

DIY Crochet Cow Baby Mat & Head

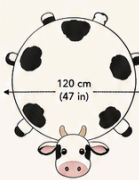
This detailed step-by-step tutorial will guide you from start to finish to create an adorable crochet cow baby mat with a soft amigurumi head. Follow carefully and you'll be able to complete the entire project, even if you're still improving your crochet skills 💖

CROCHET COW BABY PLAYMAT

COMPLETE STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



FINISHED SIZE
Approx. 120 cm (47 in) diameter (not including Cow Head)



MATERIALS

- Bulky yarn (Weight 5)
 - White – approx. 1000 g (35 oz)
 - Black – approx. 250 g (9 oz)
 - Pink – approx. 100 g (3.5 oz)
 - Beige/Tan – approx. 50 g (1.8 oz)
- Crochet hook: 8.0 mm (L/11)
- Safety eyes: 16 mm (x2)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Measuring tape
- Glue or pins
- Non-slip fabric (optional for back)

YARN COLORS (EXAMPLE)

- White (Main)
- Black (Spots & Details)
- Pink (Muzzle & Ears)
- Beige/Tan (Horns)

* You can use any brand of bulky yarn you prefer.

GAUGE (TENSION)

8 sc x 8 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm (4 in x 4 in)

Gauge is not critical, but consistent tension will ensure proper size and shape.

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
inc = increase (2 sc in next st)
dec = decrease (invisible sc dec)
rep = repeat
st(s) = stitch(es)
FO = fasten off

MAIN STITCHES USED

- Magic Ring
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Increase (inc)
- Invisible Decrease (dec)
- Slip Stitch (sl st)
- Working in the round (spiral)
- Sewing pieces together

TOOLS

- 8.0 mm (L/11) crochet hook
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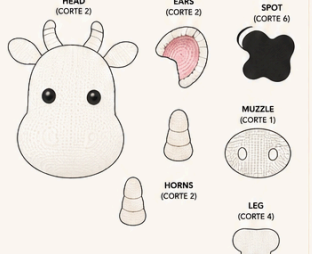
WHAT IS THIS?

This is a round baby playmat with a cute 3D cow head and four legs (feet). Perfect for tummy time, nursery decor, or a soft play area!

PARTS OVERVIEW

- Round Mat (Main Body)
- Cow Head
- Ears (Make 2)
- Horns (Make 2)
- Muzzle
- Spots (Make 6)
- Legs (Make 4)
- Assembly

COW HEAD & PARTS TEMPLATES (FOR REFERENCE)



* Use these templates as a guide to shape your pieces.

1. ROUND MAT (MAIN BODY)

Start with white yarn.

Rnd	Instructions	Sts
1	Magic Ring, 6 sc	6
2	inc around	12
3	(1 sc, inc) x 6	18
4	(2 sc, inc) x 6	24
5	(3 sc, inc) x 6	30
6	(4 sc, inc) x 6	36
7	(5 sc, inc) x 6	42
8	(6 sc, inc) x 6	48
9	(7 sc, inc) x 6	54
10	(8 sc, inc) x 6	60
11	(9 sc, inc) x 6	66

Continue increasing in this way (adding 6 sts each round) until you have 72 rounds.

Rnd 72 = 432 sts

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Place black spots on the mat as shown and sew or glue them.



6. SPOTS (MAKE 6)

With black yarn.

Make 6 irregular round/oval shapes.

Rnd 1: Magic Ring, 6 sc (6)

Rnd 2: inc around (12)

Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x 6 (36)

Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

7. LEGS (MAKE 4)

With white yarn.

Rnd 1: Magic Ring, 6 sc (6)

Rnd 2: inc around (12)

Rnd 3-9: sc around (12)

Rnd 10: Switch to black sc around (12)

Rnd 11-12: sc around (12)

Stuff firmly.

Fasten off, leave long tail.

2. COW HEAD (MAKE 2)

With white yarn.

Rnd 1: Magic Ring, 6 sc (6)

Rnd 2: inc around (12)

Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30)

Rnd 6-10: sc around (30)

Rnd 11: (3 sc, dec) x 6 (24)

Rnd 12: (2 sc, dec) x 6 (18)

Rnd 13: (1 sc, dec) x 6 (12)

Rnd 14: dec x 6 (6)

Stuff firmly.

Fasten off, leave long tail.

3. EARS (MAKE 2)

With black yarn.

Rnd 1: Magic Ring, 6 sc (6)

Rnd 2: inc around (12)

Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)

Fasten off.

With pink yarn.

Repeat Rnd 1-3 (18 sts).

Place pink inside black ear and whip stitch together.

4. HORNS (MAKE 2)

With beige/tan yarn.

Rnd 1: Magic Ring, 4 sc (4)

Rnd 2: inc around (8)

Rnd 3-8: sc around (8)

Rnd 9: (2 sc, dec) x 2 (6)

Rnd 10: dec x 3 (3)

Fasten off.

Slightly stuff the base.

5. MUZZLE

With pink yarn.

Ch 11.

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, 9 sc, 3 sc in last ch, continue on other side, 8 sc, inc (22)

Rnd 2-5: sc around (22)

Rnd 6: (4 sc, dec) x 3 (18)

Stuff lightly.

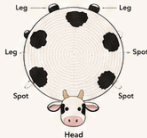
Sew or glue to the head.

8. ASSEMBLY

- Sew the muzzle to the front of the head.
- Insert safety eyes between Rnd 6 and 7, about 5-6 sts apart.
- Sew the ears on each side of the head.
- Sew the horns on top of the head.
- Attach the head to the mat (bottom center).
- Sew the 4 legs at the edges (top, bottom, left and right).
- Sew or glue the spots onto the mat. Weave in all ends securely.



PLACEMENT GUIDE



BACKING (OPTIONAL)

Cut a circle of non-slip fabric (same size as the mat).

Attach using fabric glue, stitching, or slip stitch around the edge for extra stability.



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Hand wash gently in cold water.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Do not bleach.
- Do not iron.
- Do not tumble dry.

BASIC STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

Magic Ring
Create a loop, insert hook, yarn over, pull through.

Chain (ch)
Yarn over, pull through loop.

Single Crochet (sc)
Insert hook, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.

Increase (inc)
2 sc in the same stitch.

Invisible Decrease (dec)
Insert hook in front loops only, sc 2 tog (invisible).

Slip Stitch (sl st)
Insert hook, pull through all loops.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- Keep your tension even for a flat, smooth mat.
- Stuff the head and legs firmly for best shape.
- Be patient and enjoy the process!

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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.

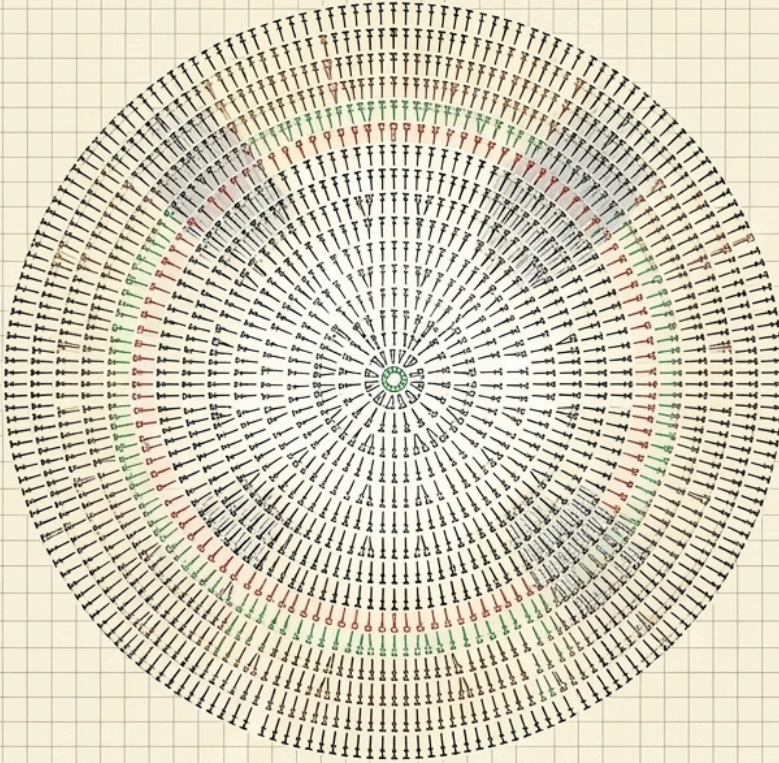
Start the Circle

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

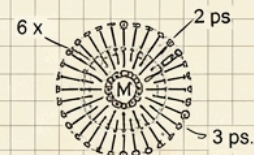
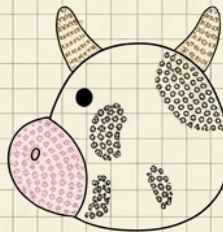
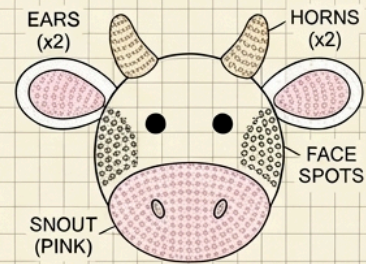
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MAIN RUG BODY
(based on the body of a dog)

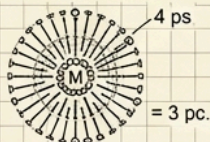


HEAD ASSEMBLY
(based on the head of a fox)



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



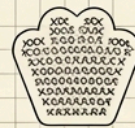
2. SINGLE EAR
(inner pink & outer white)



3. SINGLE HORN
(count & xim horns)



4. SINGLE PAW
(count & sampa)



Legenda de Pontos STITCH LEGEND (Legenda de Pontos)

(M) = Magic Circle	X = Single Crochet	V = 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!)