Mandala placemat

US terms



Finished size
Placemat about 14¾ in (37 cm) across, coaster about 5 in (13 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Puffs, clusters and post stitches in rounds

Yarn
Light (3), 7 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: oatmeal, main color	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: terracotta, the placemat, rounds 4 and 13 and the coaster, round 4	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, stripes of the placemat and the coaster, rounds 1 and 5	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, stripes of the placemat and the coaster, rounds 2 and 7	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: plum, the placemat, rounds 6 and 15	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, the placemat, rounds 8 and 18	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: eucalyptus, the placemat, rounds 10 and 19	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and rust-proof pins and a towel to block it on.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Gauge

17 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check it on the piece itself, laid flat, when 3 rounds are done: they measure about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 dc in next ch-1 sp" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st, unless the round begins by moving on with a sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Each color is cut at the end of its round, except where the next round goes on in the same one.
- A FPdc goes round the post of a dc of the round before and stands in place of a stitch into its top: leave that top unworked behind it. At the start of rounds 4 and 13 the first FPdc goes round the dc that took the joining sl st. In the next round a FPdc is one stitch: work into its top.
- Puffs and clusters are not worked into: the round after them goes into the ch spaces, round the chain.
- A V-stitch is two dc in one stitch with a chain space between them, as in rounds 8 and 18. In the round after it each dc and the space take their sc. Between one V and the next go straight on.
- The oatmeal rounds may ripple a little until the next rounds hold them; the last three rounds draw the edge flat.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.

FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 8 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop to the height of a dc] 4 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 9 loops on hook. In UK terms: a puff stitch to the height of a treble.

cl (Cluster): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 3 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook. In UK terms: 3 trebles drawn together in one place.

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Placemat

Yarns in order of use: C, mustard; D, teal; A, oatmeal; B, terracotta; E, plum; F, rose; G, eucalyptus.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, 12 dc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(12 puffs, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(12 FPdc, 36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With E, ch 2, **[**cl in next st, ch 2, sk next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first cl	(24 cl, 24 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 23 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(72 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With F, ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(48 dc, 24 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With G, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 48 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(48 puffs, 48 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(120 dc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 4 sts, FPdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(24 FPdc, 108 dc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With D, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With E, ch 2, **[**cl in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 66 times**; join with sl st in first cl	(66 cl, 66 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 32 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(165 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(165 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With F, ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(110 dc, 55 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 19**	With G, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(165 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 15 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(180 dc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(192 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	With D, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(192 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Coaster

Yarns in order of use: C, mustard; D, teal; A, oatmeal; B, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, 12 dc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(12 puffs, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(12 FPdc, 36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(66 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends on the wrong side, each along its own color.
- Wet each piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pat it into a circle, pin the edge round and let it dry.

In all: 2 pieces.

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