it down again in the same place and bring it up ¼ in (0.6 cm) farther along the line, with the loop of yarn under its point; draw the yarn through until the loop lies flat. Work every next stitch in the same way, putting the needle down inside the loop just made. At a sharp corner and at the end of a line, fasten the last loop with one small stitch over its end, and begin the next line with a new loop. Where two lines meet, the later one ends against the earlier one or lies over it.
- The initial A: a1 to c7 to e1; then level along line 3, from the left leg through b3 and d3 to the right leg.
- The initial B: a1 to a7 to d7, round e6, e5 and d4, to a4; d4, round e3, e2 and d1, to a1.
- The initial C: e6, round d7, b7, a6, a2, b1, d1 and e2.
- The initial D: a1 to a7 to c7, round e5, e3 and c1, to a1.
- The initial E: e7 to a7 to a1 to e1; a4 to d4.
- The initial F: e7 to a7 to a1; a4 to d4.
- The initial G: e6, round d7, b7, a6, a2, b1, d1 and e2, to e4 to c4.
- The initial H: a7 to a1; e7 to e1; a4 to e4.
- The initial I: b7 to d7; c7 to c1; b1 to d1.
- The initial J: e7 to e3, round e2, d1, b1 and a2.
- The initial K: a7 to a1; e7 to a3; b4 to e1.
- The initial L: a7 to a1 to e1.
- The initial M: a1 to a7 to c4 to e7 to e1.
- The initial N: a1 to a7 to e1 to e7.
- The initial O: c7, round b7, a6, a2, b1, d1, e2, e6, d7 and c7.
- The initial P: a1 to a7 to d7, round e6, e5 and d4, to a4.
- The initial Q: c7, round b7, a6, a2, b1, d1, e2, e6, d7 and c7; c3 to e1.
- The initial R: a1 to a7 to d7, round e6, e5 and d4, to a4; c4 to e1.
- The initial S: e6, round d7, b7, a6, a5, b4, d4, e3, e2, d1, b1 and a2.
- The initial T: a7 to e7; c7 to c1.
- The initial U: a7 to a3, round a2, b1, d1, e2 and e3, to e7.
- The initial V: a7 to c1 to e7.
- The initial W: a7 to b1 to c5 to d1 to e7.
- The initial X: a7 to e1; e7 to a1.
- The initial Y: a7 to c4 to e7; c4 to c1.
- The initial Z: a7 to e7 to a1 to e1.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 640 stitches.

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