

Crochet Desk Mat: A Soft Two-Panel Workspace Mat

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MATERIALS

- Medium weight number 4 yarn in two colors (the sample uses Loops and Threads Soft Classic, 100 percent acrylic, 354 yards per 198 g skein)
- US size E (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- Scissors, tapestry needle

PANEL MEASUREMENTS

- Each panel: chain 33, then 32 single crochet across, repeated for 33 rows
- Leave an 8 inch (20 cm) tail when fastening off for weaving in ends
- Size reference: a comparable rectangular mat measures about 11.5 inches by 17 inches, worked with a 4.5 mm hook at a gauge of 6 double crochet and 2 rows to one inch. Adjust your row count to fit your own keyboard and mouse area.

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

1. Front panel: with the first color, chain 33. Row 1: starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, single crochet across, chain 1, turn (32 stitches). Rows 2 to 33: single crochet across, chain 1, turn (32 stitches). Fasten off, leaving an 8 inch tail. Weave in ends.
2. Back panel: with the second color, chain 33 and work exactly the same as the front panel, but do not fasten off at the end. Continue straight into the border.
3. Border, round 1: hold both panels together with right sides facing out. Work single crochet around through both panels, working 1 single crochet into the side of each row along the sides to keep even tension. Slip stitch into the first stitch and chain 2.
4. Border, round 2: work groups of 4 double crochet in the same stitch followed by 4 single crochet, repeating around. Slip stitch into the first stitch and fasten off, leaving an 8 inch tail. Weave in ends.
5. Lay the mat flat and check it against your desk setup before use. Wash gently per the yarn label and lay flat to dry.

NOTES

- Written in US terms and Imperial measurements.
- Odd rows of a graph are worked right to left and even rows left to right, if you add a picture design to the front panel.

- To change color: insert the hook into the stitch, pull up a loop, and complete the stitch by pulling the new color through both loops on the hook.
 - For a round mat instead, a comparable cotton placemat finishes 13 inches in diameter, worked in single crochet in the round.
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