# Snowman placemat

US terms



Finished size
**Head about 13 in (33 cm) across; with the hat and the scarf about 19¼ in (49 cm) tall, without the fringe; coaster about 5½ in (14 cm) across**

Skill
**Easy**
Increases in rounds, and small pieces to sew

Yarn
**Medium (4), 4 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In half double crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: white, main | **about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: charcoal, stripe | **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: red, stripe | **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: carrot, the nose | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 3 stitch markers and pins.

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.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **sc2tog** | single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together) |
| **hdc2tog** | half double crochet 2 together: [yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 5 loops (UK htr2tog, half treble 2 together) |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **RS** | right side |


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| **st** | stitch |
| **yo** | yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook) |

## Gauge

**14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in half double crochet.

Check it on the head itself when 6 rounds are done, laid flat: it is about 4 3/8 in (11 cm) across. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

## Before you start

- Head, coaster, eyes and coal are worked in rounds with the right side facing; do not turn. Scarf, scarf ends, knot, hat and nose are worked in rows, turned after every row; row 1 is a right side row.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row or round does not count as a stitch. In a row the first stitch goes into the st the ch 1 rises from; in a round it goes into the same st as the joining sl st. The joining sl st is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Scarf: row 1 is worked into both loops of the sts of the head; the first hdc goes into the st where C was joined. Rows 2 to 5 are narrowed at both ends: the hdc2tog of row 2 take up the first two sts and the last two, those of row 3 the first four and the last four, those of rows 4 and 5 the first six and the last six. The scarf ends are worked on from the scarf in the same way, each from its own 6 sts.
- Hat: the crown is worked on from the brim in the same way. Make the last yarn over of row 2 of the crown with B and cut C, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Coaster: where a round begins "With" a yarn, make the joining sl st of the round before with it and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Sewing a piece on: pin it in its place. Bring the needle up from the back through the edge stitch of the piece, under both its loops (on a foundation chain through the ch itself, on a side edge through the end stitch of the row), and take it down, right beside that edge, through the piece it lies on; then go on to the next edge stitch. Fasten the yarn where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- 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.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.


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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, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together, hdc2tog is half treble 2 together and yo is yarn round hook.

## Head

**Yarn A, white.**

When the head is done, put a stitch marker in the first st of round 18. It is the top of the head, and the first in every count of the stitches of round 18; count on from it the way the round was worked.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(16 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(24 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(32 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(40 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(48 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(56 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(64 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(72 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(80 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(88 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(96 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(104 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(112 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 15** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(120 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 16** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(128 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 17** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(136 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 18** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(144 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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## Scarf

**Yarn C, red.**

Hold the head right side up. Count the 144 sts of round 18 from the marked one, and put a marker in the 41st st and in the 105th st. The scarf goes into the 65 sts from the one marker to the other; its first st is the 41st.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Work along 65 of the 144 sts of the last round of the Head, right side facing. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(65 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog | **(2 hdc2tog, 65 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times** | **(4 hdc2tog, 63 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 3 times**, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 3 times** | **(6 hdc2tog, 59 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 3 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 3 times** | **(6 hdc2tog, 57 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Scarf end: make 2

**Yarn C, red.**

Hold the piece right side up with the last row of the scarf, row 5, at the top. It has 63 sts; count them from the right. The first scarf end goes into the 45th to the 50th st, the second into the 51st to the 56th.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Work along 6 of the 63 sts of the last row of the Scarf, right side facing. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(6 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 10** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(6 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Knot

**Yarn C, red.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, ch 9. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 5** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(8 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with. | |


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## Hat brim

**Yarn B, charcoal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 39. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(38 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, 2 hdc in next st | **(40 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 36 sts, hdc2tog | **(2 hdc2tog, 36 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Hat crown

**Yarns in order of use: C, red; B, charcoal.**

Hold the brim right side up, row 3 at the top. Leave the first 6 sts of row 3 as they are; the crown goes into the next 26 sts, the 7th to the 32d, and the last 6 sts stay as they are too.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Work along 26 of the 38 sts of the last row of the Hat brim, right side facing. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(26 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(26 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(26 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st | **(28 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(28 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st | **(30 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 7 to 8** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(30 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Eye: make 2

**Yarn B, charcoal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc | **(16 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with. | |

## Coal: make 7

**Yarn B, charcoal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with. | |


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## Nose

**Yarn D, carrot.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With D, ch 7. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(6 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(6 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts | **(1 sc2tog, 4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(5 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog | **(3 sc, 1 sc2tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts | **(1 sc2tog, 2 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(3 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc2tog | **(1 sc, 1 sc2tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(2 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog | **(1 sc2tog)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with. | |

## Coaster

**Yarns in order of use: A, white; C, red; B, charcoal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(16 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(24 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(32 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(40 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | With C, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(48 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(56 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Assembly

**1.** Weave in all the ends but the sewing tails. Lay the head in front of you right side up, the marked st at the top. "The middle line" is the straight line from the marked st through the magic ring to the lowest st, the 73d of round 18.

**2.** Hat, front: lay the hat on the head, right side up, its foundation chain below. The middle of the chain, between the 19th and the 20th of its 38 chs, lies on the middle line where rounds 12 and 13 meet. The chain runs straight from left to right across the head, square to the middle line; it does not follow the round. The 34 chs in its middle lie on the head, and the


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first 2 and the last 2 stand out over its edge. Pin. Cut a length of B about 36 in (91 cm) and sew the 34 chs in the middle to the head, 34 stitches, one in each ch.

**3.** Hat, back: turn the work over. Cut a length of A about 40 in (102 cm) and sew the edge of the head to the back of the hat: the marked st of round 18, the 19 sts before it and the 19 sts after it, 39 stitches, one in each st. Pass the needle only through strands on the back of the hat, so that nothing is seen in front.

**4.** Knot: turn the work right side up. Lay the knot, right side up, over the place where the two scarf ends begin. Its foundation chain lies where rows 3 and 4 of the scarf meet and its last row where rows 3 and 4 of the scarf ends meet, so that it covers rows 4 and 5 of the scarf and the first three rows of the ends; 4 of its 8 sts lie on one side of the line between the two ends and 4 on the other. Its tail hangs at a corner, at the end of its last row. Begin there and sew it down all round, 26 stitches: 8 along the last row, 5 along a side, one in each row end, 8 along the foundation chain and 5 along the other side.

**5.** Fringe: cut 24 lengths of A, each about 6 in (15 cm) long. Make 6 knots along the last row of each scarf end, one in every st, with two lengths for each: fold the two lengths in half together, pull the fold through the st with the hook from front to back, pull the four ends through the fold and draw it tight. Trim the ends to about 1½ in (3.8 cm).

**6.** Eyes: follow the line where rounds 7 and 8 of the head meet. Begin above the magic ring, where the middle line crosses it, and count 7 sts of round 7 to the left; begin there again and count 7 to the right. Pin the middle of an eye on each of these two places. Sew each eye down all round with its own tail, 16 stitches, one in each st.

**7.** Highlights: cut a length of A about 20 in (51 cm). On each eye sew two straight stitches side by side: bring the needle up from the back in the middle of the eye, take it down where rounds 1 and 2 of the eye meet, straight above, and do the same once more one strand to the right. Go from one eye to the other behind the head, and fasten the yarn there at both ends.

**8.** Smile: the middles of the seven pieces of coal lie on the line where rounds 9 and 10 of the head meet. The first lies below the magic ring, where the middle line crosses that line. From its middle count 4, 8 and 12 sts of round 9 to the left for the middles of three more, and 4, 8 and 12 to the right for the last three. Sew each piece down all round with its own tail, 8 stitches, one in each st.

**9.** Nose: lay the nose right side up, so that its point looks to the right and its foundation chain stands upright. The middle of the foundation chain lies 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left of the magic ring and level with it; the point is level with the ring too. Its tail hangs at the point. Begin there with one stitch, and sew it down all round, 29 stitches: the one at the point, 11 along one side, one in each row end, 6 along the foundation chain and 11 along the other side.

## Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends on the back. Lay the placemat flat, dampen it, pat it into shape and let it dry.

In all: 14 pieces; 2,620 stitches.

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