Oval placemat

US terms



Finished size
About 17 by 12½ in (43 by 32 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: slate blue, rounds 1 to 5, 7 to 11, 13 to 16, 18 and 19 **about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: flax, rounds 6, 12, 17 and 20 **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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.

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 (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted. It leaves 1 puff for the next round.

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet, 8 rounds measure about 2 3/8 in (6.1 cm): after Rnd 8 the oval is about 5 in (12.7 cm) across its narrow way.

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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- 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 and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- In Rnd 1 the first 2 hdc and the last 2 hdc all go into the same chain, the 2nd from the hook where you began, so each end of the oval holds 4 hdc in one chain. The join lies at the middle of one end, and every round begins there.
- Each end of the oval is half a circle in four parts, and every part grows by 1 stitch in every round, so each of Rnds 2 to 16 has 8 stitches more than the one before. Between the ends 20 stitches of each round lie along each side. In the even-numbered rounds the increase is the first stitch of its part, in the odd-numbered rounds the last, so that the ends stay round.
- The ch 2 at the start of Rnd 17 is not worked into again: leave it behind the first puff. In Rnd 17 the st skipped is always a sc; the last ch 1 goes over the last sc, and the round is joined in the closing chain of the first puff.
- Two chains lie between one puff and the next in Rnd 17: the first is the closing chain, the top of the puff; the second is the ch 1 worked over the skipped st, and only the space under that second chain is the ch-1 sp. In Rnd 18, a stitch in a puff goes into its closing chain, and so do the sl st that joins A and the first sc; a stitch in a ch-1 sp goes into the open space under the chain, between two puffs, not into the chain itself.
- In Rnd 18 the 36 sc that run without an increase along each side keep the sides straight; the 24 increases lie at the two ends.
- In Rnd 20 every stitch goes into a ch-2 sp of Rnd 19, and the dc between are left alone. The first 3 chains of the ch 5 that began Rnd 19 stand for a dc and the last 2 chains are its first ch-2 sp: the space between that ch-3 and the first dc you worked. Join B in that space, under those 2 chains.
- For a longer or shorter mat, make the foundation chain 12 chains more or less, which is about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm), and work 12 stitches more or less along each side in Rnds 1 to 16. That is 12 puffs more or less in the whole of Rnd 17, 6 repeats along each side in Rnd 18, 8 spaces in Rnd 19 and 4 shells in Rnd 20.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 14½ in (37 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 21¾ in (55 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 27¾ in (70 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, slate blue; B, flax.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 23.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 20 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 20 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 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, hdc in next 23 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 23 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(80 hdc)**
Fasten off A.		
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join	**(88 hdc)**
Fasten off B.		
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 25 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 25 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(96 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join	**(104 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(112 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join	**(120 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 11** Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts,
2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
[hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join **(128 hdc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 12** Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 30 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 30 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join **(136 hdc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 13** Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 31 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
[hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 31 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join **(144 hdc)**

☐ **Rnd 14** Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts,
[2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts,
[2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts] twice, sl st in first hdc to join **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rnd 15** Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts,
2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 33 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
[hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 33 sts, 2 hdc in next st,
hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join **(160 hdc)**

☐ **Rnd 16** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts,
[2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts,
[2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join **(168 sc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 17** Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), puff in same st,
[ch 1, sk next st, puff in next st**] 83 times**, ch 1, sk next st,
sl st in first puff to join **(84 puffs, 84 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 18** Join A with sl st in first puff, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next puff,
2 sc in next ch-1 sp,
[sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next puff, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**,
[sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**,
[sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next puff, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**,
[sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**,
[sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next puff, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(192 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 19** Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), sk next 2 sts,
[dc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts**] 63 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join **(64 dc, 64 ch-2 sps)**

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 20**	Join B with sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**5 dc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 31 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(160 dc, 32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the placemat out flat, right side up, the two long sides level and the two ends round, and pull every shell out to a round edge; spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 20 rounds; 16 ends to weave in.

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