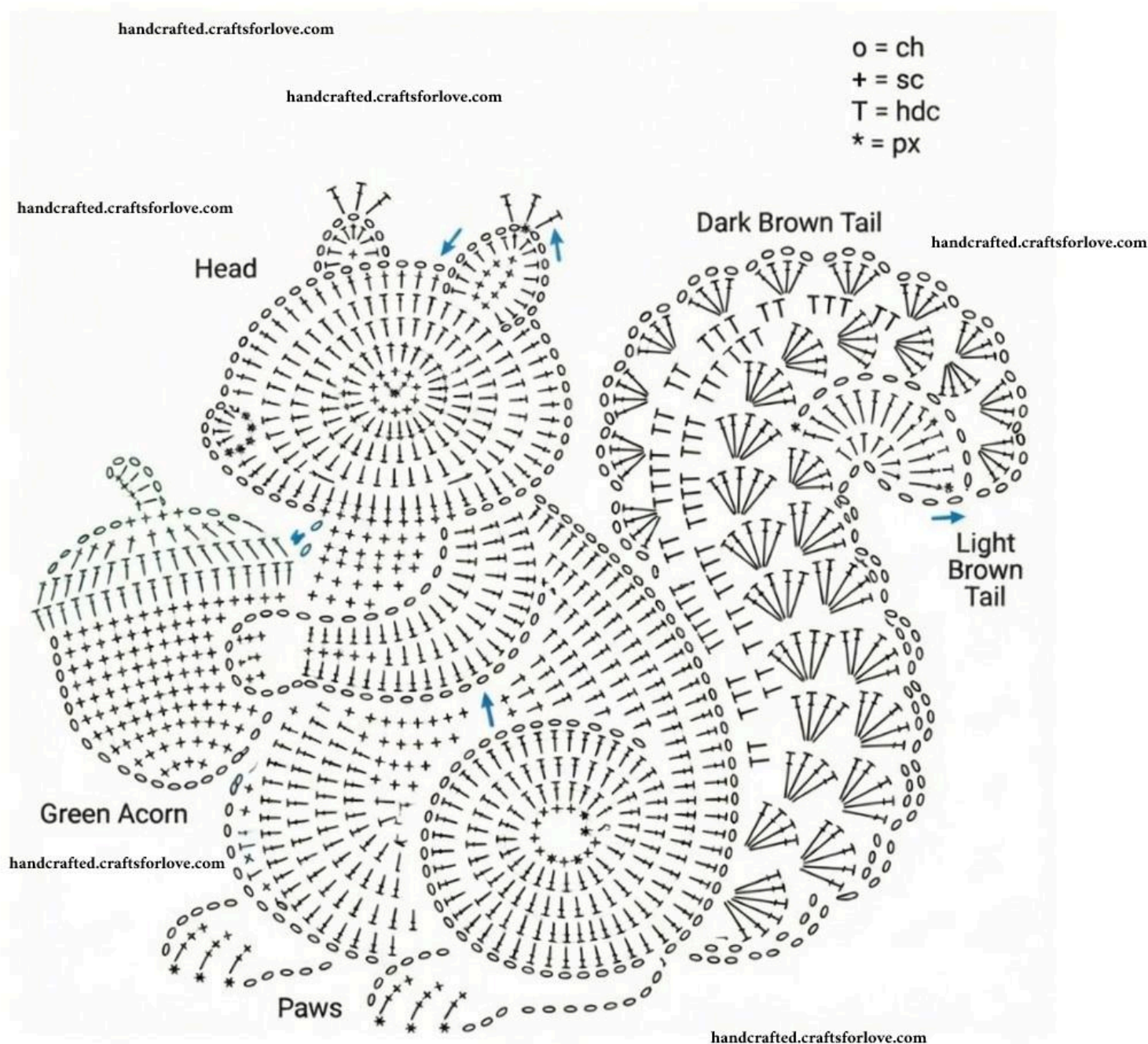


# Elegant Squirrel Rug Crochet Pattern

## Complete Step-by-Step Guide (US Terms)

This elegant squirrel rug is worked in sections: head, body, tail, acorn, and legs. Most pieces are worked in joined rounds, while the tail includes fan stitch texture to create the fluffy look.

The rug is worked flat. <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS



## Skill Level <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

You should be comfortable with:

- Magic ring
- Working in joined rounds
- Increasing evenly in circles
- Color changes
- Working fan/shell stitches
- Surface slip stitch

## Materials

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (recommended for rugs)
- Light brown (body)
- Dark brown (tail + details)
- Medium brown
- Green (acorn leaf)
- Beige (acorn top if desired)
- Hook size 4.5 mm – 5.5 mm
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

Optional: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

- Non-slip rug backing

# Abbreviations (US Terms)

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

## Construction Overview

The rug is constructed in this order:

1. Body circle <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS
2. Head circle
3. Tail (worked separately with shell texture)
4. Acorn
5. Legs
6. Assembly
7. Final edging

## BODY (Light Brown)

With light brown yarn.

Round 1:

Magic ring, ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring. Join. (12)

Round 2:

Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24)

Round 3:

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

Round 4: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

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

Round 5:

Ch 3, (dc 3, inc) around. Join. (60)

Continue increasing evenly:

Round 6: (dc 4, inc)

Round 7: (dc 5, inc)

Round 8: (dc 6, inc)

Stop when body measures approx. 16–20 inches diameter.

Fasten off.

## HEAD (Light Brown)

Round 1:

Magic ring, 12 dc.

Round 2:

2 dc in each st around. (24)

Round 3:

(dc 1, inc) around. (36)

Round 4–6:

Continue increasing evenly until head is slightly smaller than body.

Attach head overlapping top left of body using whip stitch or crochet join.

## EARS

With light brown yarn.

Row 1:

Ch 8, sc across.

Row 2:

Ch 1, dec, sc to last 2 sts, dec.

Repeat decreasing until triangle forms.

Make 2.

Attach to top of head.

# TAIL (Dark Brown + Medium Brown)

The tail is large and decorative, using fan stitches.

With dark brown:

Round 1:

Magic ring, 12 dc.

Round 2:

2 dc in each st. (24)

Round 3: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

(dc 1, inc) around. (36)

Round 4–6:

Continue increasing until tail base is wide.

Now begin texture rows:

Shell Pattern Round:

Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st next st.

Repeat around.

Next round:

Work sc evenly around.

Alternate 1 shell round + 1 sc round for layered feathered look.

Switch to medium brown halfway through outer rounds for two-tone effect (as shown in chart: Cauda Marrom Claro).

Continue building tail by working partial rounds on one side only to elongate and curve it.

To create curve:

Work 3/4 of a round, turn, ch 3, dc across.

Increase at outer edge only.

Continue shaping until tail reaches desired spiral shape.

Fasten off.

Attach tail securely to body.

# ACORN (Bolota Verde)

Top (Green):

Round 1:

Magic ring, 8 sc. <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

Round 2:

(Sc 1, inc) around.

Round 3:

Sc around.

Add small stem:

Ch 6, sl st back along chain.

Bottom (Brown):

Round 1:

Magic ring, 8 dc.

Round 2:

Inc evenly to 16.

Attach green top overlapping.

Sew acorn to front of body.

## LEGS

Make 2 small ovals.

Round 1:

Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and across, 3 sc in last ch, working other side of chain, sc across, 3 sc in first ch. Join.

Round 2:

Inc at curves, sc across straight sides.

Make 2 front legs and 2 smaller back legs.

Attach to bottom of body.

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# SURFACE DETAILS

Using surface slip stitch:

- Outline ear edges
- Outline tail spiral
- Add line dividing acorn cap
- Add body swirl detail (as shown in chart)

# FINAL BORDER

Attach dark brown yarn around entire squirrel shape.

Work sc evenly around all edges.

For decorative edge: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st next st.

Repeat around entire outline.

# Size Adjustments

To make larger:

Continue circular increase formula:

(dc next number, inc)

Example:

(dc 7, inc)

(dc 8, inc)

To make smaller:

Stop earlier in base circles.

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# Professional Finishing Tips

- Keep increases evenly spaced to prevent ruffling.
- Use stitch markers when shaping tail curve.
- Block tail gently to enhance spiral shape.
- For sturdy rug, hold two strands together.
- Add non-slip backing for floor use.

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