

How to crochet easy floral coasters. At only 12 yards of yarn per coaster, these are great for scraps of yarn, and a variety of projects too if you want to use them as appliques or join them together.

Here is the video tutorial.

Materials:

- 12 Yards of Worsted Weight Yarn I used Lily Sugar n Cream; 6 Yards of Yellow for the center, and 6 Yards of my main color (MC) in Rose Pink, Red and Blueberry
- H8/5mm Crochet Hook
- Tapestry Needle
- Optional, Jewelry Pliers

Material Notes:

Yarn Alternatives to Lily Sugar n Cream: WeCrochet Dishie, Lion Brand Re-Up

As coasters, I recommend cotton yarn as cotton is more absorbent, but really any yarn will work – I have some coasters that I worked in Red Heart Super Saver that I use often.

As an applique/motif, any yarn weight with respective hook will work.

Weaving in ends of a tough yarn, like cotton yarn, can be hard on the fingers. Sore thumbs and frustration can be a thing of the past by simply using jewelry pliers to [carefully] help pull the tapestry needle through the work.

Time Spent: Just over 15 minutes per flower.

Measurements: Taken from the position of one petal at the top center and measured from tip of top petal to tip of bottom petal.

- With Lily Sugar n Cream: 3 3/4" wide by 4 1/4"
- With WeCrochet Dishie: 3 5/8" wide by 4 1/8"

Gauge - Not Essential: Diameter taken after Round 2.

- With Lily Sugar n Cream: 2 5/8" - With WeCrochet Dishie: 2 1/2"

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- DC - Double Crochet (Photo Tutorial) - SC - Single Crochet (Photo Tutorial)

Pattern Notes:

Beginning chain does not count as a stitch.

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While you can also work in the more traditional ways of pulling new color through in the last yarn over of the previous stitch (I do have a photo and video tutorial for this technique – <u>How to Change Yarn Colors in Crochet</u>), I find that doing so in this manner distorts the fabric and disrupts the colors. For the most seamless color change, I recommend after joining the round as normal to yarn over and pull through with the new color, then pull the original color tight (it will disappear), or to fasten off the center color, and rejoin the new color in any stitch.

I work my increases different than most, and that is that the first stitch from the first set of increases is done in the first stitch of the round, which will appear just to left of the beginning chain, then the round will be worked as normal, and the final stitch of the round will be the second stitch of the first set of increases, and it will be worked into the same stitch as the first, and appear just to the right of the beginning chain. If needed, here's a photo tutorial: How to Keep a Straight Seam

Though there are only three rounds, and a straight seam isn't really an issue, this is my preferred method - you can work in your preferred increase method for the center as long as you end up with 24 stitches.

Pattern:

In **Yellow**, chain 5. Slip stitch to the first chain to form a ring. Chain 2. Work 12 DC into the ring. Join to the first DC of the round. (12 DC)

R2: Chain 2. DC into the 1st DC, 2 DC into each of the next 11 DC, DC into the same DC as the 1st. Join with **MC** to the first DC of the round, and fasten off **Yellow**. (24 DC)

R3: In **MC**, chain 1. SC into the 1st stitch, skip the next stitch, (3 DC, chain 2, 3 DC) into the next stitch, skip the next stitch, [SC into the next stitch, skip the next stitch, (3 DC, chain 2, 3 DC) into the next stitch, skip the next stitch] 5x. Join – I've done so to the same DC that the first SC is worked into to keep the shaping consistent with the rest of the petals, but you can experiment with joining here, to the first SC or even to the first DC. (6 Petals, 6 SC)

Fasten off, and weave in ends. If you've joined at the end to the same DC as the first stitch, you'll sew the two layers together before weaving in your ends.

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Coaster FAQs:

What is the best yarn to use to crochet a coaster? Can you crochet coasters with acrylic yarn?

I did use Lily Sugar n Cream for these coasters, but I really like using WeCrochet Dishie Yarn because it's colorfast, which means the colors are set. Cotton yarn is more durable and absorbent, but really you can use any worsted weight yarn out of your stash! I have a few coasters I've made myself using Red Heart Super Saver, which is a 100% acrylic yarn. A hot cup of coffee is not hot enough to melt synthetic fibers, and while it doesn't quite absorb the same way with cold beverages, it still holds the water and does not seep through to the surface. Lion Brand Wool Ease is another lovely yarn for coasters that I have used for some in my personal collection, and the wool adds to the durability and absorbency.

Gauge is not essential for this project so you can easily substitute another weight yarn that might be in your stash, such as a Lightweight #3 Yarn like Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton DK, or a Chunky Weight #5 Yarn like Lion Brand Hue and Me – you may need to test to make sure your mug or glass will sit well on the fabric if using a Chunky Weight Yarn.

Are crocheted coasters washable?

I like to use yarns for coasters that I know are easy to wash, like WeCrochet Dishie, Red Heart Super Saver and Lion Brand Wool Ease. These hold up well to use, and machine washing and drying, though hand washing and laying flat to dry is always best to preserve your crocheted items. With the yarns I mentioned, I know I can throw the coasters into the washing machine (on gentle and in cold water) and then into the dryer (on low heat) when it's time to clean them.

Do people use coasters?

Coasters are easy to keep handy in the kitchen, dining room, living room and office so it's easy to grab when you need it anytime you are drinking a delicious beverage and/or snacking – it's a great item to set down a tasty treat on as well.

Coasters are so versatile, they don't stop at being used for coffee or a snack. They are great little mats that work for all sorts of items like a small vase, plant, candle, pen or make up brush holder, lotions and more! They are also a great size for a dish scrubbie or large facial scrubbie. Coasters could easily work in any room of the house, and make great gifts too!

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