Crochet
Christmas Coasters

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~1.5 hours for a set of 4 | 11.5 cm (4.5 in) across

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) cotton yarn in red, approx. 40 yds (for 4 coasters)
- Worsted-weight (#4) cotton yarn in white, approx. 40 yds (for 4 coasters)
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker
- A towel and a few pins, for blocking

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- dc = double crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Step 1: Start with the Magic Ring



- With red yarn, make a magic ring.
- Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), work 11 dc into the ring. Pull the ring tight and join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. [12 dc]
- Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in the same st, then work 2 dc in every st around. Join with a sl st. [24 dc]
- Check the circle lies flat. If it ripples, switch to a 3.5 mm hook.

Step 2: Build the Peppermint Swirl



- Rnd 3 (white): Ch 3, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) rep around. Join. [36 dc]
- Rnd 4 (red): Ch 3, (dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) rep around. Join. [48 dc]
- Rnd 5 (white): Ch 3, (dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) rep around. Join. [60 dc]
- The alternating red and white rounds fan out from the center like a peppermint candy.
- Carry the unused colour up the back instead of cutting it at every change.

Step 3: Add the Scalloped Edge



- Rnd 6 (white): Join white yarn with a sl st in any st.
- Skip 1 st, work 5 dc in the next st, skip 1 st, sl st in the next st - rep all the way around. [15 shells]
- Fasten off and weave in the white tail.
- Sixty stitches divide neatly into 15 shells, so count as you go - 14 or 16 means a skipped stitch somewhere.

Step 4: Repeat for a Set of Four



- Repeat Steps 1-3 three more times with the same colours and hook, so all four coasters match.
- Count round 5 of each coaster before adding the edge - every coaster needs exactly 60 stitches.
- A coaster with 58 stitches will look noticeably smaller than its siblings.

Step 5: Weave In Ends & Block



- Weave in all yarn ends on the back of each coaster, working the tails through the backs of several stitches.
- Trim the tails close.
- Lay the coasters flat on a towel, pin each one into a perfect circle and mist lightly with water.
- Leave them to dry completely before stacking.

Step 6: Stack, Tie & Style



- Stack the four coasters.
- Wrap natural twine around the stack twice and tie it in a bow.
- Style on the coffee table next to a mug of hot cocoa, or tuck a set into a gift basket.
- Your peppermint coaster set is done!

Tips

- Use cotton yarn for coasters, always. It absorbs drips, survives hot mugs and goes straight in the washing machine.

- Keep your tension even from coaster to coaster. Count round 5 (60 stitches) every time so all four match.

- Carry the yarn up the back instead of cutting it. You will have half as many ends to weave in.