Watermelon coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: watermelon, rounds 1 to 3	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, round 4	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, rounds 5 and 6	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the seeds	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the coaster measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm).

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.

Yarns in order of use: A, watermelon; B, white; C, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the coaster to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- With D and the yarn needle, work nine short straight stitches for seeds, each about ¼ in (6 mm) long and pointing at the center: three evenly round the line between round 1 and round 2, and six evenly round the line between round 2 and round 3. Fasten off D at the back.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 rounds; 156 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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