Oval table mat

Four place mats · US terms



Finished size
About 18 × 13 in (46 × 33 cm) each

Skill
Easy
Increases at both ends of an oval

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 12½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sage **about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, stripe **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine, stripe **about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 400 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Four small mats	14 × 10 in (36 × 25 cm)	about 490 yd (448 m)
Four place mats (this file)	**18 × 13 in (46 × 33 cm)**	**about 790 yd (722 m)**

Gauge

16 stitches and 12½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Rounds 1 to 6, laid flat, measure about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across the short way. If yours measures less, use a larger hook; if more, a smaller one.

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Instructions

Four place mats. US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **BLO** only the loop away from you, **rev sc** single crochet worked backward, **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 19 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first hdc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 2 times: 2 times in all. (54 hdc): the round now has 54; a check, not a step. Not 54? **Pull it back**.

Also: yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Mat: make 4

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 22.	
☐ **Round 1**	2 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 19 chs, 2 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, 2 hdc in next ch, hdc in next 19 chs, 2 hdc in next ch; join with sl st in first hdc	(46 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(62 hdc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(70 hdc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(78 hdc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(86 hdc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(94 hdc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(102 hdc)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(110 hdc)

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☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(118 hdc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(126 hdc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(134 hdc)
☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(142 hdc)
☐ **Round 14**	With C, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(150 hdc)
☐ **Round 15**	With A, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(158 hdc)
☐ **Round 16**	With C, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(166 hdc)
☐ **Round 17**	With A, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(174 hdc)
☐ **Round 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 19 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(182 hdc)

The ridge, in the back loops

☐ **Round 19**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 17 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 19 sts, **[**sc in BLO of next 17 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 4 times**, sc in BLO of next 19 sts, **[**sc in BLO of next 17 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(190 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	With B, ch 1, sc in BLO of next 37 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 37 sts**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 19 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 37 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(194 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	With C, ch 1, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 57 sts, **[**sc in BLO of next 38 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 57 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st; join with sl st in first sc	(198 sc)

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The corded edge, under both loops

☐ **Round 22**	Ch 1, rev sc in each st around; join with sl st in first rev sc	(198 rev sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 4 pieces; 11,328 stitches.

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.

Notes

- The right side is the side that faces you as you work. Never turn the work over.
- Round 1 goes along one side of the chain, round its end, and back along the other side. "Working along the other side of the chain" means: do not turn the work over, turn it half round like a wheel, and go on into the strands left free under the stitches. The first chain of the other side is the one you have just worked into, the last chain of the first side; the last is the one round 1 began in: each end chain so holds 4 hdc.
- The chain nearest the hook at the start of round 1, and the ch 1 at the start of all the later rounds, do not count as a stitch.
- The first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st of the round before. It is in the middle of one end of the oval. Only the last round begins another way.
- Put the stitch marker in the first stitch of every round as soon as it is worked, and move it up round by round: the joining sl st goes into the marked stitch, and so does the first stitch of the next round, in all rounds but the last.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says. "2 hdc in next st" puts both stitches into that one stitch.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st at the end of the round before 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).
- In the three sc rounds of the ridge the hook goes under the back loop only (BLO), so that the front loops stand up as a line. In all the other rounds, the last one too, it goes under both loops.
- The last round is reverse single crochet (rev sc, also called crab stitch): do not turn, and work from left to right. After the ch 1, put the hook from front to back under both loops of the next stitch to the right, which is the last stitch of the round before, catch the yarn and pull up a loop, yo, pull through both loops. Go on to the right in the same way; the last rev sc goes into the stitch of the joining sl st. It makes a corded edge.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) wherever a yarn begins and wherever it is cut. All the tails are woven in at the end.
- Make four mats alike. The yarn amounts are for all four.
- A mat with a wavy edge is too full and one that cups is too tight: wet it, pat it to its size, oval and flat, and let it dry.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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