

✨ Stitch Key (US Terms – Based on Diagram)

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc = 2 sc in same stitch
- dec = sc2tog
- sl st = slip stitch
- crab stitch = reverse single crochet

🐢 Step 1: Shell / Body Rug (Main Circle – 120 SC)

This is the **foundation of the entire turtle**. It must be flat and evenly increased.

Round 1 <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

- MR, work **10 sc**
- Pull tight, do not join (work in continuous rounds if preferred)

Round 2

- inc in each stitch
= **20 sc**

Round 3

- [sc, inc] around
= **30 sc**

Round 4

- [2 sc, inc]
= **40 sc**

Round 5

- [3 sc, inc]
= **50 sc**

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- [4 sc, inc]
= **60 sc**

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- [5 sc, inc]
= 70 sc

Round 8

- [6 sc, inc]
= 80 sc

Round 9

- [7 sc, inc]
= 90 sc

Round 10

- [8 sc, inc]
= 100 sc

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- [9 sc, inc]
= 110 sc

Round 12

- [10 sc, inc]
= 120 sc

👉 This matches exactly the diagram: “Shell / Body Rug (120 sc)”

Step 2: Shell Pattern Sections (Beige Motif)

The diagram shows repeated decorative “shell” shapes.

You will place them in **even wedges across the circle**.

Pattern for Each Beige Section:

- Attach beige yarn
- **ch 3 (counts as 1 hdc)**
- Work **5 hdc in next stitches**
- ch 1
- Work **6 hdc into same section (fan shape)**

This creates a raised shell texture.

Placement:

- Repeat in evenly spaced sections (as shown in wedges on diagram)
- Leave green sections between motifs

Step 3: Outer Border (Crab Stitch)

- Switch back to green yarn
- Work **reverse single crochet (crab stitch)** around entire edge

👉 Important:

- Work from left to right (opposite direction)
- Keep tension even to avoid curling

Step 4: Head Construction (120 SC Circle)

The head is a **separate circular piece**, similar to the body.

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- MR with green yarn
- 10 sc

Increase Rounds

Repeat the SAME increase pattern as the shell:

- Continue increasing until **120 sc total**

👉 This creates a flat circular head base

Step 5: Muzzle (Beige Section)

Round 1

- MR with beige yarn
- Work 6–8 sc

Round 2–4

- Increase slightly to form a **small oval/circle**

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- Sew onto lower front of head
- Position centered

Nose Embroidery

- Use black yarn
- Stitch a small triangle or oval nose

Step 6: Eye Placement

- Place safety eyes **between upper rounds of head**
- Space evenly left/right
- Secure tightly before attaching head

Step 7: Front Flippers (Make 2 – 120 SC Length)

These are **long oval shapes**, worked in rows.

Foundation

- MR with 10 sc
- Round 2: inc around → 20 sc

Row Construction

- Turn work
- Continue in rows (not full rounds)

Increase gradually along edges to stretch into oval

Goal Size:


- Approximately **120 stitches total length**

Claw Detail (Important)

At the tip of each flipper:

Repeat 3 times: <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

- ch 2–3
- sl st back into same stitch

 This forms **3 pointed claws**

Edge Finish

- Work **crab stitch border** around entire flipper

Step 8: Rear Flippers (Make 2 – Smaller)

Start

- MR with 10 sc
- Round 2: inc → 20 sc

Shape

- Work in rows
- Increase slightly, but less than front flippers

Result

- Smaller, rounded triangular shape

Add Claws

- Same method as front, but slightly shorter

Step 9: Tail

Round 1

- MR with 10 sc

Shape

- Work in short rows
- Gradually **decrease (sc2tog)**

Result

- Small tapered triangle

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Step 10: Assembly (Follow Diagram Layout EXACTLY)

Placement Order:

1. Lay shell flat
2. Attach head at top center
3. Attach tail directly opposite

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

- Front flippers → upper left & right
- Rear flippers → lower left & right

👉 Align using the “unrolled layout” visual guide

Step 11: Color Change Zones

- Green = main structure
- Beige =:
 - Shell motifs
 - Muzzle

👉 Follow diagram wedges for precise placement

Step 12: Final Proportions

- Shell: 120 sc circle (large and flat)
- Head: same stitch count but smaller visual due to placement
- Flippers:
 - Front: long and oval
 - Rear: short and rounded
- Tail: small and tapered

Final Result

You now have a **fully structured turtle rug** with:

- Textured shell pattern 
- Defined head and muzzle 
- Symmetrical flippers with claws 
- Decorative crab stitch edge
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