Lime slice coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

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: lime, rounds 1 and 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, round 3 and the lines between the wedges	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lime peel, round 4	**about 4 yd (4 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. 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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 2¼ in (6 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- 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.
- 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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm).

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 dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, lime; B, white; C, lime peel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the coaster to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- With B and the yarn needle, work eight lines of backstitch over the two lime rounds, each from the center straight out to the white round, for the skin between the wedges. At the outer edge the lines stand 3 stitches of round 2 apart, so that every wedge is 3 stitches wide.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 rounds; 102 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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