

Cat Coaster Pattern



Sport weight yarn
3 mm hook

Abbreviations
ch - chain

sc - single crochet
 inc - increase (work 2 sc into one st)
 trc - triple crochet
 sl - slip stitch
 sk - skip stitch
 st - stitch

This pattern is worked in the round in a spiral. Place a marker in the first stitch of each round to keep track of where you are in the pattern.

Round	Traditional notation	Written out in normal words	What's happening
Set-up	ch 3	Chain 3	This is the set-up bit for the pattern. You will work into the first chain. There are other ways to start. If you prefer to work in a magic circle or with a loop of chains, feel free to substitute that method.
Round 1	6 sc in first ch (6)	Work 6 single crochets into the first chain you made.	This is the first round.
Round 2	inc in each sc (12)	Working into the first single crochet you made, place your first increase of the round. Put a marker in the first stitch. This will mark the start of the round. In each single crochet from the last round, work an increase. You should have 12 stitches in the round.	When crochet is worked in a spiral, the first stitch of the second round is placed directly into the first single crochet of the last round. There are no joins or turning chains. You just keep working around and around and around in a spiral. Because of this, it is hard to tell where your round begins or ends. I like to place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round so I know where it is. An increase in when you work two single crochets into the same stitch.

Round 3	sc, inc 6x (18)	<p>Single crochet once and work an increase in the next stitch. This set of 1 single crochet and 1 increase is 1/6th of the round.</p> <p>To have a whole round, you need to repeat the basic increase set of 1 single crochet and 1 increase six times. So to complete the round, you make 1 single crochet, 1 increase, 1 single crochet, 1 increase, 1 single crochet, 1 increase, 1 single crochet, 1 increase, 1 single crochet, 1 increase, 1 single crochet, 1 increase, which should land you back to your stitch marker.</p> <p>In each round, the stitches given represent 1/6th of the row, so you repeat the unit given 6 times.</p> <p>You should have 18 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>To make a single crochet circle that lies flat, you need to work six increases in each round. This is why you repeat the increase process 6 times. To make the circle even, you need to place the increases equidistant from each other, so you have the single crochet between each increase.</p>
Round 4	inc, 2 sc 6x (24)	<p>In the next stitch of the round, work an increase stitch. Then work 2 single crochets. Do this 6 times as explained above.</p> <p>You should have 24 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>With each successive round, you increase the number of single crochets between the increase by 1.</p>
Round 5	sc, inc, 2 sc 6x (30)	Single crochet into the next stitch of	When working in the round in crochet, if you put

		<p>the round, work an increase in the next stitch, then work 2 more single crochets. Do this 6 times. You should have two single crochet stitches before the stitch marker.</p> <p>You should have 30 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>your increase in the same stitch each time (say the first stitch of each increase section), you won't get a circle. You will get a hexagon. If you vary where you put the increase in each row, as I have done, you get closer to a circle. It does mean you have to pay more attention to counting and that stitch marker is even more important.</p>
Round 6	3 sc, inc, 1 sc 6x (36)	<p>Single crochet into the next three stitches of the round, increase in the next stitch, then work 1 more single crochet in the next stitch. Do this 6 times.</p> <p>You should have 36 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>The placement of the increase keeps changing.</p>
Round 7	inc, 5 sc 6x (42)	<p>Increase in the next stitch of the round, work 5 single crochets into the next 5 stitches. Do this 6 times.</p> <p>You should have 42 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>You're in the groove now. Each round builds the circle bigger.</p>
Round 8	4 sc, inc, 2 sc 6x (48)	<p>Work 4 single crochets into the next 4 stitches, increase in the next stitch, work 2 single crochets into the next two stitches. Do this 6 times.</p> <p>You should have 48 stitches in the round.</p>	<p>Bigger and bigger! Occasionally check and make sure you are forming a circle. It's also a reasonable time to stop and pet your work and marvel at its glory.</p>
Round 9	inc, 7 sc 6x (54)	<p>Increase in the next stitch and then single crochet into the next 7 stitches. Do this 6 times.</p>	<p>The glory continues.</p>

		You should have 54 stitches in the round.	
Round 10	5 sc, inc, 3 sc 6x (60)	Single crochet into the next 5 stitches, increase in the next stitch, single crochet into the next 3 stitches. Do this six times. You should have 60 stitches in the round.	Almost there!
Round 11	9 sc, inc 6x (66)	Work 9 single crochets into the next 9 stitches, work an increase in the next stitch. Do this 6 times. You should have 66 stitches in the round.	One more round after this!
Round 12	5 sc, inc, 5 sc 6x (72)	Single crochet into the next 5 stitches, increase in the next stitch, single crochet into the next 5 stitches. Do this 6 times.	Last round! Get ready for the ears!
Round 13	1 sc, sk 3 st, 4 trc into next st, ch 3, 4 trc, sk 3 st, sc 8, 4 trc into next st, ch 3, 4 trc, sk 3 st, sl into next st. End off yarn	In the next stitch, work 1 single crochet. Then skip three stitches and work 4 triple crochets, 3 chains, and 4 more triple crochets into the next stitch (fourth from your last single crochet). Skip three stitches. Single crochet into the next 8 stitches. Skip three stitches and work 4 triple	It's ear time! This round isn't a full round so we're not going to worry about increasing. Instead we just need to get the ears right. You skip three stitches before you work the ear so the triple crochets have room to spread out. If you were working half double crochets, you would skip one space, doubles get two skips, triples get three skips. A clear and logical pattern emerges! Be sure to skip stitches on both sides of the ear.

		<p>crochets, 3 chains, and 4 more triple crochets into the next stitch (fourth from your last single crochet). Skip three stitches. Slip stitch into the fourth stitch from your second ear.</p>	<p>You work all of the triple crochets and the chains into one stitch. This keeps them together so they form a little triangle. Feel free to experiment with an extra chain or two if you want a taller ear.</p> <p>I found that 8 single crochets gives the ears a nice alert, cat-like appearance. If you want airplane ears, work more single crochets before you work the second ear.</p> <p>How to work the new stitches: A triple crochet is worked by yarning over twice before you put the hook in the stitch to be worked. To create a triple crochet, yarn over twice, put the hook into the stitch to be work worked, yarn over, pull through the stitch, yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over again, pull through 2 loops, yarn over 1 more time and pull through 2 more loops. You should have just 1 loop left on your hook.</p> <p>If your triple looks wobbly and loose, pull the yarn a little tighter as you work. It might help to put your finger on the loops that are on your hook to keep them from shifting. Also, and this bit was hard for me, keep all of your working loops near, but not crushing, the working end of your hook. This lets less loose tension build up in the loops on your hook.</p> <p>A slip stitch is when you put your hook through a stitch, yarn over, and pull through all the loops on</p>
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			the hook. You should be left with just one loop. You can cut the yarn, yarn over again, and pull through to end your project
Finishing	Break yarn, weave ends, wash.	Break yarn, weave ends, wash.	<p>Leave about three to four inches of yarn to weave in. Don't weave your end in a straight line, it's more likely to work itself free that way.</p> <p>Wash your coaster and let it lie flat to dry.</p> <p>Enjoy not leaving water marks with your own excellent creations!</p>