# Yin yang coaster

US terms



Finished size
**About 5 in (13 cm) across**

Skill
**Intermediate**
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
**Light (3), 2 colors**

Hook
**4 mm (US G-6)**

Gauge
**18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

Yarn A: charcoal, rounds 2 to 16 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, round 1 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |

### Special stitches

**sc2tog (UK dc2tog):** [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

**sc3tog (UK dc3tog):** [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row or round.


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## Gauge

**18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

## Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Use cotton yarn. Rounds 3 to 5 begin in the stitch the round before was joined in: it is the first of the next sts their lines name.
- Rounds 1 to 5 are the head of a half; rows 6 to 16 are its tail, worked back and forth round the right side of the head. Row 6 goes straight on from the join of round 5 without a turn: its first stitch is in the stitch round 5 was joined in. The side that faces you in rounds 1 to 5 and in row 6 is the right side. The end of the rows where row 6 begins is the hollow side of the tail, and the end where row 6 ends is its outer side.
- Row 6 uses the first 11 stitches of round 5. Of the 19 that are left, the 3 next to the end of row 6 lie on the rim of the coaster and the other 16 lie in the seam: 13 of them along the tail of the other half, and the 3 nearest the beginning of row 6 in the middle of the coaster, along the 3 of the other head that lie nearest the beginning of its row 6.
- The tail widens round the head like the rounds do, with 2 sc in one stitch, while the sc3tog at its outer side draw that side in; in rows 13 to 16 the 2 sc at the hollow side carry the tip round to the bottom. So the tail curves as it is worked.
- For a pendant, work the same words in size 10 cotton crochet thread (lace, 0) with a 1.75 mm hook, at a gauge of 34 single crochet to 4 in (10 cm): it comes out about 2½ in (6 cm) across. In the rim, after the 3 free sts of the charcoal head, which are at the top, ch 14, sl st in the sc just made for a hanging loop, and go on.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm).


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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 and sc is double crochet.

### Half: make 2

**Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, charcoal.**

Make 2: one as the lines say (A with a dot of B), the other with the two colors changed about (B with a dot of A).

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join | **(6 sc)** |
| | Fasten off B. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Join A with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | **(12 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join | **(18 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join | **(24 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join | **(30 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, leave the remaining 19 sts unworked | **(12 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts | **(1 sc3tog, 9 sc, 1 sc2tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts | **(9 sc, 1 sc3tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts | **(1 sc3tog, 8 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts | **(8 sc, 1 sc3tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts | **(1 sc3tog, 7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts | **(6 sc, 1 sc3tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st | **(1 sc3tog, 5 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts | **(4 sc, 1 sc3tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st | **(1 sc3tog, 3 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, leave the remaining 3 sts unworked | **(2 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. | |


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## Finishing

- Block: pin each half, right side up, to the shape of a comma: the head a circle 2¼ in (5.7 cm) across and the tail a smooth curve, its hollow side, together with the edge of the head beside the beginning of row 6, a half circle 2¼ in (5.7 cm) across, its outer side a half circle 4½ in (11.5 cm) across that runs on round the head, and its tip drawn to a point. The two halves must be alike. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the two halves right side up, the charcoal head above and the cream head below, the magic ring of one straight above the magic ring of the other and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) from it. The tail of the charcoal half runs down the right side and the tail of the cream half up the left side, each head lies in the hollow of the other tail, and the two heads touch in the middle. The tip of each tail ends at the outer edge where the head of the other half begins.
- With the tail of the cream half, sew the hollow side of the cream tail (the ends of rows 16 to 6, from the tip in to the middle) to the 13 seam stitches of the charcoal head that lie along it, beginning with the one next to its 3 rim stitches, edge to edge, spreading the 11 row ends evenly over the 13 stitches, so that it lies flat; then sew the last 3 seam stitches of the charcoal head to the 3 of the cream head nearest the beginning of its own row 6, where the heads touch in the middle. With the tail of the charcoal half, sew the hollow side of the charcoal tail to the cream head in the same way.
- Rim: right side facing, join A with sl st in the st of row 16 of the charcoal half that lies at the hollow side, at the tip of its tail, at the bottom of the coaster, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in the end of row 16, sc in each of the 3 free sts of row 15, 3 sc in the end of each of rows 15 to 13, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 12 to 6, sc in each of the 3 free sts of the charcoal head beside row 6; then along the cream half in the same way, sc in the 2 sts of row 16, 2 sc in the end of row 16, sc in each of the 3 free sts of row 15, 3 sc in the end of each of rows 15 to 13, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 12 to 6, sc in each of the 3 free sts of the cream head beside row 6, sl st in first sc to join (66 sc). The row ends are those of the outer side. Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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