CROCHET PLACEMAT: COTTAGE GARDEN LACE PLACEMAT

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Bella Coco Crochet design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON TERMS: The source pattern is written in UK crochet terms, with a US terms switch on the page. This printable version uses US terms throughout, converted from the source: UK treble crochet becomes US double crochet, and UK double crochet becomes US single crochet. Stitch counts are unchanged from the source.

SKILL LEVEL

The source does not state a skill level. The pattern uses chain spaces and a repeating lace mesh, so it suits a crocheter who is comfortable with double crochet, single crochet, and following a repeating row pattern.

MATERIALS

- Yarnsmiths Cotton, 100 percent cotton, Aran weight (4), 50 g (1.75 oz) and 80 m (87 yds) per ball. Each placemat uses about 135 yards.
- Crochet hooks: 4.5 mm (7) for the main body, and 4 mm (G-6) also listed
- Darning needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Blocking mats and pins

GAUGE

10 stitches (measured over row 9) and 8 rows (measured over rows 2 to 9) per 10 cm by 10 cm (4 in by 4 in), after blocking.

FINISHED SIZE

29 cm by 35 cm (11.5 in by 13.75 in).

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

sp: space

sk: skip

rep: repeat

MC: main color

CC: contrast color

PATTERN NOTES

- The placemat is worked flat in rows. The pattern is for one placemat; the source says to make 4 for a full set.
- Blocking is important for this pattern to truly show off the lace. The designer recommends blocking before adding the border and again after.
- A chain 3 at the start of a row counts as a double crochet unless stated otherwise. A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A chain 6 at the start of a row counts as a double crochet and a chain 3, here and throughout.

PLACEMAT

With MC and the 4.5 mm hook, chain 45.

Row 1: Working in the back bumps of the chain, work 1 double crochet in the fourth chain from the hook (the missed chains count as a double crochet). Repeat: chain 3, skip 3 chains, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 5 stitches, chain 3, skip 3 chains, work 1 double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches. Repeat from the start of the repeat once more. Then chain 3, skip 3 chains, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 5 stitches, chain 3, skip 3 chains, work 1 double crochet in each of the last 2 stitches. Turn. (10 dc, 15 sc, 6 ch-sps)

Row 2: Chain 3 (counts as double crochet). Repeat: work 3 double crochet in the next chain-3 space, chain 3, skip the next single crochet, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, chain 3, skip the next stitch, work 3 double crochet in the next chain-3 space, chain 1. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, omitting the final chain 1. Work 1 double crochet in the top of the chain 3 from the previous row. Turn. (20 dc, 9 sc, 8 ch-sps)

Row 3: Chain 6 (counts as double crochet and chain 3, here and throughout). Repeat: skip 3 stitches, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 1 single crochet, work 1 double crochet in the next stitch, chain 3, skip 1 single crochet, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 stitches, work 1 double crochet in the chain-1 space, chain 3. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, placing the final double crochet in the top of the chain 3 from the previous row and omitting the final chain 3. Turn. (25 dc, 12 ch-sps)

Row 4: Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch, here and throughout). Work 1 single crochet in the first stitch. Repeat: work 1 single crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 stitches, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 1, skip 1 double crochet, work 3 double crochet in the

next chain-3 space, chain 3, work 1 single crochet in the chain-3 space, work 1 single crochet in the double crochet. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, ending with the last single crochet in the third chain from the bottom of the beginning chain 6 from the previous row. Turn. (18 dc, 10 sc, 9 ch-sps)

Row 5: Chain 1, work 1 single crochet in the first stitch. Repeat: work 1 single crochet in the next stitch and the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 stitches, work 3 double crochet in the chain-1 space, chain 3, skip 3 stitches, work 1 single crochet in the chain-3 space, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more. Turn. (9 dc, 16 sc, 6 ch-sps)

Row 6: Chain 1, work 1 single crochet in the first stitch. Repeat: work 1 single crochet in the next stitch, skip 1 single crochet, chain 3, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 1, skip 3 double crochet, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 1 single crochet, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more. Turn. (18 dc, 10 sc, 9 ch-sps)

Row 7: Chain 6. Repeat: work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 1 double crochet in the chain-1 space, chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 1 single crochet, work 1 double crochet in the next single crochet, chain 3. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, omitting the final chain 3. Turn. (25 dc, 12 ch-sps)

Row 8: Chain 3. Repeat: work 3 double crochet in the chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 1 single crochet in the next chain-3 space, work 1 single crochet in the double crochet, work 1 single crochet in the next chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 3 double crochet in the next chain-3 space, chain 1. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, omitting the final chain 1. Work 1 double crochet in the third chain from the bottom of the beginning chain 6 from the previous row. Turn. (20 dc, 9 sc, 8 ch-sps)

Row 9: Chain 3, work 1 double crochet in the same stitch as the chain 3. Repeat: chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 1 single crochet in the chain-3 space, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, work 1 single crochet in the next chain-3 space, chain 3, skip 3 double crochet, work 3 double crochet in the chain-1 space. Repeat from the start of the repeat twice more, working the last stitches into the top of the chain 3 and omitting the final double crochet. Turn. (10 dc, 15 sc, 6 ch-sps)

Rows 10-25: Repeat rows 2 to 9 twice more. Turn, do not fasten off.

PLACEMAT BORDER

Round 1: Chain 1. Work 1 single crochet in each of the first 2 stitches, work 3 single crochet in the chain space, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 5 stitches, then repeat twice: work 3 single crochet in the chain space, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, work 3 single crochet in the chain space, work 1 single crochet in each of the next 5 stitches. Then work 3 single crochet in the chain space, work 1 single crochet in each of the last 2 stitches. Chain 1, rotate to work down the row ends. Work 3 single crochet in each of the next three row ends, then 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 row ends. Repeat across until three row ends remain: work 3 single crochet in each of the next five row ends, then 1 single crochet in each of the next 3 row

ends. Work 3 single crochet in each of the next three row ends, chain 1, rotate the work 90 degrees. Repeat from the start of the round once more. Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch. Turn.

Round 2: Chain 1, work (1 single crochet, chain 1, 1 single crochet) in the chain-1 space. Repeat: work 1 single crochet in each stitch to the chain-1 space, work (1 single crochet, chain 1, 1 single crochet) in the chain-1 space, rotate the work. Repeat from the start of the repeat four times, omitting the final (1 single crochet, chain 1, 1 single crochet). Fasten off and join with an invisible join.

FINISHING

- Sew in all ends neatly.
- Block the placemat before adding the border and again after, laying it flat to dry so the lace sits open and even.
- Make 3 more placemats the same way for a full set of 4.

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