

🐺 Wolf Motif & Scalloped Border Crochet Square – Complete Step-by-Step Pattern Tutorial



WOLF MOTIF & BORDER – CROCHET TUTORIAL

Step-by-Step Guide with US Crochet Dots Pattern



US CROCHET DOTS PATTERN



STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

- = slip stitch (sl st)
- = chain (ch)
- ⊕ = single crochet (sc)
- ⊥ = half double crochet (hdc)
- ⊥⊥ = double crochet (dc)
- ⊥⊥⊥ = treble crochet (tr)

BEFORE YOU START

- Yarn: Worsted weight (4)
- Colors used: Light Brown, Medium Brown, Dark Brown, Cream, Black
- Hook: 4.0 mm (G/6)
- Other: Yarn needle, scissors

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 18 cm (7 in) square

NOTES

- The motif is worked in the round.
- Change colors as shown.
- Ch 3 at the beginning of a round counts as a dc.

COLOR GUIDE

- Light Brown (Face)
- Medium Brown (Fur)
- Dark Brown (Outline/Border)
- Cream (Highlights)
- Black (Nose & Eyes)

PART 1 – WOLF MOTIF (CENTER)

1. MAGIC RING



Make a magic ring.

2. ROUND 1



Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc into ring. Join with sl st to top of ch-3. (16 dc)

3. ROUND 2



Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (32 dc)

4. ROUND 3



Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat around. Join. (48 dc)

5. ROUND 4 (SHAPING)



Ch 3, dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st; repeat around. Join. (64 dc)

6. ROUND 5 (FACE SHAPING)



Ch 3, dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st; repeat around. Join. (80 dc)

7. ROUND 6 (CHEEKS)



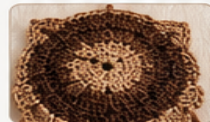
Ch 3, dc in next 4 st, 2 dc in next st; repeat around. Join. (96 dc)

8. ROUND 7 (EARS BASE)



Work even dc around (no increases). Join. (96 dc)

9. ROUND 8 (EAR SHAPES)



Work dc, but create ear points: 2 dc, 2 dc together at ear positions. Join.

10. ROUND 9 (DETAILING)



Ch 3, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in ear tips. hdc in next, repeat. Join.

11. ROUND 10 (FUR TEXTURE)



Work (dc, hdc, dc) in stitches to create fur texture around. Join.

12. ROUND 11 (OUTLINE)



Switch to Dark Brown. Sc around, working extra sc in curves. Join.

PART 2 – SQUARE BORDER (GRANNY STYLE)

1. ROUND 1 (SETUP)



Join yarn in any st. Ch 3 (dc), 2 dc in same st. Ch 1, skip 2 st, 3 dc in next st. Repeat around. Join.

2. ROUND 2



Sl st to corner ch-1 space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc in same space. Repeat around. Join.

3. ROUND 3



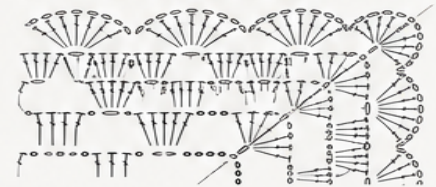
In each corner space: (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc). In between: 3 dc in ch-1 spaces. Join.

4. ROUND 4 (SCALLOP EDGE)



In each corner space: (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc). Between corners: (sc, ch 1, sc) in each ch space. Join and fasten off.

BORDER DIAGRAM (US DOTS)



HOW TO ASSEMBLE



1. Weave in all ends.
 2. Block the square by wetting and pinning it flat.
 3. Let it dry completely.
- Your wolf motif square is ready!

TIPS

- Keep your stitches even for a flat square.
- Use stitch markers to mark the beginning of each round.
- Block your finished piece for a professional look.
- You can use this motif for blankets, pillows, or wall hangings!

PERFECT FOR:



Blankets



Pillows



Bags

Wall Decor

& More!



Enjoy Crocheting!
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US CROCHET SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS

SYMBOL	NAME	ABBREVIATION	HOW TO WORK	SYMBOL	NAME	ABBREVIATION	HOW TO WORK
●	Slip Stitch	sl st	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through both loops on hook.	⊥	Double Crochet	dc	Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2, yarn over, pull through 2.
○	Chain	ch	Yarn over, pull through loop on hook.	⊥⊥	Treble Crochet	tr	Yarn over twice, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2, yarn over, pull through 2.
⊕	Single Crochet	sc	Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.				
⊥	Half Double Crochet	hdc	Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.				



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Create a striking crochet square featuring a detailed wolf face surrounded by a decorative scalloped border. This project is worked by following the crochet symbol chart exactly as shown. The design gradually builds from the center of the wolf outward, adding facial details, the surrounding frame, and finally the elegant shell border.

This tutorial explains every section of the chart in a logical order, making it easier for crocheters to understand how each part connects. Although the chart should always be your primary guide for stitch placement, the instructions below explain what is happening in each round so you can confidently complete the project from start to finish.



Skill Level

Intermediate to Advanced

The project uses traditional crochet symbol charts and requires experience reading stitch diagrams. If you already know basic crochet stitches, this tutorial will guide you through each section.



Finished Size

The final size depends on:

- Yarn weight
- Crochet hook size
- Individual tension

Approximate sizes:

- Sport Weight: 9–10 inches (23–25 cm)
- DK Weight: 10–11 inches (25–28 cm)
- Worsted Weight: 11–13 inches (28–33 cm)

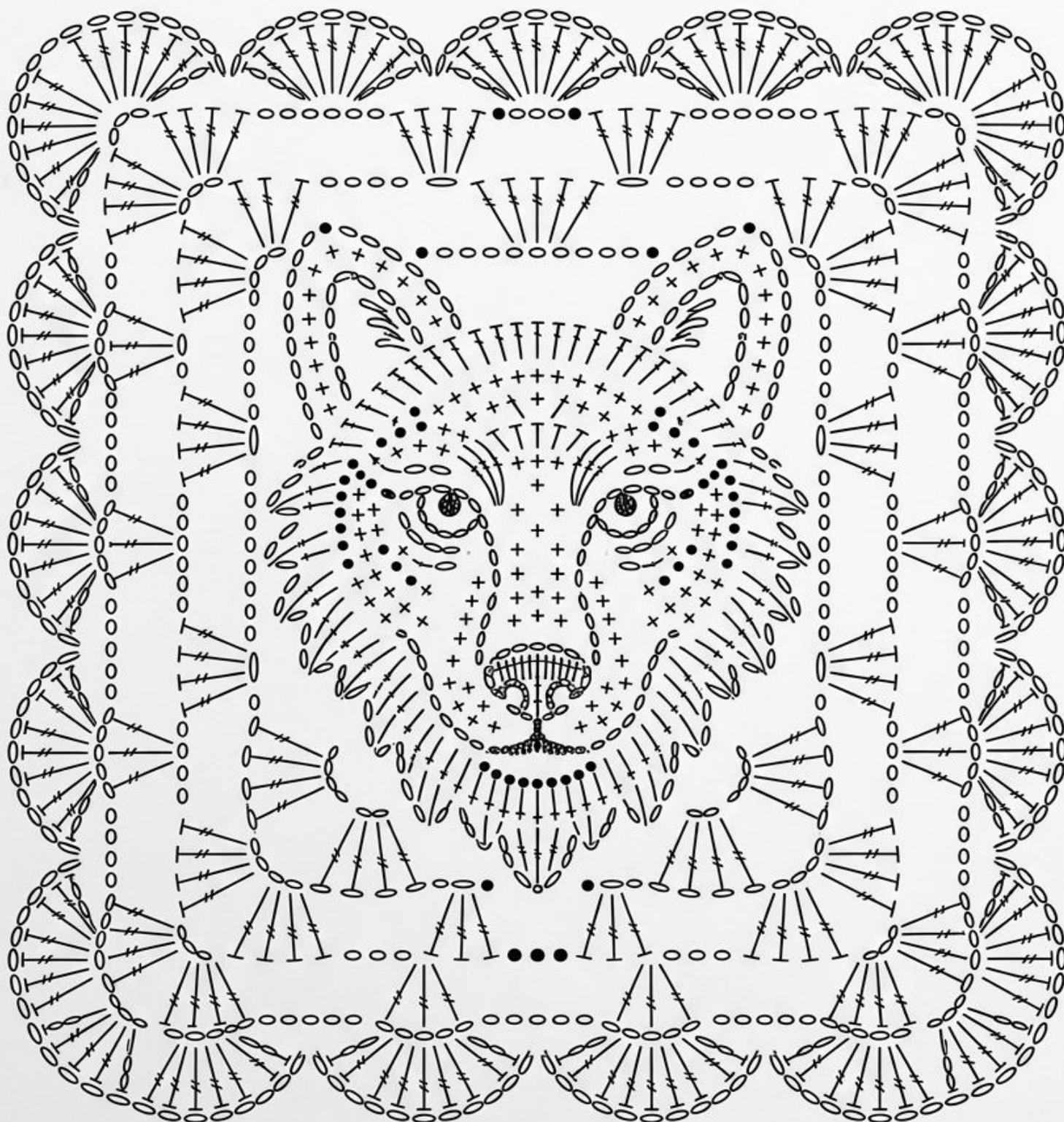


Materials

You will need:

- 1 main color yarn
- Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn
- Stitch markers (optional)
- Scissors
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- Blocking mat
- Rust-proof pins

Wolf Motif & Border Pattern - Traditional US Crochet Dots



● - slip stitch, ○ - chain, + - single crochet, T - half-double crochet,
 T - double crochet, T with two bars - treble crochet.

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✨ Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch – chain
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Understanding the Chart Symbols

The chart uses standard US crochet symbols.

- Oval = Chain (ch)
- Solid dot = Slip Stitch (sl st)
- Plus sign = Single Crochet (sc)
- T = Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- T with one slash = Double Crochet (dc)
- T with two slashes = Treble Crochet (tr)

Always begin in the center and work outward.

Every completed round forms the foundation for the next round.

Keep your work facing the right side unless the chart naturally requires turning.



Step 1 – Create the Magic Ring

Begin with a magic ring.

Work the first stitches exactly as shown in the center of the wolf's nose.

Pull the ring tightly to eliminate the center hole.

Join with a slip stitch where indicated on the chart.

This tiny center becomes the nose and middle of the face.



Step 2 – Build the Nose

Continue following the symbol chart.

Work the indicated single crochet and half double crochet stitches around the center.

Maintain even tension.

At this stage the work forms a small oval.

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Join the round with a slip stitch.

The nose should remain centered.



Step 3 – Shape the Snout

The following rounds expand outward using combinations of:

- Single crochet
- Half double crochet
- Double crochet

Carefully place every stitch into the exact stitch shown on the chart.

Notice how both sides mirror each other.

This symmetry creates the realistic shape of the muzzle.

Do not add extra stitches.

Do not skip stitches.

The stitch count must remain identical to the chart.



Step 4 – Form the Mouth

The lower mouth begins to appear.

Several slip stitches create the separation between the lips.

Small groups of stitches form the upper lip.

Continue slowly.

Mirror every stitch on the left side with the corresponding stitch on the right side.

The center line should remain perfectly straight.



Step 5 – Create the Chin

The lower chin uses gradually taller stitches.

This creates gentle curves underneath the mouth.

Work each stitch exactly where indicated.

The chin should naturally begin to round.

Avoid pulling these stitches too tightly.

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A relaxed tension produces a smoother shape.

Step 6 – Crochet the Nose Details

The chart includes decorative stitches representing:

- Nostrils
- Nose bridge
- Nose outline

These are made with carefully placed single crochet and slip stitches.

Take your time.

These details define the wolf's expression.

Step 7 – Crochet the Eyes

The eyes are one of the most detailed sections.

Each eye is worked using small groups of stitches placed individually.

Watch the chart carefully.

The stitches surrounding each eye create:

- Eyelids
- Eye shape
- Eye highlights

Keep both eyes perfectly symmetrical.

Frequently compare the left and right sides.

Step 8 – Shape the Cheeks

The cheeks are built using rows of increasing stitch heights.

You will notice:

- Single crochet
- Half double crochet
- Double crochet
- Treble crochet

These different heights create smooth curves.

The cheeks should gently frame the muzzle.

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Step 9 – Crochet the Fur Texture

The fur consists of repeated groups of longer stitches.

These groups point outward from the face.

Work each section exactly as shown.

The varying stitch heights naturally create the layered appearance of fur.

Maintain even spacing.

Avoid tightening the taller stitches.



Step 10 – Form the Ears

Each ear is built separately but follows the same structure.

The chart gradually increases stitch height toward the tips.

The inner ear uses shorter stitches.

The outer ear uses taller stitches.

This creates realistic dimension.

Both ears should finish at exactly the same height.



Step 11 – Build the Square Around the Wolf

Once the face is complete, begin expanding into the surrounding square.

This section uses:

- Chain spaces
- Double crochet groups
- Corner increases

The wolf remains centered.

The square grows evenly around it.

Pay close attention to every corner.

Corners determine whether the square stays flat.

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Step 12 – Create the Inner Frame

The rectangular frame around the wolf is formed using repeated stitch groups separated by chain spaces.

Each side should remain straight.

Every corner should match the chart exactly.

Count your stitches frequently.

A missed stitch can cause the frame to twist.

Step 13 – Crochet the Decorative Side Fans

Each side contains decorative fan motifs.

Every fan is worked into designated chain spaces.

Typical fan structure:

- Multiple double crochet stitches
- Chain stitches
- Slip stitch connections

These decorative shells begin forming the transition toward the border.

Keep every fan evenly spaced.

Step 14 – Crochet the Scalloped Border

The final border consists of large shell stitches worked around the entire square.

Each shell is made by working multiple tall stitches into the same space.

Between shells, use the connecting stitches shown on the chart.

The shells should naturally curve outward.

Maintain relaxed tension.

This allows every scallop to open beautifully.

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Step 15 – Complete the Final Join

Work the final shell.

Join with a slip stitch to the beginning of the border.

Fasten off.

Leave a tail approximately 6 inches (15 cm) long.

Use a yarn needle to weave the end securely through several stitches on the back.

Trim the excess yarn.



Blocking Your Finished Square

Blocking greatly improves the finished appearance.

Lightly dampen the piece.

Pin every corner.

Pin each scallop individually.

Straighten all sides.

Allow the square to dry completely before removing the pins.

The wolf's face will appear much sharper after blocking.



Tips for Success

- Read several rounds ahead before crocheting.
- Count stitches at the end of every round.
- Use stitch markers for the beginning of rounds if needed.
- Compare the left and right sides frequently to maintain symmetry.
- Keep an even, relaxed tension throughout the project.
- If something looks uneven, check the chart immediately before continuing.
- Blocking is highly recommended for the best definition and shape.

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Congratulations!

You have completed a beautifully detailed Wolf Motif & Scalloped Border Crochet Square. By carefully following the chart from the center outward and maintaining symmetry throughout the facial features, frame, and border, you'll create a striking piece that showcases both intricate stitch work and elegant design. This square can be used as wall art, a pillow panel, a blanket block, or incorporated into larger crochet projects, making it a versatile and eye-catching addition to any handmade collection.