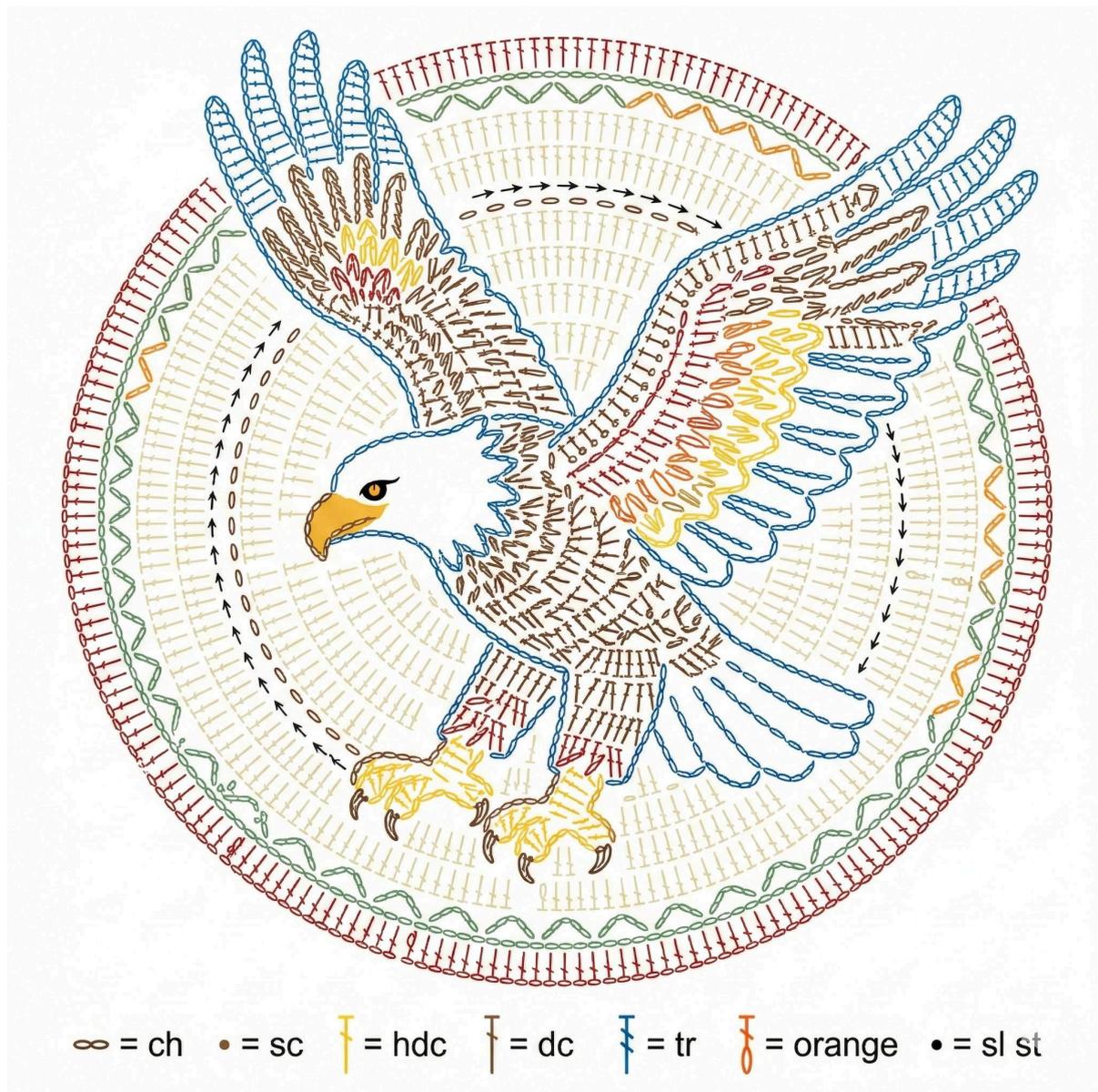


Eagle Rug Crochet Pattern

Detailed Step-by-Step Tutorial (US Terminology)



This Eagle Rug is a circular statement piece featuring a bold flying eagle motif worked over a round base. The design combines traditional round crochet construction with color changes and surface detailing to create wings, feathers, talons, and facial features.

This pattern is written in **US crochet terminology** and expanded with beginner-friendly explanations.

Skill Level

Intermediate (Confident Advanced Beginner)

You should be comfortable with:

- Magic Ring
 - Working in continuous rounds
 - Changing colors
 - Reading stitch diagrams
 - Working surface crochet details
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Finished Size

Approximate diameter:

36–42 inches depending on yarn weight and hook size.

You may resize by adjusting yarn thickness and hook size.

Materials

- Worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn
- Colors needed:
 - Cream (background base)
 - Brown (body and wings)
 - Light brown
 - Yellow (talons and beak)
 - Blue (wing accents)
 - Red (wing stripe detail)

- Green (border detail)
 - Orange (accent feather detail)
 - Black (eye and outline)
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- Crochet hook size H (5.0 mm) or size appropriate for yarn
 - Stitch markers
 - Yarn needle
 - Scissors

Optional:

- Non-slip rug backing
 - Fabric lining for reinforcement
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Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
tr – treble crochet
inc – increase (2 stitches in same stitch)

Construction Overview

The rug is worked in three major sections:

1. Circular base
2. Eagle body and wings (worked into base using color changes)
3. Decorative border

The eagle design is integrated into the round base using stitch height variation and directional shaping.

PART 1 – Circular Base Foundation

Round 1

Create a Magic Ring.
Work 12 dc into the ring.
Join with sl st. (12)

Round 2

Ch 3 (counts as dc).
Dc inc in each stitch around. (24)

Round 3

Ch 3.
1 dc, dc inc repeat around. (36)

Round 4

Ch 3.
2 dc, dc inc repeat around. (48)

Continue increasing evenly each round to maintain a flat circle.
Increase by 12 stitches per round until base reaches approximately 18–20 inches.

Important Tip:

If rug begins to ripple → reduce increases slightly.
If it curls upward → increase more evenly.

Continue base in cream until full diameter is reached.

PART 2 – Eagle Body Placement

The eagle is worked directly over the cream base using color changes following the diagram.

Begin by marking center vertical axis.

Body Section

Switch to brown yarn.

Work sc and hdc stitches to create the torso shape.

Use shorter stitches (sc) near the neck and longer stitches (dc/tr) toward the lower body to create shaping.

Gradually taper sides by:

- Skipping 1 stitch at edges when needed
 - Using sl st to contour tight curves
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Head Section

Attach white yarn.

Work sc in rounded oval shape.

Use increases at crown for roundness.

For beak:

Switch to yellow.

Work small cluster of hdc and dc to create pointed shape.

Eye:

With black yarn, embroider circle.

Add small white stitch for highlight.

PART 3 – Wings Construction

Wings are built outward using graduated stitch heights.

Start from shoulder area.

Row shaping technique:

- Begin with sc near body
- Transition to hdc
- Then dc
- Then tr at highest wing points

This creates the natural upward arc.

Feather detailing:

Use surface slip stitches in blue, red, yellow, and orange to create layered feather effect.

Important:

Keep tension consistent when switching colors to prevent puckering.

Repeat mirrored shaping for opposite wing.

PART 4 – Tail Feathers

Attach blue yarn.

Work elongated dc and tr stitches downward.

Taper using:

- Decreasing stitch height toward tips
 - Slightly skipping base stitches to narrow shape
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PART 5 – Talons

Attach yellow yarn.

Work small cluster shapes:

Into same stitch:

sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

Repeat 3 times per foot.

Embroider claw tips with brown or black yarn.

PART 6 – Decorative Circular Border

After eagle motif is complete, resume working in round.

Round 1 Border:

Switch to green.

Work sc evenly around entire rug.

Round 2:

Work decorative zig-zag:
sc, ch 2, skip 1, sc

Round 3:

Switch to red.
Work dc evenly around.

Round 4:

Final round in cream:
Work reverse sc (crab stitch) for firm edging.

This stabilizes rug and prevents curling.

Blocking & Finishing

1. Weave in all ends securely.
2. Lightly steam block (do not press iron directly).
3. Shape wings while damp.
4. Allow to dry flat for 24 hours.

Optional:

Sew rug backing fabric for durability.

Resizing Guide

Smaller version:

Stop base at 24 inches.

Larger version:

Continue increasing until 48 inches diameter.

Always maintain 12 stitch increases per round for flat circle.

Professional Tips

- Use cotton yarn for better rug durability.
- Maintain consistent tension during color changes.
- Use stitch markers to define wing symmetry.
- For market sales, include anti-slip backing.