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CROCHET TEACUP NAPKIN HOLDER PATTERN



Finished Project

MATERIALS



Worsted Weight Yarn (Red, Cream, Green)



Crochet Hook (3.5mm)



Tapestry Needle



Pink Pearl Bead

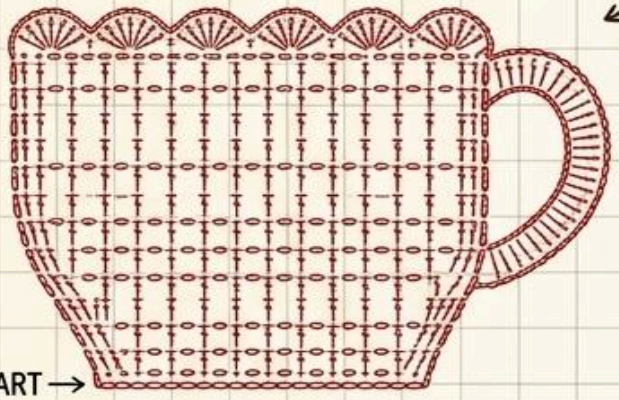


Scissors

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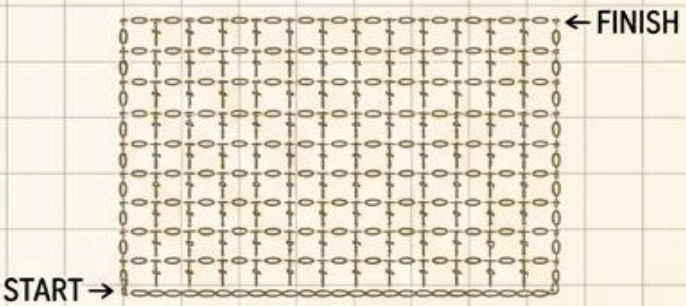
STEP 1: FRONT & BACK PANELS (MAKE 2)

FRONT TEACUP PANEL



Start with a Foundation Row of 25 ch. Follow Rows 1–15 with Red yarn, creating the open mesh and handle as charted. Row 15 is the Scallop Border. Make 2 matching panels.

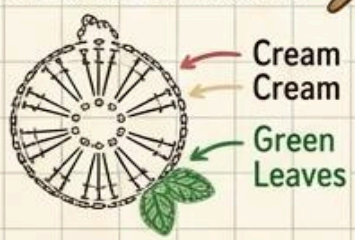
STEP 2: BASE & SIDES (MAKE 1)



BASE & SIDES

Using Cream yarn, crochet 1 long strip (the Base & Sides).
Row 1: ch 21, then work the mesh pattern as charted, continuing to the desired length (approx. 60 rows) to cover the sides and bottom of the cup.

STEP 3: FLOWER MOTIF



Crochet the flower in Cream, sew a pink bead to the center, and attach 2 Green Leaves. Sew to the front panel.

STEP 4: ASSEMBLY



Place the Cream Base & Sides strip between the Front and Back Panels. Use Cream yarn to join the edges together with slip or single crochet, ensuring it sits flat on a table. Insert napkins to finish!

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Pattern: Teacup Design Crochet Napkin Holder
Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate
Terminology: US Crochet Terms
Project Type: Decorative Crochet Napkin Holder
Main Features: Teacup-shaped front panel, curved handle, rectangular base with sides, and decorative flower motif.

Create a charming teacup-inspired napkin holder with this detailed crochet tutorial. The design features a decorative teacup front with a scalloped upper border, a curved handle on the right side, a rectangular base with raised sides, and a small flower motif for an elegant finishing touch.

This tutorial follows the construction and stitch symbols shown in the supplied crochet chart. All stitch terminology is written using standard US crochet terms.

1. Materials and Supplies

Before starting, gather all the materials needed to complete your crochet napkin holder.

Recommended materials:

- Worsted-weight cotton yarn (Category 4) in your preferred colors.
- Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn, approximately 4.0 mm (US G-6) or 4.5 mm (US 7).
- Small amount of green yarn for the flower leaves.
- Tapestry needle for sewing and weaving in ends.
- Scissors.
- Stitch markers.
- Measuring tape.
- Optional: blocking mat and rust-resistant pins.

Suggested color combination:

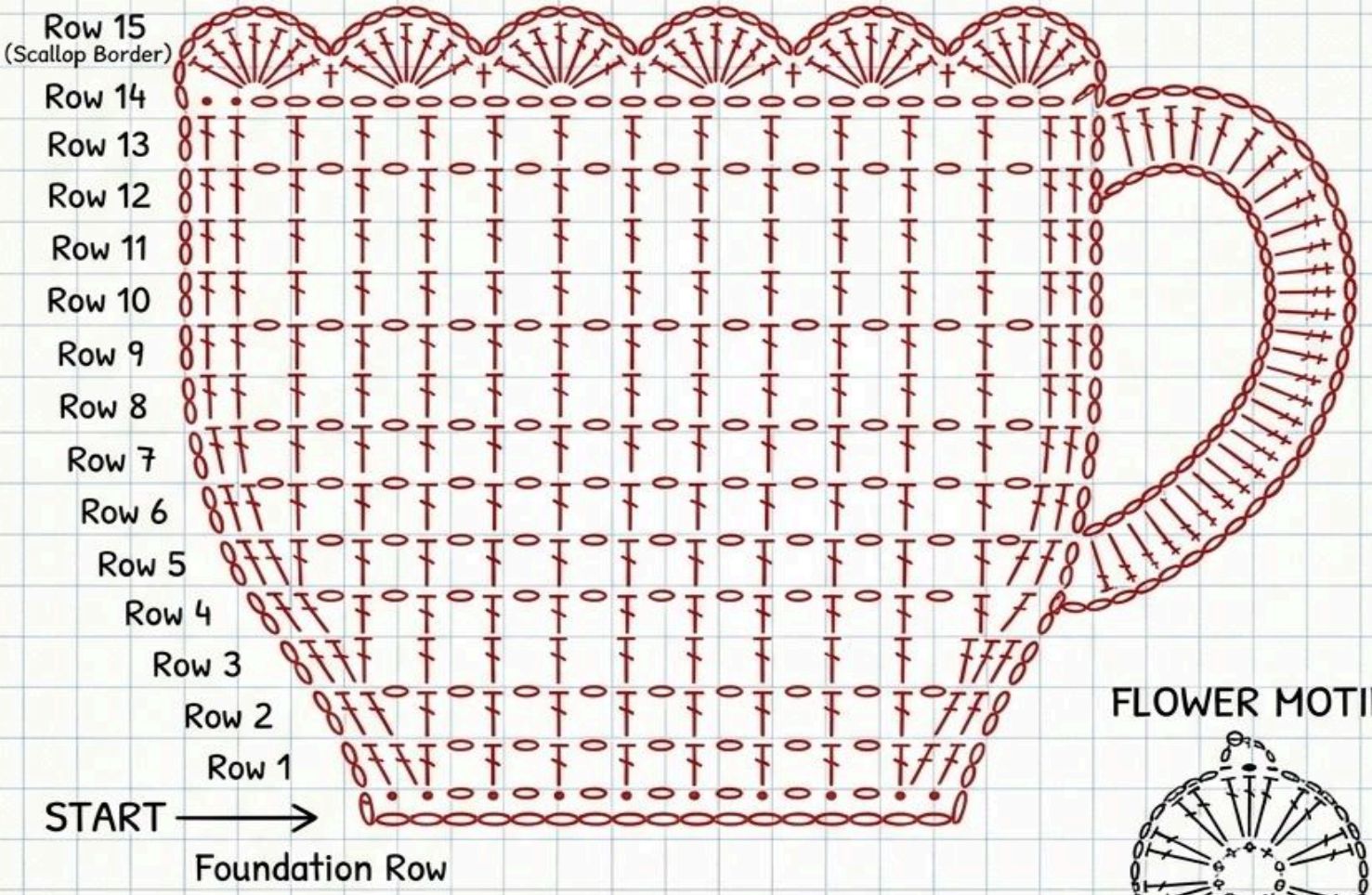
- Main teacup: Cream, white, blush pink, or pastel blue.
- Base and sides: Matching yarn or a complementary neutral color.
- Flower: White or a soft contrasting color.
- Leaves: Green.

Cotton yarn is recommended because it provides good stitch definition and helps the finished holder maintain its shape.

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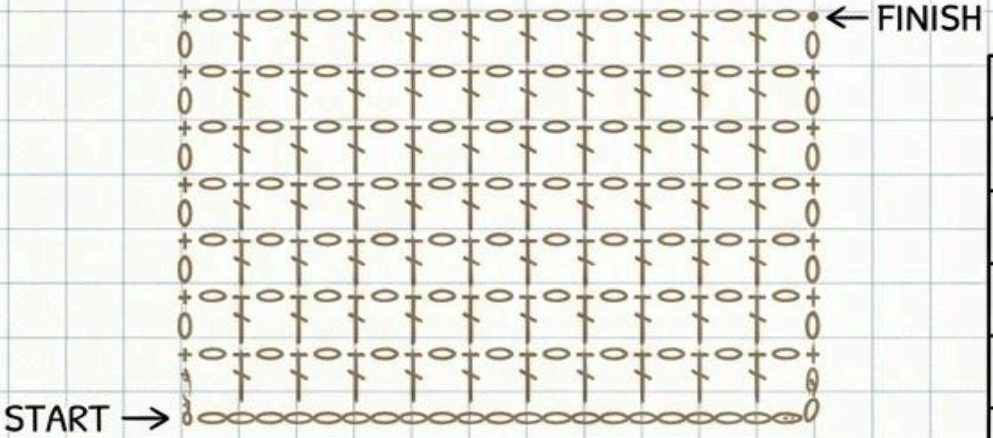
FRONT TEACUP PANEL



FLOWER MOTIF



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2. Understanding the Crochet Stitch Key

The chart uses US crochet terminology. Familiarize yourself with the symbols before beginning.

Chart Symbol	US Stitch Abbreviation	Stitch Name
•	sl st	Slip Stitch
Oval	ch	Chain
×	sc	Single Crochet
T-shaped symbol	dc	Double Crochet
Fan-shaped symbol	5-dc shell	Five Double Crochet Shell

Important stitch explanations:

- **Slip Stitch (sl st):** Insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull through both the stitch and the loop on your hook.
- **Chain (ch):** Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook.
- **Single Crochet (sc):** Insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over again and pull through both loops.
- **Double Crochet (dc):** Yarn over, insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through two loops, then yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops.
- **Five Double Crochet Shell (5-dc shell):** Work five double crochet stitches into the same designated stitch or space to create a fan-shaped scallop.

3. Important Notes Before Starting

- The pattern is worked in separate components: the front teacup panel, the base and sides, and the flower motif.
- The front panel is worked from the bottom upward.
- The base and sides are worked from the bottom upward, following the direction indicated in the chart.
- The handle is incorporated into the teacup design as a curved extension on the right side.
- The scalloped border is created using five-double-crochet shell stitches.
- The flower motif is a separate decorative piece that is attached after crocheting.

About stitch counts: The supplied chart illustrates the stitch placement and construction but does not print numerical stitch counts, finished measurements, gauge, or a complete written assembly sequence. Therefore, follow the illustrated stitch positions and repeats rather than assuming an unlisted fixed stitch count. Your finished dimensions will depend on your yarn, hook, and tension.

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4. Making the Front Teacup Panel

The front teacup panel is the main decorative part of the napkin holder.

It features a rectangular body that gradually forms a teacup silhouette, with a curved handle on the right and a scalloped border across the top.

The chart identifies 15 rows, including the final scalloped border.

Step 1: Create the Foundation Chain

Using your main teacup color:

1. Make a slip knot.
2. Place the loop on your crochet hook.
3. Chain the number of stitches represented by the foundation row in the chart.
4. Keep your chains even and avoid making them too tight.
5. Check that the foundation chain is straight and does not twist.

This foundation chain establishes the bottom width of your teacup panel.

Tip: If your chain is too tight, the bottom of the panel may curl. Keep your tension relaxed and consistent.

Step 2: Work Row 1

Turn your work as necessary and begin the first row.

1. Follow the first row of double crochet symbols shown in the chart.
2. Work the chain spaces in the positions indicated by the oval symbols.
3. Continue across the row, maintaining the spacing between stitches.
4. Check that the row remains straight.

The first row establishes the decorative openwork texture used throughout the teacup body.

Step 3: Work Rows 2–4

Continue following the chart row by row.

- Work the double crochet stitches where the T-shaped symbols appear.
- Work chain stitches where the oval symbols appear.
- Maintain the placement of the stitches and chain spaces.
- Follow the changing edge positions shown in the diagram to develop the teacup shape.

At the beginning and end of each row, pay particular attention to the edge stitches.

Tip: Count your stitches and spaces after every row to avoid accidentally increasing or decreasing the width.

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Step 4: Work Rows 5–8

Continue building the central body of the teacup.

1. Follow the double crochet placements shown in each row.
2. Maintain the chain spaces between the designated stitches.
3. Keep the center section consistent.
4. Follow the chart's side shaping rather than adding extra stitches.

These rows form the central portion of the teacup panel.

The openwork design creates a light, decorative texture while allowing the teacup shape to remain visually defined.

Step 5: Work Rows 9–12

Continue working upward using the same stitch symbols and placement.

- Follow each double crochet symbol.
- Reproduce the chain spaces exactly as illustrated.
- Maintain the shaping along both sides.
- Keep the panel flat as you work.

The upper portion of the teacup gradually approaches the decorative rim.

Step 6: Work Rows 13–14

These rows prepare the upper edge for the scalloped border.

1. Follow the stitch placements in Row 13.
2. Work Row 14 according to the chart.
3. Keep the upper edge even.
4. Make sure the final row is ready to support the shell stitches.

Do not add the scallops before completing the preceding rows.

Step 7: Work Row 15 – Scalloped Border

This is the decorative finishing row across the top of the teacup.

The chart identifies Row 15 as the **Scallop Border**.

Use the five-double-crochet shell stitch:

1. Locate the designated stitch or space for the first shell.
2. Work five double crochet stitches into that same location.
3. Move to the next designated location.
4. Continue repeating the shell pattern across the upper edge.
5. Follow the spacing and placement shown in the chart.

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Each shell creates a rounded fan-shaped scallop.

The result should be a series of decorative arches resembling the upper rim of a teacup.

Important: Keep the shells evenly spaced. Avoid placing extra shells between the charted positions.

5. Creating the Teacup Handle

The handle is positioned on the right side of the front teacup panel.

It is represented in the chart as a large curved, openwork section attached to the side of the cup.

The handle creates the recognizable teacup silhouette.

Step 1: Identify the Handle Placement

Look at the right side of the front panel in the chart.

The handle begins near the upper-right side and curves outward before returning toward the lower-right side.

Follow the illustrated outline carefully.

Step 2: Form the Curved Shape

Using the same main yarn color:

1. Work the chain stitches indicated along the handle outline.
2. Follow the double crochet placements shown in the curved section.
3. Maintain the open central area of the handle.
4. Continue following the chart around the outer curve.
5. Keep the stitches evenly spaced so the handle maintains a smooth shape.

Step 3: Finish the Handle

Once the handle outline is complete:

- Check that the opening remains large and clearly defined.
- Make sure the upper and lower attachment points are secure.
- Adjust the curve gently if necessary.
- Weave in any loose yarn ends.

Tip: The handle should remain open in the center. Do not crochet across the opening, as this would change the teacup design.

6. Crocheting the Base and Sides

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The base and sides form the rectangular structure that holds the napkins upright.

This section is illustrated separately in the lower-left portion of the supplied chart under the heading **BASE & SIDES**.

Unlike the front teacup panel, this section has a simple rectangular construction with repeated rows.

Step 1: Make the Foundation Chain

Using the yarn selected for the base:

1. Make a slip knot.
2. Chain the length represented by the foundation row.
3. Keep the chain straight.
4. Check that the foundation is not twisted.

This chain determines the bottom length of the napkin holder.

Step 2: Begin the First Row

1. Follow the starting direction indicated at the lower-left corner of the chart.
2. Work the stitches shown in the first row.
3. Follow the double crochet placements.
4. Reproduce the chain spaces where indicated.
5. Continue across the foundation row.

Keep your stitches consistent to create a firm rectangular base.

Step 3: Continue the Repeated Rows

Continue working upward, following the repeated structure shown in the base-and-sides diagram.

For each row:

- Work the double crochet symbols in their indicated positions.
- Work the chain spaces shown by the oval symbols.
- Maintain the same stitch arrangement throughout.
- Keep the left and right edges aligned.

The chart illustrates several consecutive rows with the same general stitch arrangement.

Continue until you have completed the rows represented in the diagram.

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Step 4: Finish the Upper Edge

When you reach the upper edge marked **FINISH**:

1. Complete the final row.
2. Check that both side edges are straight.
3. Fasten off the yarn.
4. Leave a sufficiently long tail if you will use it for sewing.
5. Weave in any remaining loose ends.

Tip: Lay the base flat before assembly. If necessary, lightly block it to help the rectangular shape remain even.

7. Making the Decorative Flower Motif 🌸

The flower motif is illustrated separately on the right side of the chart.

It consists of a circular flower with decorative stitch sections and two green leaves.

Use a contrasting color for the flower and green yarn for the leaves.

Step 1: Create the Center Ring

1. Make a slip knot.
2. Chain the number of stitches needed to form the small center ring shown in the flower diagram.
3. Join the chain into a ring using a slip stitch, taking care not to twist it.

The center ring provides the foundation for the flower.

Step 2: Work the Flower Center

Follow the small circular arrangement shown in the motif.

Work the stitches around the center, following the positions indicated by the chart.

Keep the stitches evenly distributed so the center remains circular.

Step 3: Create the Flower Petals

The flower diagram shows elongated, fan-like stitch sections arranged around the circular center.

1. Work the chain stitches in the positions shown.
2. Follow the double crochet placements.
3. Repeat the decorative stitch arrangement around the flower.
4. Maintain an even distribution of the sections.
5. Complete the outer circular edge according to the diagram.

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The repeated double crochet sections create the flower's petal-like appearance.

Step 4: Crochet the Green Leaves

Change to green yarn.

The chart shows two small decorative leaves attached to one side of the flower.

1. Attach the green yarn at the base of the first leaf.
2. Follow the chain and stitch arrangement represented in the leaf diagram.
3. Shape the stitches into a small pointed leaf.
4. Repeat for the second leaf.
5. Fasten off neatly.

The leaves should sit beside the flower without covering its circular center.

Step 5: Finish the Flower

- Check that the flower lies flat.
- Arrange the petals evenly.
- Secure the leaves.
- Weave in all loose ends.

Your flower motif is now ready to attach to the teacup holder.

8. Assembling the Napkin Holder

Once all the crocheted components are finished, it is time to put the napkin holder together.

The supplied chart presents the front teacup panel and the rectangular base-and-sides section separately. It does not provide a numbered sewing diagram, so the following is a practical assembly method for joining those components.

Step 1: Prepare the Pieces

Place the completed pieces on a flat surface.

You should have:

- One front teacup panel with its scalloped border and handle.
- One rectangular base-and-sides component.
- One decorative flower motif.

Check that the pieces are clean, even, and free from loose yarn ends.

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Step 2: Position the Front Panel

Place the front teacup panel against the appropriate outer side of the rectangular base-and-sides structure.

Center the panel so that the teacup design is displayed prominently.

Use stitch markers to temporarily hold the pieces in position.

Step 3: Join the Front Panel to the Base

Using a tapestry needle and matching yarn:

1. Align the lower edge of the teacup panel with the corresponding edge of the base.
2. Sew the pieces together using small, even stitches.
3. Secure the connection at both corners.
4. Check that the front panel is straight.

Keep the decorative scalloped border free from the seam.

Step 4: Secure the Side Edges

Continue attaching the front panel to the corresponding side sections of the base structure.

Work carefully along the edges, making sure the napkin holder maintains its rectangular shape.

Avoid pulling the yarn too tightly, as this can cause the structure to curl or become distorted.

Step 5: Check the Handle

Make sure the teacup handle remains open and visible.

Adjust its position if necessary so that it does not become caught in the joining stitches.

9. Attaching the Flower Motif

The flower is the final decorative detail.

1. Choose the desired position on the teacup panel.
2. Place the flower motif against the crocheted surface.
3. Arrange the green leaves so they are visible.
4. Use matching yarn and a tapestry needle to sew the flower securely.
5. Make small stitches around the flower's center or outer edge.
6. Secure the leaves separately if necessary.

Avoid sewing through the entire napkin holder if doing so would obstruct the interior space.

The flower should sit neatly against the teacup panel, adding a delicate decorative accent.

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10. Finishing and Blocking

Before using your napkin holder, take time to finish the project properly.

Step 1: Weave in Loose Ends

Use a tapestry needle to weave all remaining yarn tails into the back of the stitches.

Trim excess yarn carefully.

Step 2: Shape the Teacup Panel

Lay the front panel flat.

Gently adjust the scalloped border and handle to improve their shape.

Step 3: Shape the Base

Make sure the base and sides are straight and that the structure sits evenly.

Step 4: Lightly Block the Pieces

If your yarn allows wet blocking:

1. Lightly dampen the crocheted pieces.
2. Shape them carefully on a blocking mat.
3. Pin the edges if needed.
4. Allow them to dry completely.

Always follow the care instructions for your yarn.

Step 5: Final Inspection

Check the following:

- The front panel is securely attached.
- The scalloped border is even.
- The handle is open and properly shaped.
- The base is stable.
- The flower is securely attached.
- There are no loose yarn ends.

11. How to Use Your Crochet Teacup Napkin Holder

Once the project is completely dry and assembled, it is ready to use.

1. Fold your cloth or paper napkins into a suitable size.
2. Place them upright inside the rectangular holder.

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3. Arrange the napkins evenly.
4. Position the teacup panel facing outward.
5. Adjust the napkins so that the decorative handle and flower remain visible.

This project is a lovely addition to a kitchen, dining table, tea station, or afternoon tea setting.

12. Helpful Tips for Beginners

Keep your tension consistent.

Consistent tension helps the front panel and base maintain their intended shapes.

Count your stitches regularly.

Counting after every row helps prevent accidental increases, decreases, and uneven edges.

Use stitch markers.

Markers are especially helpful when positioning the handle and joining the separate pieces.

Follow the chart symbols carefully.

The oval symbols represent chains, while the T-shaped symbols represent double crochet stitches. The fan-shaped symbols represent five-double-crochet shells.

Do not pull the scallops too tightly.

The upper border should remain soft and rounded.

Check the dimensions before assembly.

The base and front panel should be compatible in size before sewing them together.

13. Pattern Recap

Here is the construction order for the complete project:

1. Prepare the yarn, crochet hook, and other materials.
2. Read and understand the US crochet stitch key.
3. Crochet the foundation chain for the front teacup panel.
4. Work Rows 1–14, following the chart.
5. Complete Row 15 using the five-double-crochet shell stitch.
6. Form the curved teacup handle on the right side.
7. Crochet the rectangular base-and-sides component.
8. Make the circular flower motif.
9. Crochet and finish the two green leaves.
10. Assemble the front panel and base-and-sides component.
11. Sew the flower motif onto the teacup panel.
12. Weave in loose ends and block the finished pieces.

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13. Arrange your napkins inside the completed holder.

14. Frequently Asked Questions

Can beginners make this crochet napkin holder?

Yes! Beginners who understand the basic US crochet stitches can follow the project. The most important techniques are chain, slip stitch, single crochet, double crochet, and the five-double-crochet shell.

What yarn is best for this project?

Cotton yarn is a good choice because it provides structure, durability, and clear stitch definition.

Can I use different colors?

Absolutely! You can customize the teacup, base, flower, and leaves to match your kitchen or dining room.

What does 5-dc shell mean?

It means working five double crochet stitches into the same designated stitch or space to create a fan-shaped decorative scallop.

Is the flower motif attached separately?

Yes. The flower is a separate decorative component that is attached after crocheting.

Does the chart specify an exact finished size?

No. The supplied chart does not include finished measurements or gauge information. The final size will depend on the yarn, hook, stitch tension, and number of stitches used.

Can I make the holder larger?

You can adapt the dimensions by adjusting the foundation length and corresponding row construction, but you should maintain compatible proportions between the front panel and base.

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15. Final Result ☕🌸

Congratulations! You have completed the crochet components of your decorative teacup napkin holder.

The finished design combines a beautifully textured teacup front, a curved handle, a scalloped upper edge, a rectangular base with sides, and a charming flower motif.

This project is perfect for adding a handmade touch to your dining table, decorating a tea station, or creating a thoughtful handmade gift for someone who loves crochet and tea.

Enjoy your beautiful handmade crochet teacup napkin holder! 🧶