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Bigfoot's Cozy Cabin Coaster

A Beginner Crochet Pattern

One stitch · 30 minutes · Your first finished piece

WELCOME

Your First Finished Piece

START HERE

Bigfoot picked this pattern himself, and here's why: it's **small** (you finish fast — no abandoned blanket in a drawer), it uses only **one stitch** that you repeat the whole time, and the stitches are **big and easy to see**.

Make one for your mug tonight. Then make three more and you've got a gift set. This PDF walks you through every step with photos — if you've never held a crochet hook, you're in the right place.

> ***TIP —*** *Print this PDF at 125% zoom if you'd like larger text — it prints cleanly.*

Finished size: about 4.5 inches (11 cm) across · **Time:** about 30 minutes · **Skill:** absolute beginner · **Terms:** US

GATHER

Materials

STEP 1 OF 7



Everything you need: cream yarn, 6 mm ergonomic hook, scissors, yarn needle.

- **Yarn:** worsted weight (#4) acrylic or cotton, about 25 yards (23 m). Choose a **light color** — cream, pale yellow, light blue. Light yarn makes every stitch easier to see. Scraps work perfectly.
- **Hook:** 6 mm (US J-10). An **ergonomic / soft-grip hook** is kinder on hands and wrists.
- **Notions:** scissors and a yarn needle (the big blunt one) for weaving in ends.

> ***TIP —*** *Dark yarn + small hook = eye strain. Cream yarn + 6 mm hook = joy. Set yourself up to succeed.*

LEARN

The Only Stitch You Need

STEP 2 OF 7

This entire coaster is made with **double crochet (dc)** — plus a chain and a slip stitch to start. That's it. Learn this one stitch and the pattern is just repetition.

Abbreviations (US terms): ch = chain · sl st = slip stitch · dc = double crochet · st/sts = stitch/stitches · rnd = round



Hold the hook like a pencil — relaxed grip, yarn tensioned over your index finger.

Double crochet, step by step:

- **1.** Yarn over (wrap the yarn around your hook once).
- **2.** Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop — 3 loops on hook.
- **3.** Yarn over, pull through the first 2 loops — 2 loops left.
- **4.** Yarn over, pull through the last 2 loops — done! One double crochet.



Close-up: three loops on the hook mid-stitch — this is what correct looks like.

> ***TIP —*** *Practice 10 double crochets before starting the coaster. If they're wobbly, that's fine — Bigfoot's first ones looked like a bird's nest too.*

BEGIN

Starting Ring & Round 1

STEP 3 OF 7



Chain 4, then slip stitch into the first chain to form your ring.

Starting ring: ch 4, then sl st into the first chain to form a ring.

Round 1: ch 3 (this counts as your first dc), then work **11 dc** into the center of the ring. Sl st into the top of the starting ch-3 to join. **(12 dc total)**



Round 1 complete: 12 double crochets in the ring. Count them!

> ***TIP —*** *Count your stitches at the end of every round. Twelve now saves tears later.*

GROW

Round 2

STEP 4 OF 7

Round 2: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in the *same* stitch, then **2 dc in each stitch** all the way around. Sl st into the top of the ch-3 to join. **(24 dc total)**



Round 2 in progress: two stitches in every stitch doubles your circle to 24.

See how the circle is growing? Each round adds one more stitch between increases — that's the whole secret of a flat circle.

FINISH THE CIRCLE

Round 3

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Round 3: ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in the next st, then repeat 11 times: **dc in the next st, 2 dc in the following st**. Sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3 to join. **(36 dc total)**



Round 3 done: 36 stitches, about 4.5 inches across, lying perfectly flat.

Your coaster should lie flat and measure about 4.5 inches (11 cm) across. If it does — you just crocheted a coaster!

FIX

Troubleshooting

STEP 6 OF 7



Edges curling? Press gently and check your tension — most issues are fixed in seconds.

- **Edges curling up like a bowl?** You're crocheting too tightly. Relax your grip or try a bigger hook.
- **Edges rippling like a potato chip?** Too loose — or extra stitches snuck in. Count each round.
- **Hole in the center?** Pull your starting tail gently to close the ring tighter.
- **Uneven edges?** You may have missed the joining slip stitch. Count: 12 → 24 → 36.

> ***TIP —*** *Every crocheter — even Bigfoot — pulls out rows and starts again. It's called "frogging" (rip-it, rip-it). No shame in it.*

FINISH

Edge & Weaving In

STEP 7 OF 7

Finishing edge (optional but pretty): join a second color with a sl st in any stitch. Ch 1, then **sc in each stitch around** (36 sc). Sl st to join, cut the yarn leaving a 6-inch tail.



A second color worked in single crochet makes a crisp, pretty edge.

Weave in the ends: thread each tail onto your yarn needle and weave it back and forth through the stitches on the underside for about 2 inches. Trim close.



Weave tails through the underside stitches — invisible and secure.

Done — put your mug on it and admire your work. ■

ENJOY

Make It Yours

YOU DID IT



The finished coaster, already earning its keep.

- **Gift set:** make 4 in different colors and tie with ribbon.
- **Two-tone:** change color at the start of Round 3.
- **Bigger mat:** keep going — Round 4 is *dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next* (48 dc).



Four coasters, four colors, one ribbon — a gift set in an evening.

Senior-friendly reminders: crochet near a bright lamp · light yarn + big hook · 20 minutes, then stretch your hands and shoulders · it's always okay to unravel and retry.

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> ***TIP —*** *Next in the Fun Corner: Bigfoot's Granny Square, Stitch Bingo, and a printable crochet word search.*