Sunflower placemat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 15 in (38 cm) across from petal tip to petal tip, without the leaves; middle about 11¼ in (29 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches in rounds, petals over three rounds

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 9½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cocoa brown, main color	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunny yellow, the front petals	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: amber, the back petals	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss green, the leaf	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and rust-proof pins and a towel to block it on.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**15 in (38 cm) across from petal tip to petal tip, 11¼ in (29 cm) across**	**about 275 yd (251 m)**
Large	18 in (46 cm) across from petal tip to petal tip, 14¼ in (36 cm) across	about 385 yd (352 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 9½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The post stitches of the rounds after them lie closer: about 20 stitches and 10½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Check it on the middle, laid flat: 2 rounds measure about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, and 6 rounds about 4¾ in (12 cm). If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- 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.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "2 sc in next st" puts both stitches in that one place.
- 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.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle down through the cloth right beside the edge of the piece and up through that edge, a little farther on, and pull the yarn through. Where the words say so, take up only the front layer.
- Post stitches stand in place of a stitch into the top of the st named: leave that top unworked behind them. "2 FPdc around next st" puts both round the same post. The front post stitches stand up in blocks and the back post stitches sink: after every second round the blocks change over, and the middle looks woven.
- FLO is the front loop only, the loop nearer to you; BLO is the back loop only.
- Each petal is a fan of 9 tr in one st and two rounds over it. In rounds 2 and 3 the first sc of a repeat goes into the sc between two petals, and the first and the last st of each petal are skipped, so that the petals stay apart. The picot stands at the tip, between the two tr.
- A leaf goes all the way round its foundation chain: work along the chain to its far end, do not turn, and go on along the other side of the same chain: "sc in same ch" goes into the far end chain, which already holds one sc. The last sc goes into the chain the first one is in.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **BPdc** round the stitch below, from the back. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **FLO**: only the loop nearest you. **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Middle

Yarn A, cocoa brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, 12 dc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st, 2 BPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 2 sts, 2 BPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(24 FPdc, 24 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 FPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc	(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 4 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 4 sts, 2 FPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc	(36 FPdc, 36 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, 2 BPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(36 FPdc, 48 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 4 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	(48 FPdc, 48 BPdc)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 4 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 4 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 FPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc (60 FPdc, 48 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 5 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc (60 FPdc, 60 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 5 sts, BPdc around next 4 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 5 sts, BPdc around next 4 sts, 2 BPdc around next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc (60 FPdc, 72 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 6 sts, FPdc around next 4 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc (72 FPdc, 72 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc (84 FPdc, 72 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc (84 FPdc, 84 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (168 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Front petals

Yarn B, sunny yellow.

The petals are worked into round 15 of the middle, which has 168 sts: the front petals into the front loops, the back petals into the back loops of the same sts. Lay the middle with its right side up. The first st is the st in which round 15 was joined: put the joining sl st of B through its front loop only, so that its back loop stays free, and work the first sc into that same front loop. The set-up lines call round 15 the last row of the middle.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the last row of the middle, right side facing: 168 sts.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, **[**sc in FLO of next st, sk next 3 sts, 9 tr in FLO of next st, sk next 3 sts**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (21 sc, 189 tr)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 tr in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (21 sc, 84 dc, 126 tr)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, picot, (tr, dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (63 sc, 42 hdc, 84 dc, 42 tr, 21 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Back petals

Yarn C, amber.

Lay the front petals forward over the middle, so that you can reach the back loops of round 15 behind them. Begin half a petal farther on: here the first st is the 5th st of round 15, counted with the st of the join as the 1st: it is the st that holds a fan of the front petals in its front loop. Put the joining sl st of C through its back loop only, and work the first sc into that same back loop. Each fan of the back petals then stands behind a sc between two front petals. The round goes on past the st of the join and ends at the 4th st.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the last row of the middle, right side facing: 168 sts.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next st, sk next 3 sts, 9 tr in BLO of next st, sk next 3 sts**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (21 sc, 189 tr)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 tr in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (21 sc, 84 dc, 126 tr)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, picot, (tr, dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc (63 sc, 42 hdc, 84 dc, 42 tr, 21 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Leaf: make 2

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 16.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in same ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc (4 sc, 6 hdc, 10 dc, 10 tr)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (34 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the middle, the petals and the beginning ends of the leaves. Turn the placemat wrong side up. Leaves: the end where the rounds were joined, with the tail, is the stem end. Lay them wrong side up behind the petals, side by side, with about 1 in (2.5 cm) of the stem end of each on the back petals: the middle of the first behind the gap between petals 1 and 2 of the back petals, counted from the join of their rounds in the direction in which they were worked, the middle of the second behind the gap between petals 3 and 4. Their tips stand out past the petals and a little apart.

2. With its tail whip stitch each leaf to the wrong side of the back petals, 12 stitches, along the part that lies on them, taking up only the top strands of the petals so that nothing shows on the right side. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left.
- Wet the placemat, lay it right side up on a towel, pin each petal out by its picot, front petals over the gaps between the back petals, and let it dry flat.

In all: 3 pieces.

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