Round cat mat

US terms



Finished size
About 18¼ in (46.5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Six pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Jumbo (7), 4 colors

Hook
15 mm (US P/Q)

Gauge
6 stitches and 6.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, mat	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, mat	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest green, mat	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: terracotta, mat, paw pad and toe	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**

Hook: 15 mm (US P/Q), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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Gauge

6 stitches and 6.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

6 sc and 6.6 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet; 6 hdc and about 4½ rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. To check it, work rounds 1 to 3 of the mat: the circle should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across.

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

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- The mat is worked with the right side up. A bobble is a tall stitch between two short ones: push each one up out of the mat as you go.
- For a window sill, measure its depth first and make fewer or more rounds of half double crochet: each round adds about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to the width. Every round has 8 stitches more than the one before it, and the bobble round as many as the round before it. On a smooth sill or floor lay a piece of nonslip rug pad, cut a little smaller, under the mat.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the mat. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- One size, at the gauge above: 18¼ in (46.5 cm) across. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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 hdc is half treble.

Mat

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, sage; C, forest green; D, terracotta.

A flat round piece, worked in a spiral from the middle. If it ruffles, work a little tighter or use a smaller hook; if it cups, a larger one.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(56 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With C, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(80 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 40 times**	**(80 sts)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st, to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Paw pad

Yarn D, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 56 in (142 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Toe: make 4

Yarn D, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 44 in (112 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Assembly

1. Lay the paw pad flat on the mat, right side up, a little below the middle: its upper edge just covers the center of round 1 of the mat. Any side of the mat can be the top. Ease the pad into an oval, a little wider than it is tall. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge with its tail.

2. Lay the four toes round the upper side of the pad in an arc, right side up, evenly spaced and nearly touching each other and the pad: two above it, and one to each side of these, a little lower. Ease each into an oval that points toward the middle of the pad. When all four lie well, sew down all 12 stitches of the edge of each with its tail.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the wrong side. Lay the mat flat and pat it into shape; if it does not lie flat, damp it, pin it out round and let it dry.

In all: 6 pieces; 628 stitches (520 in the mat, 36 in the paw pad, 18 in each toe).

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