

Detailed Crochet Tutorial: Floral Teacup Mat

DETAILED TUTORIAL: The Floral Teacup Mat

CROCHET PATTERN CHART (US TERMS)

Color Key

Off-White Blue

Blue

Teacup Border
 sc in 1st t st, hdc sk next st, sc in next
 sc in 1st st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next
 sc in 4th st, sc in next

Teacup Body
 INTARSIA FLOWER DETAIL

Handle
 sc, sc, then sc with increases

Saucer (Base)
 2 ldc, ch 1 in 1 st

Saucer Scalloped Edge

SURFACE EMBROIDERY

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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. SAUCER BASE (Off-White)
 R1: MR, 12 hdc.
 R2: inc in each st around (24 hdc).
 R3: *hdc 1, inc* (36 hdc)... to R9
 R4: *hdc 5, inc* (108 hdc).
 R5: *hdc 17, inc* (108 hdc).
 R9: *hdc 7, inc* (108 hdc).

2. TEACUP BODY (Off-White)
 R10: ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in BL only of prev. round, join (forms the crease).
 R11-16: hdc even.
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3. SCALLOPED BORDER (Blue)
 Join blue yarn. Ch 1, sc in same st, sk 1 st, 5 dc in next st (SCALLOP CLUSTER), sk 1 st, sl st in next. Repeat * to *.

4. HANDLE (Blue)
 (Separate chain instruction)
 Ch 31, turn.
 R1: sc 30, turn.
 R2: *sc 5, inc*, repeat... sat next.

5. FINISHING
 Attach handle to teacup body. Block to shape.

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LEGEND OF KEY US CROCHET STITCHES AND TECHNIQUES

○	MR	tr	Foundation chain: 5 with increases	Ⓜ	MR	Intarsia Color Changing (Int)
○	ch	sc	sc: sc ch 2 (counts as hdc), sk next st, next st, sc in next	Ⓜ	Magic Ring (MR)	Join blue yarn. Ch 1, sc in same st, sk 1 st in next and pull through 1 Intarsia and changing 2 loops.
•	sl st	hdc	Intransite crab: 2 hdc in 1 st.	dec	inc. Yarn in st, st, 1 st.	Scalloped Border Technique (SCB)
⌈	dc	⌋	Double Crochet: Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through remaining 2 loops.	↔	Intarsia Color Changing (Int)	Scalloped Border (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through remaining 2 loops.
					Surface changes (tn/ color embroidery).	

This beautiful floral teacup mat combines shaping, texture, and colorwork to create a decorative piece perfect for tables, trays, or wall décor. Follow this complete step-by-step guide carefully, and you'll be able to recreate it from start to finish—even as an intermediate crocheter.

Materials You Will Need

- Worsted weight yarn:
 - Off-white (main color)
 - Blue (contrast color)
- Crochet hook (recommended: 4.0 mm / G-6)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

- Stitch markers (optional but helpful)

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- inc = increase (2 stitches in same stitch)
- sk = skip
- st = stitch
- BLO = back loop only

Step 1: Saucer Base (Off-White)

Start with the base that supports the teacup.

Round 1

- Make a **magic ring (MR)**
- Work **12 hdc into the ring**
- Join with sl st

Round 2

- Work **2 hdc in each stitch around**
- (24 hdc total)

Round 3

- Pattern: *hdc 1, inc*
- Repeat around (36 hdc)

Round 4

- Pattern: *hdc 5, inc*
- Repeat around (108 hdc total)

Round 5

- Pattern: *hdc 17, inc*
- Repeat around (108 hdc)

Round 6–9

- Continue evenly with **hdc stitches**, maintaining shape and size

You now have a wide circular base.



Step 2: Saucer Scalloped Edge (Blue)

Switch to blue yarn to create the decorative edge.

- Join blue yarn
- Ch 1
- In same stitch: sc
- Skip 1 stitch
- In next stitch: **5 dc (scallop cluster)**
- Skip 1 stitch
- Sl st in next stitch

Repeat this pattern all the way around:

👉 *sc, skip 1, 5 dc in next, skip 1, sl st*

This forms the scalloped border of the saucer.



Step 3: Teacup Body (Off-White)

Now we build the cup on top of the saucer.

Round 10

- Ch 2 (counts as hdc)
- Work **hdc in BLO only** around
- Join with sl st

This creates a crease that lifts the cup upward.

Rounds 11–16

- Continue with **hdc evenly**
- Maintain vertical shaping

Intarsia Flower Detail

- Begin incorporating blue yarn in designated stitches
- Follow floral placement from the chart:
 - Flowers are centered on the cup front
 - Use **intarsia technique**:
 - Drop unused yarn behind work
 - Pick up color as needed
 - Keep tension even

Take your time here—this is the decorative highlight of the project.

Step 4: Teacup Border (Top Edge)

Switch to blue yarn again.

Work along the top edge with this pattern:

- sc in first stitch
- hdc in next stitch
- skip next stitch
- sc in next stitch

Continue around, forming a slightly textured rim.

Decorative Cross Detail

- Chain 1 spaces between stitches
- Skip stitches strategically
- Work crossing stitches to mimic the “X” design shown in the chart

This creates the elegant teacup rim finish.

Step 5: Handle (Blue)

The handle is worked separately and attached later.

Foundation

- Chain 31, turn

Row 1

- sc across (30 sc)

Row 2

- Pattern: *sc 5, inc*
- Repeat across

This creates a slight curve.

Shaping

- Continue increasing gradually on one side
- Maintain smooth curvature

Final Step

- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing



Step 6: Attach the Handle

- Position handle on the right side of the cup
- Sew both ends securely using a yarn needle
- Make sure it aligns naturally with the cup curve



Step 7: Surface Embroidery (Optional Enhancement)

Using blue yarn:

- Add small stitches to enhance flower outlines
- Define petals and stems if desired
- Keep stitches light and decorative

🌟 Step 8: Finishing

- Weave in all loose ends
- Gently block your piece:
 - Shape the scallops evenly
 - Flatten the saucer
 - Adjust the handle curve

Let it dry completely.

🎉 Final Result

You now have a stunning **Floral Teacup Mat** featuring:

- A structured saucer base
- A dimensional teacup body
- A decorative scalloped edge
- A beautifully shaped handle
- Elegant floral detailing

This piece works wonderfully as:

- A table centerpiece ☕
- A mug mat 🌸
- A wall decoration 🎨