

Stacked Coaster Set

Four flat, absorbent coasters with a slightly raised rim. The first pattern most crocheters try: a circle, with nothing to memorise.

DRAFT PATTERN. This pattern is a draft. The stitch counts were calculated on paper, but nobody has test-stitched it yet, so sizes, gauge and yarn amounts are unverified. Please swatch first and expect to adjust.

Skill	Beginner	Time	1 hour for four
Yarn	DK cotton	Hook	3.5 mm
Size	About 10 cm (4 in) across		

Materials

- DK cotton yarn: 20 g per coaster. Cotton is absorbent and washable, so it is worth avoiding acrylic here
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Stitch marker, yarn needle, scissors

Gauge

About 20 sc × 22 rounds = 10 cm (4 in). The coaster should lie flat. If it cups, your increases are too tight: use a larger hook. If it ruffles, use a smaller one.

Worked in a spiral without joining until the last round. Mark the first stitch of each round.

Abbreviations (US terms)

sl st slip stitch

sc single crochet (US)

inc increase: 2 sc (or 2 hdc) in the same stitch

MR magic ring

st(s) stitch(es)

Rnd round (worked in a spiral unless the pattern says to join)

BLO back loop only

****** repeat the instructions between asterisks as directed

() the stitch count at the end of a round

Coaster (make 4)

Rnd 1 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Rnd 2 inc in every st around (12)

Rnd 3 (*1 sc, inc*) × 6 (18)

Rnd 4 (*2 sc, inc*) × 6 (24)

Rnd 5 (*3 sc, inc*) × 6 (30)

Rnd 6 (*4 sc, inc*) × 6 (36)

Rnd 7 (*5 sc, inc*) × 6 (42)

Rnd 8 (*6 sc, inc*) × 6 (48)

Rnd 9 (*7 sc, inc*) × 6 (54)

Rnd 10 (*8 sc, inc*) × 6 (60)

Rnd 11 Sl st in the back loop only of every st around. Sl st to join. Fasten off and weave in the ends. (60)

Finishing

Block each coaster flat: dampen it, press it gently, and let it dry. Stack the coasters with a ribbon, or work a second, smaller circle in a contrasting colour and sew it inside the first for extra thickness.

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