Crochet • Beginner

Cocoa Break Granny Coaster

A traditional granny square, four rounds and a neat single-crochet edge: just the right size for a mug. Work it in one colour, or two for a set.

Size

About 4¼ in (11 cm) square.

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) cotton in two colours, about 12 yds (11 m) of A and 8 yds (7 m) of B for each coaster (or 20 yds / 18 m of one colour).
- Hook: US H-8 (5 mm).
- Notions: tapestry needle, scissors.

Gauge

After the first two rounds the square measures about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. Gauge is not critical.

Abbreviations

ch: chain
sc: single crochet
sp(s): space(s)
rep: repeat
( ): work everything inside the parentheses into the same space
sl st: slip stitch
dc: double crochet
st(s): stitch(es)
*: repeat the instructions after the * as directed
A / B: main colour / second colour

Notes

- US crochet terms.
- Work every round with the right side facing; do not turn. The ch-3 at the start of a round counts as 1 dc.
- For a one-colour coaster, don't fasten off: at the start of the third and fourth rounds, sl st in the next 2 dc and in the ch-2 sp instead of joining a new colour there.

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With A, ch 4 and join with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic ring).

☐ Square

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 dc in ring, ch 2; rep from * twice more. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (12 dc)

Round 2: Sl st in the next 2 dc and in the ch-2 sp. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * twice more. Join. Fasten off A. (24 dc)

Round 3: Join B in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * twice more, 3 dc in the last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Join. Fasten off B. (36 dc)

Round 4: Join A in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * twice more, [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice. Join. (48 dc)

☐ Edge

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in the same st and in each dc and ch-1 sp around, with 3 sc in each ch-2 corner sp. Join to the first sc. (72 sc)

☐ Finishing

- Fasten off. Weave in the ends on the back. Steam or wet-block flat.

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