

Learn to Crochet Mug Rug

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Congrats on learning to crochet!

This mug is written to be as simple as possible for the new crocheter, while also teaching you to read crochet patterns.

Each line of instructions includes “plain English” as well as the more standard crochet format, teaching you how to read the pattern as you crochet it.

There are links to video tutorials for each of the crochet stitches used linked below as well.



Materials Needed:

US-H, 5.0mm crochet hook

30 yards smooth worsted weight yarn (“4”, medium weight, any fiber)

Stitch markers

Yarn needle

Stitch Tutorials:

[How to Slip Knot](#)

[How to Chain](#)

[How to Single Crochet](#)

[How to Half Double Crochet](#)

[How to Double Crochet](#)

[How to Weave In Ends](#)

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TIP:

Use two stitch markers to help you maintain your stitch count as you crochet. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each row (moving it up from the row previous row as you work into that stitch).

This will help you see where to end each row so you are less likely to add or lose stitches. Nonetheless, it is recommended to count your stitches every couple of rows to make sure. Maintaining stitch count is how we get straight sides on our work.

Instructions:

(**First version** of each row is in standard crochet terms, **second version** is in plain English – this is for educational purposes, you only make each row once.)

Row 1: Ch 16, skip ch closest to hook, sc in each rem ch across; turn. *(15 sts)*

Row 1: Make a slip knot, and then chain 16. Skip the chain that is closest to your hook, and make a single crochet in the next chain. Then, single crochet in each remaining chain, finishing in the first chain you made, next to the slip knot. Then, turn your work over, like the page of a book. *(You should have made 15 total single crochets in this row, and will make 15 total stitches in every row of this pattern.)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.

Row 2: Make one chain – this is the turning chain, and it does not count as a stitch. Single crochet in each stitch of the previous row. At the end, turn your work over, like the page of a book – in the same direction as last time.

Row 3: Rep Row 2.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2 – follow the same instructions for this row.

Row 4: Ch 1, hdc in each st across; turn.

Row 4: Make one chain for the turning chain. Half double crochet in each stitch of the previous row. At the end, turn your work over the same way.

Rows 5 and 6: Rep Row 4.

Rows 5 and 6: Repeat Row 4 – follow the same instructions for each of these rows.

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Row 7: Ch 3 (counts as first st), dc in each rem st across; turn.

Row 7: Make 3 chains – these will be your turning chain and they will count as the first double crochet of the row. So do not crochet into the first st of the previous row – skip over it, and double crochet into each remaining stitch across. Then turn as before.

Row 8: Rep Row 7.

Row 8: Repeat Row 7 – follow the same instructions for this row. However, remember that the chain 3 counts as a stitch, so you'll want to make sure to make your last double crochet for this row in the top of the chain 3 that started Row 7.

Rows 9 – 11: Rep Row 4.

Rows 9 – 11: Repeat Row 4 – follow the same instructions for all three rows.

Abbreviations Used:

ch(s) – chain(s)
dc – double crochet
hdc – half double crochet
rem – remain(s) or remaining
rep – repeat
sc – single crochet
st(s) – stitch(es)

Rows 12 – 14: Rep Row 2.

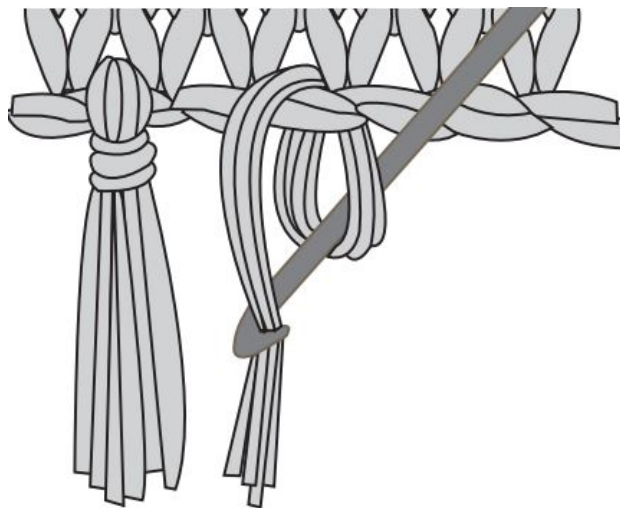
Rows 12 – 14: Repeat Row 2 – follow the same instructions for all three rows.

Finishing: Break yarn, weave in ends. Add fringe at corners if desired.

Finishing: Cut the yarn you've been crocheting with, leaving a 6" length still attached to the project. Pull this end through the last loop on your hook, so secure the stitch. Use a yarn needle to hide both ends in the other stitches.

For the Fringe: Cut 12 pieces of yarn, each about 6" long. In groups of 4, fold yarn in half. Insert hook in corner stitch of mug rug, and pull the center fold of the yarn pieces through the stitch. Pull all the ends of the yarn up through this loop to secure. Trim the length as desired using a pair of sharp scissors.

This image demonstrates the fringe knotting technique used:



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