

Crochet Turtle Coaster Pattern

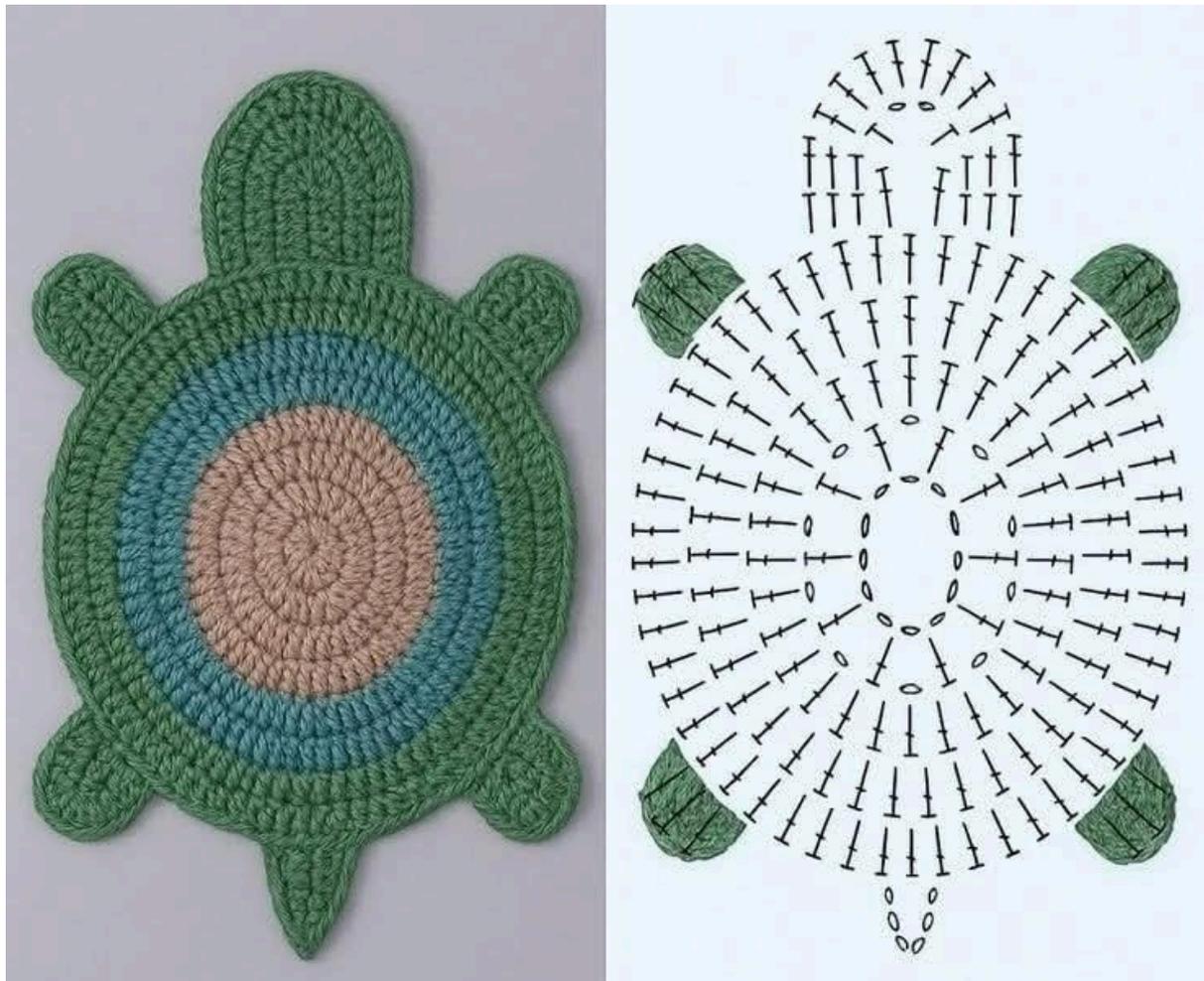
US Crochet Terms – Detailed Step-by-Step Guide

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Finished Size: approximately 5–6 inches (13–15 cm)

This adorable turtle coaster is crocheted in the round, beginning at the center of the shell and gradually expanding outward. After the circular shell is complete, the head, legs, and tail are added directly onto the edge of the coaster. The result is a charming turtle-shaped coaster that works perfectly for mugs, cups, or decorative table settings.

The design uses simple stitches such as single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet. Because the project is small and worked mostly in rounds, it is a great pattern for beginners who want to practice working in circular crochet.



Materials

- Medium weight cotton yarn (recommended for coasters)
- Color A – Light Brown or Beige (center shell)
- Color B – Light Blue or Aqua (shell ring)
- Color C – Green (turtle body)

Tools:

- Crochet hook size 4.0 mm – 5.0 mm
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional)

Cotton yarn is highly recommended because it absorbs moisture and withstands heat from mugs better than acrylic yarn.

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

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

Pattern Notes

The coaster is worked in joined rounds. At the end of each round, join with a slip stitch and begin the next round with a chain.

The turtle's head, legs, and tail are crocheted directly into stitches along the edge of the coaster to avoid sewing pieces together.

Turtle Shell – Center

Using **Color A (light brown or beige)**.

Round 1

Make a Magic Ring.

Ch 2 (does not count as a stitch).

Work 12 hdc into the ring.

Join with sl st to the first hdc.

(12 stitches)

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work 2 hdc in each stitch around.

Join with sl st.

(24 stitches)

Fasten off and change to **Color B (blue or aqua)**.

Turtle Shell – Outer Ring

Round 3

Attach Color B to any stitch.

Ch 2.

1 hdc, 2 hdc in next stitch repeat around.

Join with sl st.

(36 stitches)

Fasten off and change to **Color C (green)**.

Turtle Body Round

Round 4

Attach green yarn.

Ch 1.

Work 1 sc in each stitch around the entire circle.

This round forms the base where the turtle's limbs will be added.

Do not fasten off yet.

Turtle Head

Choose a point along the edge to position the head.

In the same stitch:

Ch 2

Work 5 hdc in the same stitch

Ch 2

Sl st in next stitch

This forms a rounded head shape.

Turtle Front Legs

Skip 4 stitches.

In next stitch:

Work 4 dc in the same stitch

Ch 1

Sl st in next stitch

Repeat this once more for the second front leg.

Turtle Back Legs

Skip 5 stitches.

In next stitch:

Work 4 dc in the same stitch

Ch 1

Sl st in next stitch

Repeat again for the second back leg.

Turtle Tail

Skip remaining stitches until the center back of the coaster.

In the next stitch:

Ch 3

Sl st in same stitch

This creates a small pointed tail.

Fasten off.

Border (Optional but Recommended)

For a cleaner and stronger edge, add a final border.

Attach green yarn anywhere along the edge.

Work single crochet evenly around the entire coaster, placing 2 sc at the tip of each leg and the head to maintain shape.

Join with sl st and fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all yarn ends using a yarn needle.
 - Lightly steam block if needed to flatten the coaster.
 - Ensure legs and head lie flat before use.
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Tips for Best Results

Use cotton yarn to prevent melting from hot mugs and to absorb moisture.

Keep stitches tight enough so the coaster remains firm and does not curl.

Blocking the finished coaster helps maintain its round shell shape and evenly spaced limbs.

You can also experiment with different shell colors to create multiple turtle variations such as ocean turtles, cartoon turtles, or pastel decorative sets.