

Easy Crochet Coaster Pattern

A Classic Flat Circle Coaster in 5 Easy Rounds

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Welcome! This classic crochet coaster is the perfect first round project for a new crocheter. It is a simple flat circle worked in double crochet and finished with one neat round of single crochet edging. Work slowly, count your stitches at the end of each round, and enjoy a finished coaster in under an hour.

In this one small project you will learn three skills that sit at the heart of hundreds of crochet patterns: how to start with a magic ring, how to work in joined rounds without turning, and how to increase evenly so a circle grows bigger while staying perfectly flat. Master these, and you are ready for hats, baskets, amigurumi and round blankets.

Finished Size and Notes

With worsted weight cotton yarn (medium, size 4) and a 5.0 mm (US H-8) hook, the finished coaster measures approximately 4 to 4.5 inches (about 10 to 11.5 cm) across. Gauge is not critical for this project; a circle that lies flat matters more than an exact measurement. The pattern begins with a magic ring; if you prefer, chain 4 and slip stitch to the first chain to form a ring instead, then work Round 1 into that ring for exactly the same stitch count.

Materials and Tools

- Worsted weight (medium, size 4) cotton yarn – cotton absorbs drips, protects surfaces from heat and stays flat
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle with a large eye, for weaving in ends
- Small scissors
- Stitch marker or safety pin (optional), to mark the first stitch of each round

US Abbreviations

ch = chain | sl st = slip stitch | dc = double crochet | sc = single crochet | inc = increase (work 2 stitches into the same stitch) | st = stitch | rep = repeat. This pattern is written in US terms throughout. In UK terms, a US double crochet is called a treble crochet, and a US single crochet is called a double crochet.

Pattern Instructions: Rounds 1 to 5

Work with the same side facing you throughout; do not turn your work at the end of rounds. Place a marker in the first stitch of each round if it helps you find the joining stitch.

Round 1 — The Centre Circle

Make a magic ring. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), work 11 double crochet into the ring, pull the tail gently to close the ring, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 12 double crochet.

Round 2 — An Increase in Every Stitch

Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), work 1 more double crochet in the same stitch, work 2 double crochet in each of the next 11 stitches, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 24 double crochet (2 double crochet in every stitch).

Round 3 — Double Crochet, Then Increase

Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), work 2 double crochet in the next stitch, *double crochet in the next stitch, work 2 double crochet in the next stitch; repeat from * 10 more times, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 36 double crochet ((double crochet, increase) repeated 12 times).

Round 4 — Two Stitches, Then Increase

Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), double crochet in the next stitch, work 2 double crochet in the next stitch, *double crochet in each of the next 2 stitches, work 2 double crochet in the next stitch; repeat from * 10 more times, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 48 double crochet ((double crochet in next 2 stitches, increase) repeated 12 times).

Round 5 — Single Crochet Edging

Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch), single crochet in the same stitch and in each stitch around, slip stitch to the first single crochet to join. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Stitch count: 48 single crochet.

Finishing Tips

The flat circle rule: a flat double crochet circle starting with 12 stitches grows by 12 stitches every round: 12, 24, 36, 48. Each new round adds one plain double crochet before each increase. If your coaster curls into a bowl, you have missed increases or your tension is firm, so try a hook one size larger. If the edge waves, there are too many stitches, so check you have not increased twice in the same stitch.

Blocking: lay the finished coaster flat, shape it into a neat circle, mist it lightly with water and leave it to dry completely. Cotton responds especially well and keeps its crisp, flat shape on the table.

Cotton versus acrylic: cotton is the best choice for coasters that will meet hot mugs, because it absorbs moisture and handles heat well. Save acrylic for coasters that will only sit under cold drinks.

Colour Ideas and Making a Set

One coaster is a lovely quick make, but a matching set is where this pattern really shines. Work four to six coasters in the same colour for a calm, modern table, or give each coaster a different shade and keep the edging round the same colour on all of them for a pretty, pulled together look. Changing colour only on Round 5 is the easiest option: fasten off at the end of Round 4, join the new colour with a slip stitch in any stitch, and work the edging round as written. Tied with a ribbon, a set makes a thoughtful handmade housewarming or wedding gift.

Care: cotton coasters can simply be washed with similar colours and dried flat, which brings back their crisp shape. If a coaster ever starts to curl after washing, a few minutes pressed flat under a heavy book is usually all it needs.

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