

Crochet Tiger Face Rug Pattern

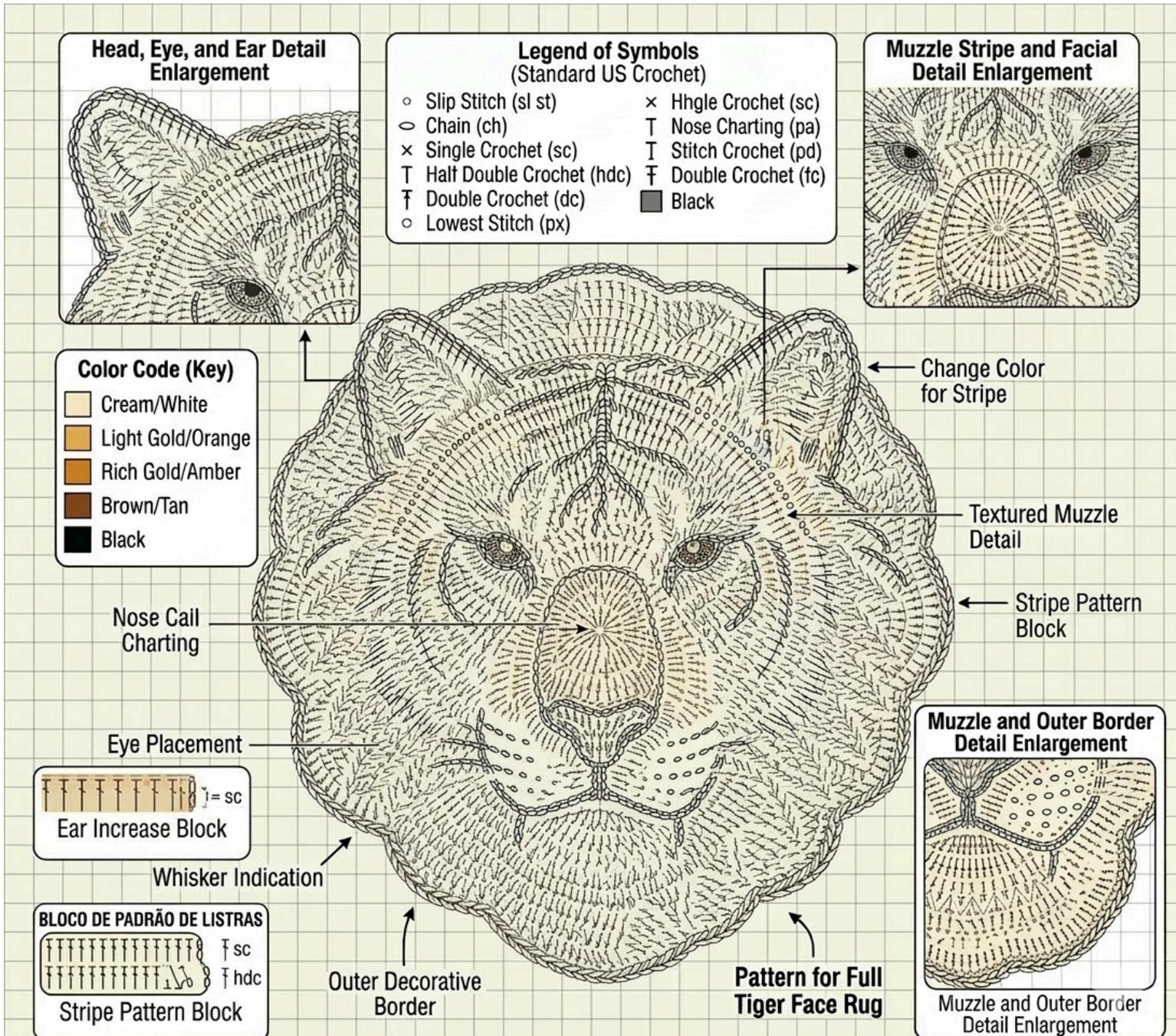
This detailed pattern will guide you in creating a textured tiger face rug using standard US crochet terms. The design is worked mostly in the round, with shaping for ears and facial contours added as you go.

Finished Size

Approximately 60–80 cm (24–32 inches) in diameter
 Size may vary depending on yarn weight, hook size, and tension

Skill Level

Intermediate (requires color changes, shaping, and textured stitches)



Materials Needed

Medium to bulky weight yarn in:

- Cream / White (base and muzzle)
- Light Gold / Beige
- Orange / Amber
- Brown
- Black (details and stripes)

Crochet hook: 4.5 mm – 6 mm

Tapestry needle

Scissors

Stitch markers

Optional: non-slip rug backing

Stitch Legend (US Terms)

sl st – Slip Stitch

ch – Chain

sc – Single Crochet

hdc – Half Double Crochet

dc – Double Crochet

inc – Increase (2 stitches in same stitch)

dec – Decrease (join stitches together)

BLO – Back Loop Only

FLO – Front Loop Only

Pattern Structure

The rug is built in sections:

1. Nose and center circle
2. Muzzle shaping
3. Face expansion
4. Eye and stripe placement
5. Ear shaping

6. Outer border

Instructions

Center (Nose Area)

With black or dark brown yarn:

Round 1: Make a magic ring, 6 sc into ring (6)

Round 2: inc in each stitch (12)

Round 3: (1 sc, inc) repeat around (18)

Switch to cream color

Round 4: sc around (18)

Round 5: (2 sc, inc) repeat (24)

Round 6–8: continue increasing evenly to form a flat oval/circle

Add slight oval shaping by placing increases on opposite sides

Muzzle Shaping

Work in cream/white

Round 9–12: continue expanding with hdc and dc stitches for height

Use increases mainly on sides to widen muzzle

Add texture: alternate sc and hdc stitches to create fur effect

Face Expansion

Begin incorporating orange, gold, and brown

Round 13+:

- Continue circular increases
- Change colors in sections to form natural tiger markings
- Use hdc and dc stitches to build texture

Tip: carry unused yarn loosely behind work for clean color transitions

Eyes Placement

Position eyes symmetrically above muzzle

Option 1: embroider with black yarn

Option 2: crochet small ovals:

Magic ring, 6 sc, fasten off

Sew in place and outline lightly with surface crochet

Stripe Pattern

Using black yarn

Add stripes with surface crochet or embroidery:

- Create curved lines radiating from center
- Keep symmetry on both sides
- Vary stripe thickness for realism

Ear Shaping

At top of circle

Attach yarn at marked positions

Row 1: sc across 8–12 stitches

Row 2: ch 1, turn, dec at both ends

Repeat until triangular shape forms

Work a second identical ear

Edge ears with sc or sl st for clean finish

Outer Border

Continue around entire piece

Round 1: sc evenly around

Round 2: (3 sc, 1 inc) repeat to prevent curling

Optional decorative edge:

- Picot: (ch 3, sl st in same stitch)
- Scallop: 5 dc in one stitch, skip next stitch

Finishing

Weave in all ends securely
Block lightly to shape (use steam carefully if acrylic yarn)
Attach non-slip backing if used as floor rug

Tips for Best Results

Keep tension consistent to avoid curling
If rug curls → use larger hook
If too loose → use smaller hook

Use stitch markers to track rounds
Plan color placement before starting stripes
Combine crochet and embroidery for fine details
Work slowly on facial features for symmetry

Customization Ideas

Make a smaller version as a wall hanging
Turn into a pillow cover
Add extra rounds for a larger rug
Experiment with different animal colors (lion, leopard, etc.)