

# DIY Crochet Cow Baby Mat & Head

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.

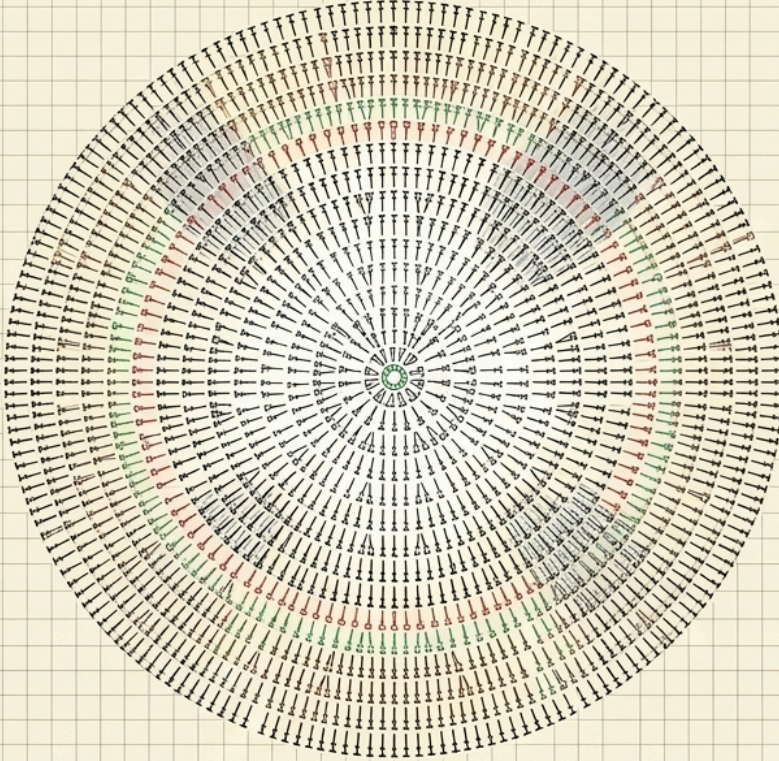
### **Start the Circle**

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

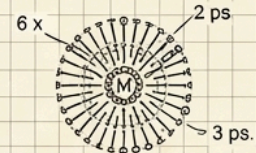
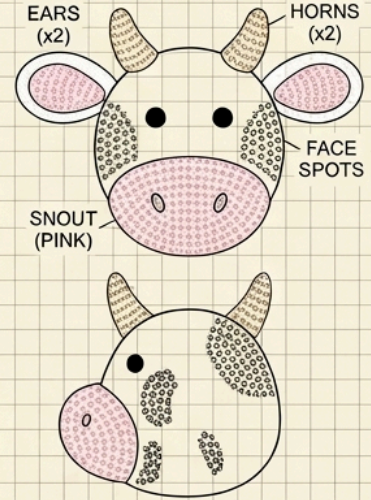
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**MAIN RUG BODY**  
(based on the body of a dog)

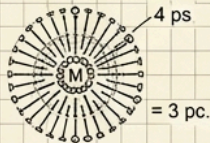


**HEAD ASSEMBLY**  
(based on the head of a fox)



**SPOT PATTERN**  
(blacaa placement)

**1. SINGLE SPOT APPLIQUÉ**  
(stitch count for placement)



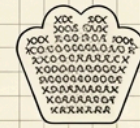
**2. SINGLE EAR**  
(inner pink & outer white)



**3. SINGLE HORN**  
(count & xim horna)



**4. SINGLE PAW**  
(count & sampa)



**Legenda de Pontos STITCH LEGEND (Legenda de Pontos)**

(M) = Magic Circle	X = Single Crochet	∨ = Increase	‡ = Double crochet	☐ = Single Paw
‡ = Single Spot	‡ = Double Increases	x = Ragle Spots	☐ = Single Sinch	

**FINAL SIZE SCALE** (Approx. 120cm)

**YARN TYPE:** Super Bulky (e.g., Cotton Rope 5mm)

## 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!)