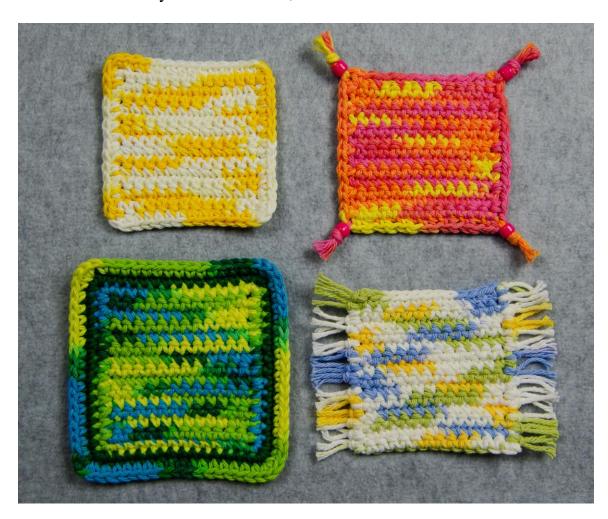# EASY BEGINNER COASTERS 4 WAYS

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Each one of these coasters is made with rows of single crochet in the center. You have several options for finishing your coasters: with a narrow sc edging, with a wide sc edging, with fringe or with corner tassels and beads. Any way you choose, these coasters make great gifts for anyone on your list!

SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

FINISHED SIZE
Approx. 4" - 5" (10 – 12.5 cm) square, depending on chosen edging option

MATERIALS
Worsted weight cotton yarn, 17-25 yards (10-15 grams) total per coaster (coaster with 3 rounds of edging takes a 2nd color and a little more yarn than other coasters)
Size 7 (4.5 mm) or H/8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook
Large-eyed tapestry needle
4 pony beads with 1/8" hole (optional for coaster with corner tassels and beads)

Note: I used Lily Sugar 'n Cream yarn, which comes in 2.5oz/120yds/70.9g/109m solids and 2oz/95yds/56.7g/86m multi colors

GAUGE
12 sc and 12 rows = 3"

ABBREVIATIONS (in US crochet terms)

ch(s): chain(s)

lp(s): loop(s)

rem: remaining

rep: repeat

rnd: round

RS: right side

sc: single crochet

sk: skip

sl st: slip stitch

sp(s): space(s)

st(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

*****: Repeat directions after * as many times as specified.

[ ]: Work directions in brackets as many times as directed.

( ): Work directions in parentheses into specified st or sp.

NOTES
To join with sc, make a slip knot and place on hook. Work sc in specified st.

The basic coaster is crocheted first in rows of sc. You'll have 4 options for the edging: #1 has one round of sc, #2 has 3 rounds of sc, #3 has corner tassels and beads, #4 has side fringe. Specific instructions are given for each edging option.

To watch a free video tutorial on making this beginner coaster, check out my YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcJB17N1hzCf-rHwHHwsyiQ.

INSTRUCTIONS

Basic Coaster

Ch 14.

Row 1 (WS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across: *13 sc*.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 3-13: Rep Row 2, 11 times. Then proceed with edging option of choice.

Edging Option #1 (with one round of sc)
Ch 1, turn; working across top edge, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in last st; working across left edge (or across right edge for left-handed crocheters), sc in edge of next 12 rows; working in free lp(s) of foundation chs across bottom edge, 3 sc in first ch, sc in next 11 chs, 3 sc in last ch; working across right edge (or across left edge for left-handed crocheters), sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next 12 rows; join with sl st in first sc: *58 sc total (11 sc on top and bottom edges, 12 sc on left and right edges and 3 sc in each corner)*. Finish off; weave in ends.

Edging Option #2 (with 3 rounds of sc)
Rnd 1: Ch 1, turn; working across top edge, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in last st; working across left edge (or across right edge for left-handed crocheters), sc in edge of next 12 rows; working in free lp(s) of foundation chs across bottom edge, 3 sc in first ch, sc in next 11 chs, 3 sc in last ch; working across right edge (or across left edge for left-handed crocheters), sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next 12 rows; join with sl st in first sc: *58 sc total (11 sc on top and bottom edges, 12 sc on left and right edges and 3 sc in each corner)*. Finish off first color.

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join 2nd color with sc in middle sc in top left-hand corner (or in top right-hand corner for left-handed crocheters), sc in same sc as joining; *sc in each sc across to middle sc in next corner**, 3 sc in middle sc; rep from * around, ending last rep at **; sc in same sc as first 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc: *66 sc total (13 sc on top and bottom edges, 14 sc on left and right edges and 3 sc in each corner)*. Finish off 2nd color.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join first color with sc in middle sc in bottom left-hand corner (or in bottom right-hand corner for left-handed crocheters), sc in same sc as joining; *sc in each sc across to middle sc in next corner**, 3 sc in middle sc; rep from * around, ending last rep at **; sc in same sc as first 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc: *72 sc total (15 sc on top and bottom edges, 16 sc on left and right edges and 3 sc in each corner)*. Finish off first color. Weave in all ends.

Edging Option #3 (with corner tassels and beads)
Ch 1, turn; working across top edge, sc in first st, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] 5 times, ch 1, sk next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last st (for corner); working across left edge (or across right edge for left-handed crocheters), [ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of next row] 6 times, ch 2 (for corner); working in free lp(s) of foundation chs across bottom edge, sc in first ch, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] 6 times, ch 2 (for corner); working across right edge (or across left edge for left-handed crocheters), sc in edge of first row, [ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of next row] 6 times, ch 2 (for corner); join with sl st in first sc: *7 sc and 6 ch-1 sps on each edge of coaster with 1 ch-2 sp in each of 4 corners*. Finish off; weave in ends.

Finishing
Thread 16" length of yarn halfway into eye of tapestry needle (with 8" of yarn on each side of needle's eye). Insert needle through hole of bead, then through ch-2 sp at corner of coaster and back through hole of bead (in opposite direction through bead so ends of yarn line up). Cut fold of yarn at eye of needle and remove needle. Line up 4 ends of yarn evenly. Slide bead along yarn to corner of coaster. Tie overhand knot in all 4 strands of yarn at once, placing knot snugly against bead. Trim yarn to approx. 1/2" – 1" past knot. Repeat on other 3 corners of coaster with other 3 beads.

Edging Option #4 (with side fringe)
Do NOT work an edging around coaster. Instead, work 1 more row of sc for a total of 14 rows. Finish off and weave in ends.

Cut 5" long strands of yarn. Make fringe on left and right edges of coaster as follows:

Fold strand in half. Insert crochet hook from back to front in edge of row. Place fold of strand on hook and pull fold through edge of row. Place doubled strands of yarn over hook and pull through fold of yarn. Tighten strand to form fringe. Repeat this in edge of each row along right and left edges of coaster. Trim fringe to approx. 3/4" long, or to desired length.

Note: If you've never added fringe before, check out my fringe demonstration for this edging option in my YouTube video for this project.

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