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Crochet Border Collie Rug Pattern

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch – Chain
sc – Single Crochet
hdc – Half Double Crochet
dc – Double Crochet
tr – Treble Crochet
sl st – Slip Stitch

Materials

- Super Bulky (Category 6) cotton or cotton-blend yarn for durability
- 8.0 mm – 10.0 mm crochet hook (depending on tension)
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Non-slip rug backing (recommended for safety)

Gauge & Sizing

Gauge is not critically restrictive for decorative rugs; however, maintaining consistent tension is essential to preserve the dog silhouette proportions. Finished size approximately 32–40 inches long depending on yarn weight and hook size. Adjust hook size to maintain firm stitches suitable for floor use.

Construction Overview

This rug is worked as a flat silhouette following the chart provided on the first page. The body is built primarily using double crochet rows to shape the torso. Strategic increases and decreases form the legs, head, and tail curvature. Textured stitches such as treble crochet create the signature Border Collie fur effect on the chest and tail.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Begin at the nose section with a magic ring or chain 4 and join to form a loop. Work increases evenly to create the rounded muzzle shape using single crochet stitches.
2. Transition into double crochet rows to expand the head. Increase at the beginning and end of designated rows to maintain curvature as indicated in the chart.
3. Work across to build the back and torso using consistent double crochet rows. Incorporate gradual increases along the spine to shape the natural back curve.
4. Create leg openings by chaining across gaps and reattaching yarn to form downward rows for each leg. Work evenly spaced decreases at the inner leg edges to define shape.
5. Add textured fur detail on chest and tail using treble crochet stitches worked into the same base stitch for a layered, fluffy effect.
6. Complete the tail by working in curved rows with gradual decreases to taper naturally.

7. Finish the entire silhouette with a round of slip stitches or single crochet edging to stabilize edges and enhance durability.

Finishing & Professional Techniques

Block lightly with steam to relax stitches without flattening texture. Weave in all ends securely, especially in high-traffic areas. For floor use, attach a non-slip rug backing using fabric adhesive or hand stitching. Optional: embroider facial details using black and brown yarn for realistic expression.

Care Instructions

Hand wash in cold water with mild detergent. Lay flat to dry. Avoid machine drying to preserve structure and stitch integrity.

Best Practices for U.S. Market Patterns

- Always use standard U.S. crochet terminology.
- Provide clear stitch abbreviations at the beginning of the pattern.
- Recommend durable yarn fibers suitable for home décor.
- Include safety recommendations for non-slip backing.
- Maintain consistent formatting with clear section headings.