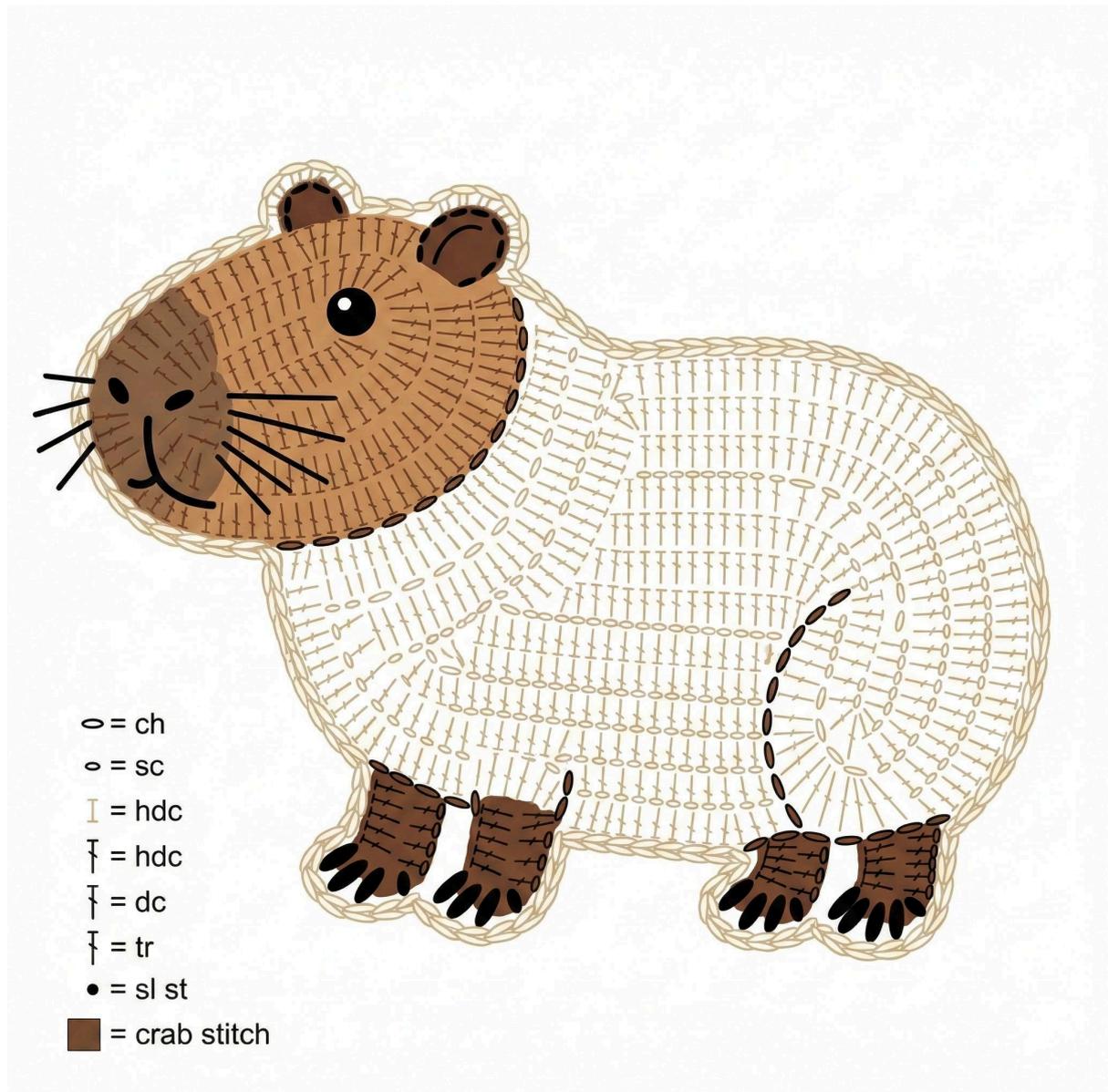


# CAPYBARA CROCHET RUG

Crochet Pattern – US Terms

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: 30–40 inches depending on yarn & hook



# MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton or t-shirt yarn (recommended for rugs)
  - Light Beige (body)
  - Medium Brown (head & legs)
  - Dark Brown or Black (details)
  - 5.0–6.5 mm hook
  - Tapestry needle
  - Stitch markers
  - Optional non-slip rug backing
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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 – 2 sts in same stitch  
dec – decrease  
st – stitch  
MR – magic ring

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# CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

The rug is worked in separate pieces:

1. Body (oval base)
2. Head (oval circle)
3. 4 Legs
4. Facial details
5. Crab stitch border
6. Assembly

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# PART 1 – BODY (OVAL BASE)

With Light Beige

Ch 26

Round 1

Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 23 ch

3 sc in last ch

Working along opposite side:

Sc in next 23

3 sc in last stitch

Sl st to join

Round 2

Ch 1

Sc in each st until corner

At each rounded end: work 2 sc in each of the 3 end stitches

Repeat on opposite end

Sl st

Round 3

Ch 1

Sc around

Increase evenly at both curved ends (approx 6 inc per end)

Round 4

Switch to hdc

Hdc around

Increase only at curves to maintain flat oval

Round 5

Dc around

Continue slight increases at curves

Rounds 6–10

Alternate hdc and dc rounds to build height and smooth shaping

Always increase slightly at rounded ends

Stop when body reaches desired size.

Fasten off.

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## **PART 2 – HEAD (OVAL)**

With Medium Brown

Ch 14

Round 1

Sc in 2nd ch and across

3 sc in last ch

Work opposite side

3 sc in last stitch

Join

Round 2

Inc at rounded ends

Sc along sides

Round 3

Hdc around

Increase slightly at front (nose area)

Round 4

Dc around

Round 5

Sc evenly (this firms edge)

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

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## **PART 3 – LEGS (MAKE 4)**

With Medium Brown

Ch 8

Row 1

Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across

Row 2

Ch 1, turn

Hdc across

Row 3

Ch 1

Dc across

Optional Toe Shaping  
Attach Dark Brown  
Work 5 small sc clusters at bottom edge to form toes

Fasten off leaving tail.

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## **PART 4 – EARS (OPTIONAL ROUNDED SHAPE)**

With Medium Brown

MR  
6 sc

Round 2  
Inc around (12)

Round 3  
Sc evenly

Flatten slightly and sew to top of head.

Make 2.

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## **PART 5 – FACIAL FEATURES**

Eyes  
With Black yarn:  
Embroider oval eyes using satin stitch or small crochet oval (MR, 5 sc).

Nose  
Embroider small vertical line with dark brown.

Mouth  
Embroider curved line below nose.

Whiskers  
Using black yarn, embroider 3 straight lines each side.

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## **PART 6 – ASSEMBLY**

1. Sew head overlapping body front.
2. Sew 2 legs at front bottom.
3. Sew 2 legs at back bottom.
4. Sew ears to head top.

Ensure everything lies flat before securing tightly.

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## **PART 7 – OUTER BORDER (CRAB STITCH EDGE)**

Attach Beige yarn anywhere on outer edge.

Round 1

Sc evenly around entire capybara shape  
At sharp curves, work 2 sc in one stitch

Round 2 – Crab Stitch

Work reverse single crochet (crab stitch) around entire outline.

This creates the thick decorative cord edge shown in the diagram.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

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## **OPTIONAL: BODY DETAIL PATCH**

To create the darker oval side patch:

With Medium Brown:

Ch 10

Work small oval (same method as head but smaller).  
Sew onto body side.

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# SIZE ADJUSTMENT

To make larger:

- Add more body rounds
- Use bulky yarn
- Hold 2 strands together

To make smaller:

- Reduce starting chain
  - Stop at Round 6
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## EXTRA STRUCTURE TIP (FOR RUG USE)

- Use cotton cord or t-shirt yarn
- Crochet tightly
- Add fabric backing
- Steam block lightly