

Complete Crochet Tutorial: Dragon on Embroidered Floral Base Mat

This step-by-step guide will walk you through creating an adorable crocheted dragon mounted on a beautifully embroidered floral base mat. Follow carefully and you'll be able to complete this project from start to finish with confidence!

COMPLETE TUTORIAL: CROCHET DRAGON ON EMBROIDERED BASE MAT

7 cm diameter
4 cm wide
1 cm total thick

FINAL PROJECT PREVIEW
FINAL DIMENSIONS: Approx. 45 CM (Length) x 30 CM (Width) - A. DRAGON (35cm), B. BASE MAT (30cm diameter, 1cm edge)

8 cm diameter 6 cm diameter

1 GETTING STARTED: MATERIALS & GAUGE

- Crochet 3.5mm, 8.5mm
- Crochet 5.0mm

Yarn Pink Purple Cream White

Needles
Scissors

Fiberfill
Measuring tape

Small safety eyes (e.g. 10mm)

10 sts x 10 rows
5 cm

2 CRAFTING THE DRAGON'S HEAD

Magic ring
Jaw
Main ridge: 12 cm length
Brow ridge
Safety eyes
Whiskers: 15 cm length

3 CROCHETING THE COILED BODY

Ribbed-stiffness
22 cm coil structure
12 cm

Color Change
Waver change
Wavy Scale
6 cm diameter
3 cm thick
12 cm

4 PREPARING THE FLORAL BASE MAT

Machine Plan:
30 CM
M-1. PINK FLOWER STITCH (Satin Stitch, 6cm)
M-2. PURPLE FLOWER STITCH (Blanket Stitch edge with Satin filler, 8cm)
Total Mat Diameter: 30 CM.

5 ASSEMBLY AND ATTACHMENT

Sew the limbs, horns, and ears to a head, then sew the head horn and attach sews the head.
Sew the whole head too to the body.
Sew the limbs.
Hand swt-stitched with strong thread onto the prepared for stability.

6 FINAL TOUCHES & LEGEND

'Quilt-As-You-Go'

KEY SEWING & QUILT METHODS (USA Techniques)

- A. Ladder Stitch (for hidden joining)
- B. Satin Stitch (dense floral fill)
- C. Blanket Stitch (for base mat edge)
- D. Appliqué (attaching crocheted parts to mat)
- E. Machine Quilting (if using multiple fabric layers)



Getting Started: Materials & Gauge

Before you begin, gather all your materials:

- Crochet hooks: 3.5 mm, 5.0 mm, and 8.5 mm
- Yarn colors: Pink, Purple, Cream, White
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Measuring tape
- Small safety eyes (approx. 10 mm)

Gauge

Make a small swatch:

- 10 stitches x 10 rows = 5 cm x 5 cm

This ensures your dragon and mat will match the intended size.



Crafting the Dragon's Head

Start with a **magic ring** using pink yarn.

Head Shape

- Work in continuous rounds, increasing gradually to form a rounded head.
- Shape the snout slightly forward.

Details

- **Brow ridge:** Add raised stitches above the eyes for expression.
- **Jaw:** Slightly elongate the front with increases.
- Insert **safety eyes** securely.

Extra Pieces

- **Horns (2):** Approx. 12 cm long, worked in cream yarn.
- **Main ridge:** Small curved piece along the head.
- **Whiskers:** Chain to about 15 cm length.

Lightly stuff the head and shape it before closing.

Crocheting the Coiled Body

The dragon's body is worked as a long tube, then shaped into a coil.

Structure

- Length: approx. 22 cm
- Width: approx. 4 cm

Technique

- Use **ribbed stitching** to create a textured, flexible tube.
- Alternate purple and cream yarn for a **wavy scale effect**.

Color Changes

- Change colors every few rows to create a flowing, organic pattern.

Final Shape

- Coil the body into a ring:
 - Outer diameter: 12 cm
 - Inner opening: 6 cm
 - Thickness: approx. 3 cm

Lightly stuff while working to maintain structure.

Preparing the Floral Base Mat

This base is a quilted and embroidered fabric circle.

Dimensions

- Total diameter: 30 cm
- Edge thickness: approx. 1 cm

Embroidery Design

- Add floral motifs:
 - Pink flowers (approx. 6 cm)
 - Purple flowers (approx. 8 cm)

Stitching Techniques

- **Satin stitch:** Fill flower petals densely
- **Blanket stitch:** Finish the outer edge
- **Machine quilting (optional):** For layered stability

Divide the mat into sections to evenly space your floral designs.

Assembly and Attachment

Now bring all parts together!

Attach Dragon Parts

- Sew horns, whiskers, and ridge onto the head.
- Attach limbs to the body.
- Sew the head securely onto one end of the coiled body.

Secure the Body

- Stitch the coiled body firmly so it holds its circular shape.

Attach to Base

- Place the dragon coil at the center opening of the mat.
- Use strong thread and **hidden ladder stitches** to attach the dragon to the fabric base.

Ensure everything is tightly secured for durability.

Final Touches & Finishing

Stabilization

- Reinforce all seams with extra stitching if needed.

Quilt-As-You-Go Option

- If using layered fabric, quilt sections as you assemble for extra structure.

Final Check

- Adjust stuffing if needed
- Shape the dragon's face and body
- Trim any loose threads



Key Techniques Used

- Ladder stitch (hidden joins)
- Satin stitch (floral fill)
- Blanket stitch (edges)
- Appliqué (attaching crochet to fabric)
- Basic quilting methods