

DIY Crochet Cow Baby Mat & Head

COMPLETE CROCHET COW RUG TUTORIAL - US TERMS

FINISHED SIZE: 120cm (47") Diameter

DIFFICULTY: Intermediate



MATERIALS & TOOLS

Fibers: Super Bulky (Size 6)
Yarn - (W)hite, (B)lack, (P)ink,
(T)an, and (N)atural horns color

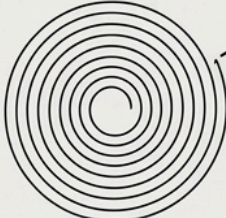
Hook: 10mm (US N/P-15) for
Rug Body; 6mm (US J-10) for
Head and Details

Tools: Yarn needle, stuffing,
stuffing, safety eyes (15mm),
stitch markers

TERMINOLOGY LEGEND

ch  
ch: Chain stitch
sl st: Slip stitch
sc: Single crochet (US) /
Double crochet (UK)
hdc: Half double crochet
dc: Double crochet
inc: Increase (2 stitches
in same)
dec: Decrease (invisible)
sc2tog: Single crochet
two together
BPsc/FPsc: Back post/Front
post single crochet (for rug edge)

1. RUG BODY (W/B)



- **R1:** With W, 6 sc in magic ring (or use sl st to ring).
- **R2:** 2 sc in each st around (12 sc). Use a contrasting color yarn as a stitch marker.
- **R3:** (Sc, inc) x 6 (18 sc).
- Continue in sc increase pattern to desired size (e.g., 60 rounds total for 120cm), changing to Black color randomly to create spots.



- Snout (W/BP)

- (e.g. Ch 10. **R1:** sc in 2nd ch, sc across, 3 sc in end ch, rotate, sc across, 2 sc in last ch. 22 sc).
- Join snout, in the size. Stuff.
- Continue increases.
- Add nostrils.
- **Final edge:** 2 rounds of BPsc for stability.

2. HEAD (W/B/P)

- Snout (Pink)



Continue, cover
outsessen.
Add nostrils.

- Ears:

Wtuck, Ch 5,
Ch sc, q.
R1: sc4.
R2: ch 1, hdc
2, dc 2, sc 1
Repsnout.
Stuff.

- Horns (Tan/Natural)

- Short-st-to-decrease:

R2: sc in ring, R2: sc 6,
R4: sc 5, inc, inc. Continue
to shape. Join to head.

3. LEGS (W/B)



• Hoof (B):

- Start with 6 sc in
ring, increase, do
several rounds even.

• Leg shaft (W):

- Switch color,
continue in sc.



- Attach to rug body.

This detailed step-by-step tutorial will guide you from start to finish to create an adorable crochet cow baby mat with a soft amigurumi head. Follow carefully and you'll be able to complete the entire project, even if you're still improving your crochet skills 💕

Step 1: Tools & Materials

Before starting, gather everything you need so your workflow stays smooth and enjoyable.

Yarn:

- White yarn (main color – medium/worsted weight)
- Black yarn (for spots and details)
- Pink yarn (for snout and inner ears)

Hook & Notions:

- 9 mm crochet hook (for the mat)
- 4 mm crochet hook (for the head and details)
- Safety eyes (12 mm)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Make sure your yarn is soft and baby-friendly since this is intended for a baby mat 🧸

Step 2: Crochet the Main Mat Body

This part creates the large circular base where the baby will lie.

Start the Circle

- Using **white yarn** and your 9 mm hook:
- Begin with a **Magic Ring (MR)**
- Round 1: Work **6 single crochet (sc)** into the ring

Increase the Circle

You will now work in continuous rounds, increasing evenly to form a flat circle.

- Round 2: 2 sc in each stitch (12 stitches)
- Round 3: (1 sc, inc) repeat around (18)
- Round 4: (2 sc, inc) repeat (24)
- Continue increasing in this pattern:
 - Each round adds one more single crochet between increases

Keep expanding until the mat reaches approximately **120 cm (about 47 inches) in diameter**

Add Cow Spots 🐮

- At random intervals, switch to **black yarn**
- Crochet irregular shapes directly into the circle
- Do not overthink symmetry—natural, uneven spots look more realistic

Tip:

When changing colors:

- Finish the last yarn-over of the stitch with the new color
- Carry yarn neatly to avoid tangling

🐮 Step 3: Amigurumi Cow Head

Switch to your **4 mm hook** for detailed work.

Head Base (Worked in Rounds)

- Start with **white yarn**
- Round 1: MR, 6 sc
- Round 2: inc in each stitch (12)
- Round 3: (*1 sc, inc*) (18)
- Continue increasing until the head is nicely rounded

Shape the Head

- Work several rounds without increases to build height
- Begin decreasing gradually to close the shape later

Snout (Pink Section)

- Attach **pink yarn** at the front area
- Crochet a slightly protruding oval shape
- Add **nostril embroidery** using black yarn

Insert Safety Eyes 👁️

- Place eyes symmetrically above the snout
- Secure firmly from inside before stuffing

Stuff the Head

- Fill with fiberfill gradually
- Shape evenly to avoid lumps

Step 4: Ears, Horns & Limbs

Ears (Make 4 pieces: 2 inner + 2 outer)

- Inner ear: pink yarn
- Outer ear: white/black yarn
- Crochet oval shapes
- Sew inner ear onto outer ear

Horns (Make 2)

- Use beige or light brown yarn
- Work small cones:
 - MR, 4 sc
 - Increase slightly, then work straight rounds
- Lightly stuff

Legs (Make 4 total)

Front Legs (2):

- Simple cylindrical shapes
- Use black yarn at the base, then white

Back Legs (2):

- Slightly flatter shape
- Follow a pattern like:
 - Chain base
 - Work around both sides
 - Shape using increases and decreases

Stuff lightly so they keep shape but remain soft

Step 5: Assembly

Now bring everything together ✨

Attach the Head

- Position the head at the **edge of the mat**
- Sew securely using a tapestry needle
- Make sure it is centered and stable

Attach Ears & Horns

- Sew ears slightly to the sides of the head
- Attach horns on top

Attach Legs

- Place legs evenly around the mat edge
- Sew securely
- Keep spacing symmetrical for balance

Final Touches

- Weave in all yarn ends carefully
- Double-check all attachments for safety

Step 6: Finishing & Care

To make your project look polished and last longer:

- Lightly **steam block** the mat if needed (do not overheat acrylic yarn)
- Wash gently in **cold water**
- Reshape and lay flat to dry

Final Tips

- Take your time with increases—this ensures a flat mat
- Keep stitches consistent for a professional look
- Use stitch markers to track rounds
- Always prioritize safety when making baby items (secure eyes and seams!)