

Crochet World Cup Rug Pattern

US Crochet Terms – Based on the Soccer Ball Chart

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: approximately **70 cm (27–28 inches) diameter**

This rug is inspired by the **classic soccer ball pattern** used in the **World Cup**, made of **hexagon and pentagon sections**. The rug is crocheted **in the round**, starting from the center and forming the geometric panels that resemble a soccer ball. This project works great as a **kids room rug, sports room decoration, or themed gift for soccer fans**.

1. Start: With magic ring and ● (px).

2. Rows 1-3 (Green): T (dc),
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row.

3. Row 4 (Red): Create
hexagonal net
with ○ (ch) and +
(sc).

4. Filling: Fill
white hexagons
with T (dc) and
yellow areas with T
(dc) and X (px),
following the net.

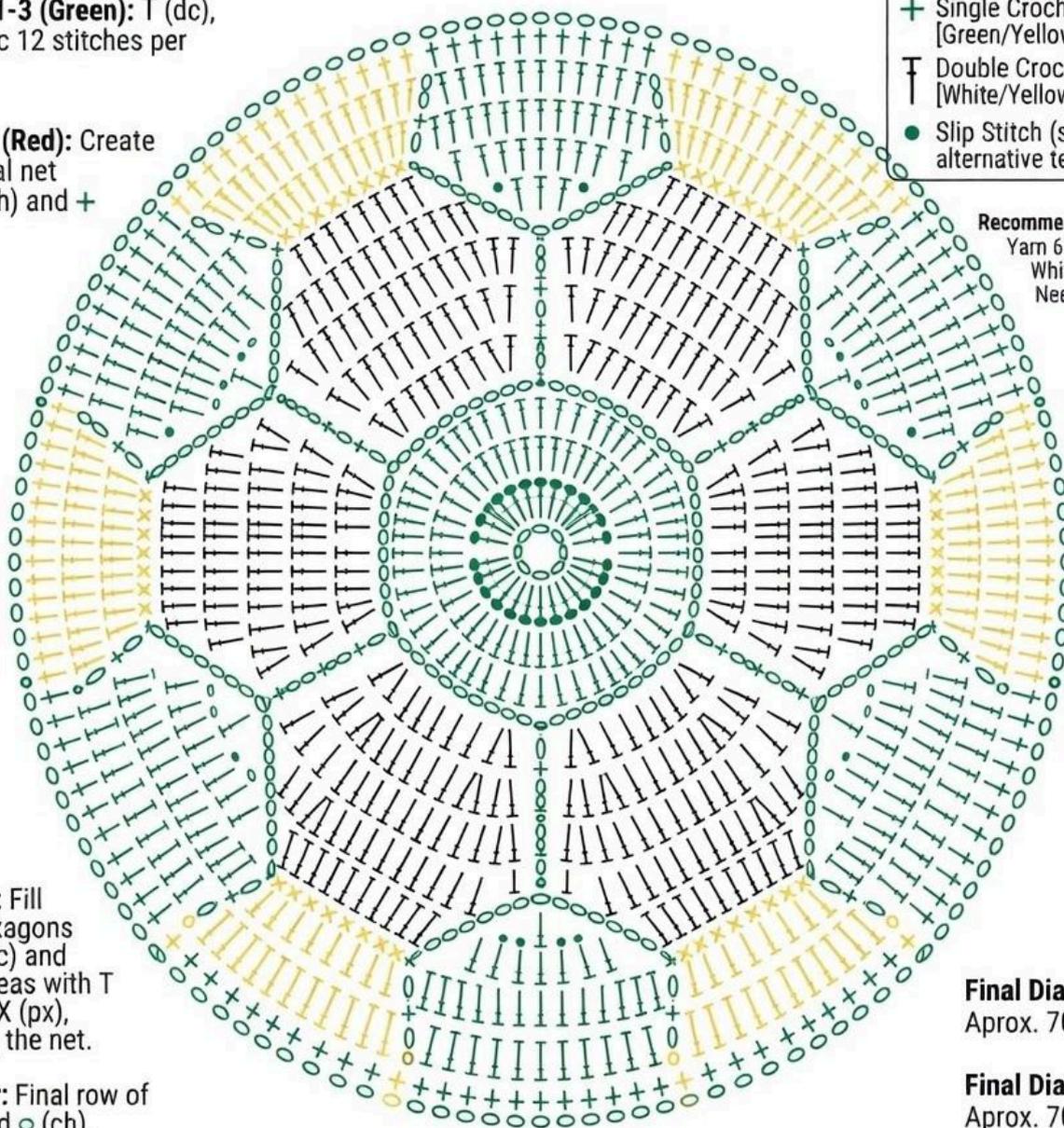
5. Border: Final row of
+ (sc) and ○ (ch).

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LEGEND OF SYMBOLOS:

- Chain (ch)
[Green]
- + Single Crochet (sc)
[Green/Yellow]
- T Double Crochet (dc)
[White/Yellow/Green]
- Slip Stitch (sl st -
alternative term) [Green]

Recommended Material:
Yarn 6 or 8 (Green,
White, Yellow),
Needle 5mm.



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Materials

Recommended yarn:

- Medium weight cotton yarn or t-shirt yarn
- Colors:
 - White (main color)
 - Black (soccer panels)
 - Green or yellow (optional decorative sections)

Hook size:

- 5 mm crochet hook

Tools:

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR – magic ring

ch – chain

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

dc – double crochet

inc – increase (2 stitches in same stitch)

st – stitch

Step 1 – Center Circle

Using **white yarn**

Round 1

Make a **magic ring**.

Work **12 dc into the ring**.

Join with slip stitch.

(12 stitches)

Step 2 – Expanding the Center

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work **2 dc in each stitch around**.

Join.

(24 stitches)

Round 3

Ch 2.

1 dc, inc repeat around.

Join.

(36 stitches)

Step 3 – Begin Hexagon Panel Structure

Round 4

Work **dc stitches evenly**, but mark **6 points evenly spaced around the circle**.

At each marked point:

Work **2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc**.

These spaces create the **panel corners** that will form the soccer ball geometry.

Step 4 – Forming the Soccer Ball Panels

Continue working **dc rounds**.

In each **corner space (ch 1 space)** work:

2 dc
ch 1
2 dc

This expands the shape into **six large hexagon sections**.

Repeat for **4–5 rounds** until panels become clearly visible.

Step 5 – Adding the Pentagon Panels

To simulate the classic soccer ball look:

Switch to **black yarn** for selected panel areas.

Inside each hexagon:

Work rows of **dc stitches following the diagram structure**.

This fills the shapes and creates the **pentagon illusion**.

Continue alternating white and black sections.

Step 6 – Expanding the Rug

Keep increasing only at the **corner points**.

Each round:

2 dc
ch 1
2 dc

inside each corner space.

Continue until the rug reaches **about 65–70 cm diameter**.

Step 7 – Final Border

Attach **green or contrasting yarn**.

Round:

Work **sc around entire edge**.

Every 10 stitches:

ch 1

skip 1 stitch

This gives a **light decorative soccer-net effect**.

Finishing

- Weave in all loose ends
- Block lightly if needed
- Add anti-slip backing if used on tile floors

The finished rug will look like a **large crocheted soccer ball**.

Tips

- Use **t-shirt yarn** for a thicker rug.
- Keep increases evenly spaced to maintain a perfect circle.
- Stitch markers help maintain the panel alignment.