

Baby Dragon Rug & Head Pillow – PATTERN

FULL CROCHET TUTORIAL: BABY DRAGON RUG & HEAD PILLOW

Detailed Instructions in US Terminology

PROJECT SPECS & MATERIALS

- **Recommended Hook:** G/6 (4.0mm) 
- **Yarn:** Bulky or Super Bulky (#5 or #6 weight) for body, lighter for details.
- **Recommended Yarn Brand (Illustrative):**
 -  'Fae Fibre'
 -  Pink
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Soft Green (Main) Pink (Ears, (Cram) Paws Black (Eyes)
- **Gauge:** 10 sts x 12 rows = 4 inches (10cm) in SC
- **Other Materials:** Polyester Fiberfill, Darning Needle, Stitch Markers, 12mm Safety Eyes (Optional)

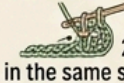
QUICK REFERENCE US CROCHET TERMINOLOGY KEY

SC (Single Crochet)



Insert hook, YO, pull through 1 loop, YO, pull through both loops

INC (Increase)



2 SC in the same stitch

DC (Double Crochet)



YO, insert hook, YO, pull through 1 loop, (YO, pull through 2 loops) x 2

DEC (Decrease)



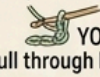
SC 2 together

SL ST (Slip Stitch)



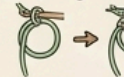
Insert YO, through loop AND loop on hook

CH (Chain)



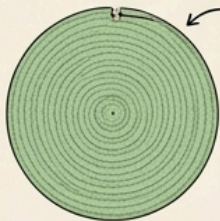
YO, pull through loop

MR (Magic Ring)



STEP-BY-STEP: DRAGON BODY RUG

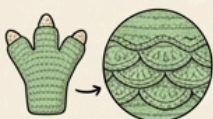
Step 1: THE FOUNDATION (The Flat Rug Base)



Start with MR.
Rnd 1: 8 SC in MR.
Rnd 2: INC in each st around (16).
Rnd 3: (1 SC, 1 INC) x 8 (24)...
 Cont. increasing 8 sts per rnd until desired diameter (approx. 36"). Use SC or specialized stitches for texture.

Step 2: ADDING TEXTURE (Scales/Paws)

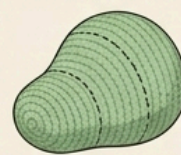
Paws (Make 4): Small SC tubes ending in DEC. Sew to Rnd x.



Scales (The texture from <IMAGE>): Over a base SC fabric, work a series of shells (e.g., [DC, DC, DC, DC, DC, DC, DC] in one st, skip 2 sts, SC). Follow a textured pattern or on or layer.

STEP-BY-STEP: DRAGON HEAD PILLOW

Step 1: HEAD (Main green)



Start at snout (bottom), inc to form head, then dec towards back.

Work 1st rnd (approx 18 SC) in MR. Increments follow pattern until peak width, then decrease. Add detail line with Surface SL ST.

Step 2: HORNS, EARS, & FEATURES

Horns (Make 2 - Cream): Small cones with SC.



Ears (Make 2): Flat pink inner ear (e.g., triangle shape) and larger green outer ear (e.g., shell shape), stitch inner to outer, then shape.




Step 3: ASSEMBLING HEAD

Stuff head firmly. Add nostrils. Stitch horns and ears. Use cream yarn for details.

FINAL ASSEMBLY & TIPS



Finishing Touch: Add a light dusting of steam (smoke) for a playful look 

This detailed tutorial will guide you step by step through creating an adorable **Baby Dragon Rug with a Matching Head Pillow**. The rug forms the dragon's body and textured scales, while the stuffed head becomes a soft pillow. The instructions use **US crochet terminology** and are written so that beginners and experienced crocheters alike can successfully complete the project.

By carefully following each step, you will be able to crochet the rug base, add the dragon scale texture and paws, create the dragon head pillow, and assemble everything into a charming finished piece.

Project Specifications & Materials

Before beginning, gather all the materials needed to complete the project.

Recommended Hook

Use a **G/6 (4.0 mm) crochet hook**. This hook size provides tight, sturdy stitches that help the rug keep its shape.

Yarn

Use **Bulky or Super Bulky yarn (#5 or #6 weight)** for the main body of the rug to give it thickness and softness. For smaller details you may use a slightly lighter yarn if preferred.

Suggested Yarn Colors

Soft Green – main dragon body
Pink – inside ears and decorative accents
Cream – horns and optional facial details
Black – eyes (if embroidering)

Gauge

10 stitches × 12 rows = 4 inches (10 cm) using **single crochet stitches**

Additional Materials

Polyester fiberfill (for stuffing the dragon head pillow)
Yarn or darning needle
Stitch markers
12 mm safety eyes (optional)
Scissors

Crochet Abbreviations Used (US Terms)

SC – Single Crochet

DC – Double Crochet

INC – Increase (2 stitches in the same stitch)
DEC – Decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together)
SL ST – Slip Stitch
CH – Chain
MR – Magic Ring
YO – Yarn Over

Understanding these abbreviations will make the instructions easier to follow throughout the tutorial.

Step 1: Creating the Dragon Rug Foundation (Flat Circular Base)

The rug begins with a **large flat circle**, which will become the dragon's body.

Start by making a **Magic Ring (MR)**.

Round 1

Work **8 single crochet stitches into the magic ring**.
Pull the ring tight and join with a slip stitch into the first stitch.

Round 2

Work **2 single crochet in each stitch around**.
You should now have **16 stitches total**.

Round 3

Work the pattern (**1 SC, 1 INC**) repeated around the circle.
This increases the stitch count to **24 stitches**.

Round 4

Work (**2 SC, 1 INC**) around.

Round 5

Work (**3 SC, 1 INC**) around.

Continue increasing the circle by **adding 8 stitches every round**. Each new round increases the number of single crochet stitches between increases.

Example progression

Round 6 → (4 SC, INC)

Round 7 → (5 SC, INC)

Round 8 → (6 SC, INC)

Continue crocheting this way until the circular rug reaches approximately **36 inches in diameter**, or the desired size for your rug.

Tips for maintaining a flat circle

Keep tension consistent

Use stitch markers to mark the beginning of each round

If the rug begins to curve upward, loosen your tension slightly

Once the base is the correct size, fasten off or prepare to add texture directly on top.

Step 2: Adding Texture – Dragon Scales

The dragon body becomes magical when you add the **scale texture pattern**.

The scales are created using **shell-like clusters of double crochet stitches**.

How to create a scale cluster

Work into one stitch and crochet the following sequence:

DC, DC, DC, DC, DC, DC, DC, DC

This forms a raised shell that looks like a dragon scale.

Scale Placement

Skip **2 stitches**, then work the next shell cluster into the following stitch.

Pattern Example

1 scale cluster in next stitch

Skip 2 stitches

Repeat around the round

Continue following the scale pattern across the rug surface. You may arrange scales in:

- Rows
- Spiral rounds
- Layered offset rows for a more realistic dragon scale look

The goal is to create a **rich textured surface** covering most of the rug.

Tip

If the scales feel too dense, increase the number of skipped stitches slightly.

Step 3: Making the Dragon Paws

The dragon rug includes **four small paws** attached to the sides.

Make 4 paws.

Start with a chain of **4 stitches**.

Round 1

Work **single crochet in each chain stitch**.

Continue crocheting in a small tube shape using single crochet stitches.

Round 2–6

Work **SC in each stitch around** to create a short cylinder.

Round 7

Begin shaping the end of the paw by decreasing.

Work **SC 2 together (DEC)** around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flatten the open end slightly and shape it to resemble a dragon foot.

Repeat until you have **four paws**.

Attach the paws evenly spaced around the rug edge using a yarn needle.

Step 4: Crocheting the Dragon Head Pillow

The dragon head is crocheted separately and later attached to the rug. This piece is **stuffed to form a pillow**.

Use the same **main green yarn**.

Start from the **snout area** and gradually shape the head.

Round 1

Create a **Magic Ring** and work approximately **18 SC into the ring**.

Round 2

Increase evenly around by placing **2 SC in every third stitch**.

Round 3

Continue increasing to widen the head.

Round 4–7

Work **SC in each stitch** to build the length of the snout and forehead.

Rounds 8–10

Add increases where needed to create the **widest part of the head**.

After reaching the widest point, begin shaping the back of the head.

Rounds 11–14

Work gradual **decreases** using SC2TOG until the head begins to close.

Before closing completely, **stuff the head firmly with fiberfill**.

Add more stuffing until the pillow feels soft but full.

Close the final stitches and fasten off.

Step 5: Creating the Dragon Horns

Make **2 horns using cream yarn**.

Start with a **Magic Ring**.

Round 1

Work **6 SC in MR**.

Round 2

Work **SC around**.

Round 3

Work **(1 SC, INC)** around.

Round 4–6

SC around to build the horn height.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Lightly stuff the horn if desired.

Repeat to create the second horn.

Step 6: Making the Dragon Ears

Each ear has **two layers**.

Inner Ear (Pink)

Chain 6

Work single crochet across to form a small triangle shape by decreasing rows until a pointed tip forms.

Outer Ear (Green)

Make a slightly larger triangle using the same method.

Assembly of Ear

Place the pink triangle on top of the green triangle.

Sew around the edges so the pink becomes the inner ear section.

Make **two ears**.

Step 7: Adding Facial Features

Eyes

You can either:

Insert **12 mm safety eyes**, or
Embroider eyes using black yarn.

Position the eyes evenly on the front portion of the head.

Nostrils

Using darker yarn, stitch two small oval nostrils on the snout.

Optional detail

Use **surface slip stitches** to add decorative lines along the dragon's face.

Step 8: Assembling the Dragon Head

Attach the horns to the top of the head.

Position them slightly apart and sew securely.

Attach the ears slightly behind the horns.

Use small hidden stitches to keep the ears upright.

Once all features are attached, ensure the head is firmly stuffed and shaped.

Step 9: Attaching the Head to the Rug

Place the dragon head at one edge of the circular rug.

Align it so the rug becomes the **dragon's body**.

Using the yarn tail or matching yarn:

Sew the bottom of the head securely to the rug.

Make several passes with the needle so the head remains stable and does not wobble.

Final Touches

Check all attachments:

- Paws firmly sewn
- Head securely attached
- Horns and ears stable

You may lightly steam the rug to help relax the stitches and enhance the scale texture.

For a playful effect, you can even add a small decorative puff of white yarn near the dragon's mouth to represent **dragon smoke**.

Your Baby Dragon Rug is Finished

You now have a cozy **Baby Dragon Rug with a soft dragon head pillow**, perfect for a nursery, playroom, or whimsical home decor.

This project combines:

- Circular crochet
- Texture stitches
- Amigurumi shaping
- Assembly techniques

The finished dragon becomes a magical handmade piece that looks adorable and feels incredibly soft.