


Crochet Butterfly Playmat & Toy Tutorial

This step-by-step tutorial teaches you how to create a beautiful **Crochet Butterfly Playmat with a matching butterfly toy head**, based on the diagram provided. The finished mat measures approximately **120 cm (47 in)** in diameter, making it perfect as a **baby playmat, nursery decor piece, or cozy floor mat.**



CROCHET BUTTERFLY PLAYMAT TUTORIAL (US TERMS)

MAT BODY (Cutter size: ~120cm diameter)

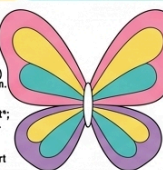
MATERIALS:
Yarn: Super Bulky (e.g., Bernat Blanket), Main Color (Pale Yellow).
Hook: US F/10 (15mm).
Notions: Large yarn needle.

PATTERN STEPS:
1. Start: Make a magic ring (MR).
2. Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as hdc), 11 Half-Double (HDC) in MR. Join. (12 hdc)
3. Rnd 2: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same st. Increase: 2 hdc in each st around. Join. (24 hdc)
4. Rnd 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st. *1 hdc, 2 hdc* around. Join. (36 hdc)
5. Continue increasing evenly each round (Rnd 4: *2 hdc, 2hdc in next*; Rnd 5: *3 hdc, 2hdc in next*, etc.) until desired diameter (~120cm). Secure and weave in ends.

EDGE BOBBLES (x8):
Detailed steps to make a Bobble stitch and attach: *Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop (3 on hook). Yarn over, pull through 2 (2 on hook). Repeat 3 more times. Yarn over, pull through all 5 loops on hook.* Attach at 8 equally spaced intervals.

LARGE SEW-ON WINGS (x2 pairs)

Large Wing Details (x2 total pairs):
Cut patterns provided below for shape.





STITCHES:
Double Crochet (DC), Slip Stitch (SLST), Single Crochet (SC).
Change colors every 2 rows.


PATTERN: Starting at center seam, Ch (calculated length), Rnd 1: DC across, 3 DC in end chain, DC back, 2 DC in last last chain (oval start). Work back and forth, changing colors, and increasing at curves according to the pattern templates.


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ABBREVIATIONS:
Ch (Chain) DC (Double Crochet)
SLST (Slip Stitch) DC (Double Crochet)
SC (Single Crochet) St (Stitch)
MR (Magic Ring)


CHAIN STITCH (Ch): 


SINGLE CROCHET (SC): 



DOUBLE CROCHET (DC): 

HALF-DOUBLE CROCHET (HDC): 

SLIP STITCH (SLST): 

MAGIC RING (MR):  (Start position)

BOBBLE STITCH (Used for edge bobbles):

(4-DC cluster hook = (4-DC loops (3 on hook) & yarn over 3 more times, pull through all instructions).

JOINING TECHNIQUES:
invisible join  whip stitch seam 

CROCHET BUTTERFLY TOY HEAD & EYES (US TERMS)

MATERIALS:
Yarn: Bulky/Super Bulky (Pale Yellow, Pink, Hook: US R/10.5 (6.5mm). Safety eyes (20mm). Fiberfill stuffing.

HEAD (Pale Yellow):
1. MR, 8 SC in MR. Join.
2. 2 SC in each SC around. (12 sc)
3. *1 sc, 2 SC in next*. (18 sc)
4. Continue increasing to a wide circle, work several rounds even, then decrease to close. Stuff firmly before closing.

EYES (Large, as seen):
Detail on construction, adding highlights. Attach safety eyes at round 8.

SNOUT (Pink):
MR, 6 SC. 2 SC in each. Work 2 rounds even. Single crochet into head.

ANTENNAE (Pale Yellow & Pink tips):
Instructions for making two stalk antennae.

TOY WINGS (Attach after head is made): Match patterns, use smaller hook (5.5mm) and Bulky yarn. Colors and stitches similar to main mat.

PATTERN TEMPLATE & REFERENCE GUIDE

FULL PATTERN TEMPLATE (Scale to fit desired dimensions)

BORBOLETA (BUTTERFLY) PATTERN
Cut 2

ASA BOROLETA (BUTTERFLY) WING SECTIONS, x4 Small Toy Pieces

ASA WINGS
Cut 4

YARN COLOR KEY

- Body/Base
- Wing, Snout
- Wing & Toy Wing
- Wing
- Wing
- Wing Top
- Toy Eye details

The design includes:

- A large circular crochet mat
- Four colorful butterfly wings sewn onto the mat
- Decorative bobble edges
- A cute butterfly toy head with eyes, snout, and antennae

All instructions use **US crochet terminology** so crocheters in the United States can easily follow.



Materials

Yarn

Use **super bulky or bulky yarn** for a soft cushioned mat.

Suggested colors:

- Pale Yellow (main body)
- Pink
- Teal
- Bright Yellow
- Purple

Example yarn type: blanket yarn or chenille yarn.

Hook

- US **P / Q (15 mm)** for the mat
- US **J / 10 (6 mm)** for the toy head and small pieces

Other Supplies

- Yarn needle (large eye)
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- Fiberfill stuffing
- 20 mm safety eyes
- Sewing pins (optional)

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **Ch** – Chain
- **Sl st** – Slip stitch
- **Sc** – Single crochet
- **Hdc** – Half double crochet
- **Dc** – Double crochet
- **MR** – Magic ring
- **St** – Stitch

Special stitch used:

Bobble Stitch (BOB)

Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over pull through 2.

Repeat 4 times in same stitch (5 loops on hook), yarn over pull through all loops.

Step 1: Crochet the Circular Mat Base

The mat is worked in **continuous expanding rounds** using half-double crochet.

Round 1

Create a **magic ring (MR)**.

Ch 2 (does not count as a stitch).

Work **12 Hdc inside the magic ring**.

Join with a slip stitch.

Total: **12 stitches**

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work **2 Hdc in each stitch around**.

Join with slip stitch.

Total: **24 stitches**

Round 3

Ch 2.

Work pattern:

1 Hdc in next stitch
2 Hdc in next stitch

Repeat around.

Total: **36 stitches**

Round 4

Ch 2.

Pattern:

1 Hdc in next 2 stitches
2 Hdc in next stitch

Repeat around.

Total: **48 stitches**

Continue Expanding

Each round increases evenly:

Round pattern example:

- Round 5 → 3 Hdc, inc
- Round 6 → 4 Hdc, inc
- Round 7 → 5 Hdc, inc

Continue increasing until the circle reaches **about 120 cm (47 inches)** diameter.

Tip: Lay the mat flat frequently to ensure it **does not curl or ripple**.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Step 2: Add Decorative Edge Bobbles

The mat has **8 evenly spaced bobbles** around the outer edge.

Positioning

Place markers at **8 equal points** around the mat.

How to Make Each Bobble

Insert hook into marked stitch.

Yarn over, pull up loop

Yarn over pull through 2

Repeat **4 more times in same stitch**.

You now have **5 loops on hook**.

Yarn over and pull through all loops.

Secure with **slip stitch**.

Repeat at all 8 marked points.

These bobbles act as **cute rounded accents resembling butterfly body segments**.

Step 3: Crochet the Large Butterfly Wings

You will make **4 wings total** (2 large pairs).

The wings are crocheted separately and sewn to the mat.

Colors for Each Wing

Typical layout:

- Pink outer layer
- Teal middle layer
- Yellow center
- Purple accent edge

You may change colors every **2 rows**.

Basic Wing Construction

Start from the **center seam** of the butterfly.

1. Chain a base chain that matches the center height of the wing.
2. Work **double crochet rows** outward.
3. Increase at curved edges by adding **2 dc in one stitch**.
4. Shape curves by placing increases toward outer edges.

Continue following the curved shape shown in the template until the wing shape is complete.

Make **4 identical wings**.



Step 4: Sew the Wings onto the Mat

Place the mat flat.

Position wings like a butterfly:

Top Left

Top Right

Bottom Left

Bottom Right

Use **yarn needle and matching yarn**.

Sew along the **center seam of each wing**, attaching them to the mat.

Leave outer edges free so wings maintain their **3D raised look**.

Secure firmly and weave in ends.



Step 5: Crochet the Butterfly Toy Head

Use **smaller hook (6 mm)**.

Round 1

Magic ring
6 Sc inside ring

Total: 6

Round 2

2 Sc in each stitch around

Total: 12

Round 3

1 Sc, increase

Repeat around

Total: 18

Round 4–8

Sc evenly in each stitch.

This forms the **rounded head shape**.

Step 6: Add Safety Eyes

Insert **20 mm safety eyes** between **Rounds 5 and 6**.

Spacing: about **6 stitches apart**.

Secure backing firmly.

Step 7: Crochet the Snout

Round 1

Magic ring
6 Sc

Round 2

Increase around

Total: 12

Rounds 3–4
Sc evenly.

Lightly stuff and sew to center of face.

Step 8: Crochet the Nose

Using pink yarn:

Magic ring
6 Sc

Work **2 rounds even**.

Attach to snout.

Step 9: Make the Antennae

Chain **10 stitches**.

Work **slip stitches back along the chain**.

At the tip make a **small bobble or knot**.

Make **2 antennae** and sew to top of head.

Step 10: Stuff and Close the Head

Stuff the head firmly with fiberfill.

Decrease evenly:

Sc 2 together around.

Continue decreasing until hole closes.

Sew shut.

Step 11: Crochet Small Decorative Wings for the Toy

Using smaller hook:

Make **two tiny wings** following the same color pattern as the mat.

Work:

Chain base

Double crochet increases to create curved shape.

Attach to back of toy head.

Step 12: Final Assembly

Position the toy head at the **front edge of the playmat**.

Sew securely using strong yarn.

Ensure the head sits slightly raised.

Check all seams and weave in loose ends.

Finished Project

You now have a **large butterfly crochet playmat with a cute butterfly toy head**.

Features:

- Soft cushioned circular mat
- Colorful layered butterfly wings
- Decorative bobble edge
- Amigurumi butterfly face

Approximate finished size:

Mat diameter: 120 cm (47 inches)

Perfect for:

- Baby tummy time
- Nursery decoration
- Gift for baby showers
- Children's playroom