Round placemat

US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with increases

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

You will need

Yarn: wheat, medium (4) **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and pins for blocking.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Hook: 5.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the circle measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

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- You may begin with a magic ring or with 4 chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch.
- The chain 3 at the start of a round counts as a double crochet.
- The circle is worked in one color throughout.
- Each circle leaves 2 ends to weave in.

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 and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 3. After round 3 the circle measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(108 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 8 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(120 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(132 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in all 2 ends with the yarn needle.
- Block the finished placemat: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 11 rounds; 792 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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