

Project: Simple Crochet Coaster

Materials:

- Medium weight yarn (Cotton works best for coasters)
- Size H (5.00 mm) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn needle (for weaving in ends)

Gauge: Not critical for this project, but aim for tight stitches to make the coaster sturdy.

Abbreviations:

- ch – chain
- sc – single crochet
- sl st – slip stitch
- st(s) – stitch(es)



Pattern:

1. Make a Slip Knot and chain 15.

2. Row 1: Insert the hook into the second chain from the hook, yarn over (yo), and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on the hook. This completes one single crochet (sc). Continue to make one sc in each chain across. You will have 14 sc. Ch 1, then turn your work.

3. Row 2 - 18: Sc in the first stitch and in each stitch across the row (14 sc). Ch 1, then turn your work at the end of each row.

Repeat this row until you have completed 18 rows or until the coaster is as square as you'd like it to be. Feel free to adjust the number of rows based on your yarn and tension.

4. Finishing: After your last row, cut the yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail. Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook to fasten off. Use a yarn needle to weave in the ends on the back side of the coaster.

Tips:

- Make sure your stitches are not too tight or too loose. This will keep your coaster flat and even.
- If you want to make the coaster larger or smaller, adjust the initial number of chains in multiples of stitches to achieve your desired size. Just ensure you maintain the overall pattern.

This basic coaster pattern is versatile and can be the foundation for more complex projects as you become more comfortable with crocheting. Enjoy your crafting!

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