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Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern

Step by Step Tutorial

Materials

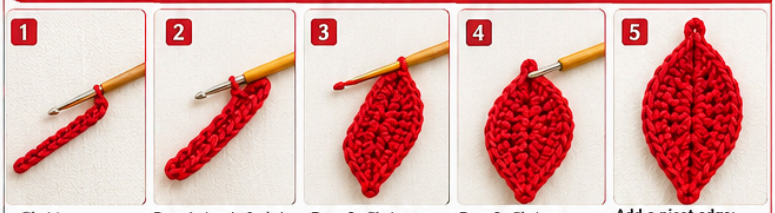
Worsted weight cotton yarn (approx. 4 mm)

- Red – 50 g
- Green – 30 g
- Gold (or yellow) – small amount (optional)
- Gold beads (8–10 mm) 7 beads per flower
- Crochet hook 3.5–4.0 mm (E size – US)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Stitches Used (US Terms)

- Chain (ch)
- Slip Stitch (sl st)
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Treble Crochet (tr)
- Picot (ch 3, sl st in first ch)

1 Make the Red Petals (Make 8 petals per flower)

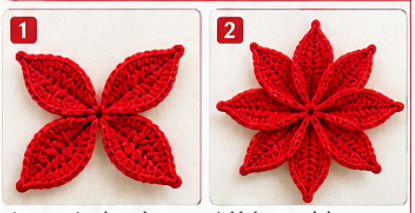


1. Ch 11.
2. **Row 1:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch across. (10 sc)
3. **Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 1 sc, 1 hdc, 4 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc. (8 sts)
4. **Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, 1 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc. (8 sts)
5. **Add a picot edge:** sc evenly around the petal, make a picot at the tip. Fasten off, leave a long tail.

2 Make the Green Leaves (Make 8 leaves per flower)

1. Ch 13.
2. **Row 1:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc. (12 sts)
3. **Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 1 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc. (12 sts)
4. **Add picot edge:** sc around the leaf, make a picot at the tip. Fasten off, leave a long tail.

3 Assembly the Flower



1. Arrange 4 red petals and sew together at the base.
2. Add the remaining 4 petals, overlapping them.

3. Sew 7 gold beads in the center, forming a cluster.
4.

Stronger Picot Tip (optional)

Ch 3, sl st in first ch.

This creates a beautiful pointed tip on the petal and leaf.

4 Assemble the Leaves and Finish

1. Place the 8 green leaves behind the red flower, spacing evenly.
2. Sew the leaves to the back of the flower.
3. **Your Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat is ready!**

Tips and Variations

- Use cotton yarn for a firm and durable placemat.
- You can make larger or smaller sizes using thicker or thinner yarn and a different hook.
- Use pearl or decorative beads for the center.
- Make a full set with 3, 4, or 6 placemats.
- Try different colors for a modern look.

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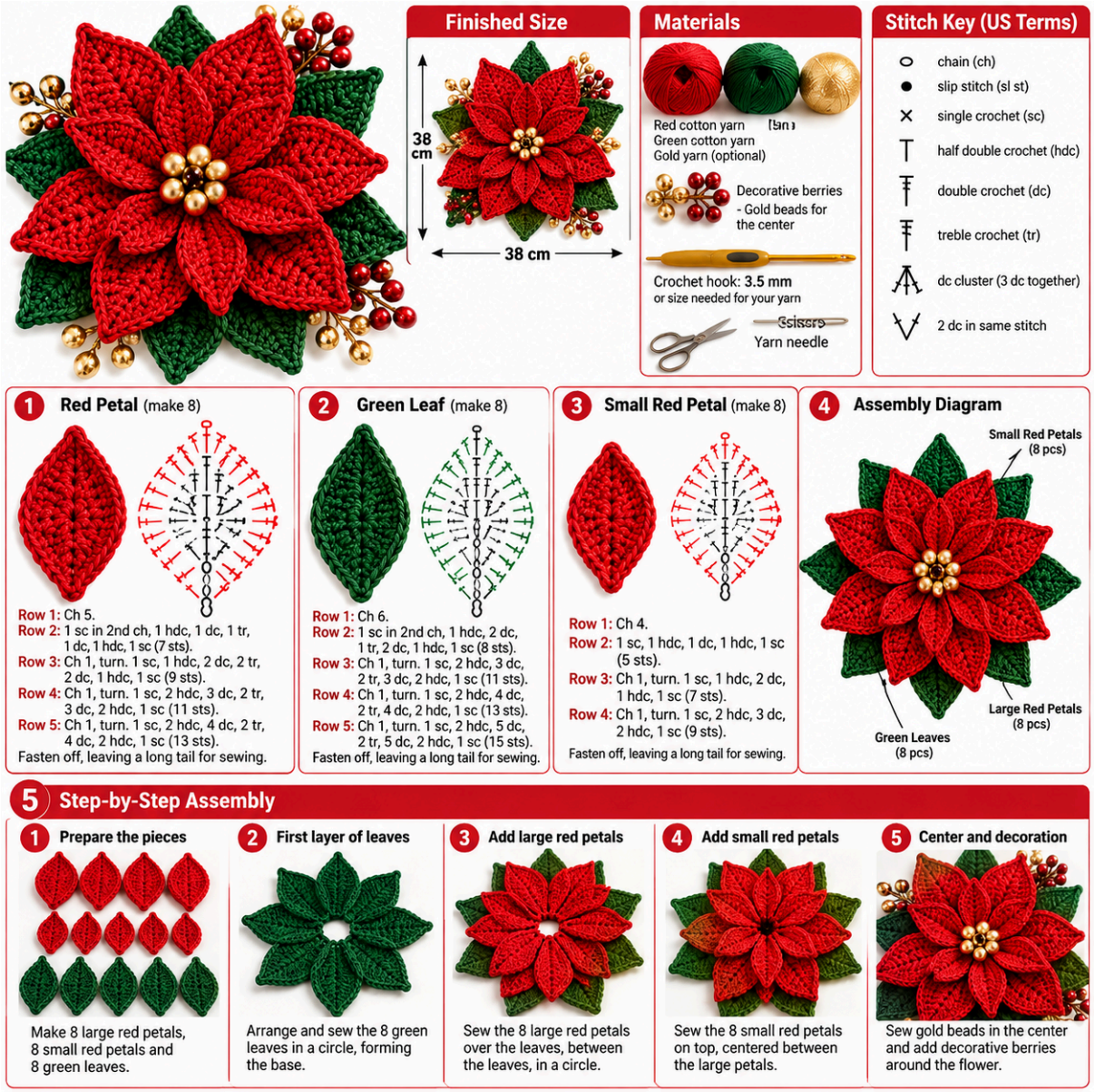

Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🌺🎄

Create a beautiful Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat that brings warmth, color, and handmade charm to your Christmas table. This festive crochet project features a layered red poinsettia flower, rich green leaves, and a decorative cluster of golden beads in the center. Inspired by the traditional Christmas flower, the finished piece makes an elegant table decoration, holiday centerpiece, or thoughtful handmade gift.

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This tutorial follows the illustrated Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern, using American crochet terminology (US terms). You will learn how to crochet the individual red petals, create the green leaves, add decorative picot edges, assemble the layered flower, and attach the golden beads. Every stage is explained so that beginners with basic crochet experience can follow the process.

The finished placemat measures approximately 28 cm (11 inches) across, depending on yarn thickness, hook size, and personal tension. The design consists of eight red petals and eight green leaves, carefully arranged to create the characteristic poinsettia shape. With a little patience and attention to detail, you can make a beautiful Christmas decoration that can be enjoyed throughout the holiday season.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Learn the Crochet Stitches 🧶

Before beginning your Christmas Poinsettia Crochet Placemat, prepare all the materials and become familiar with the stitches used throughout the pattern.

Materials Needed

- **Red worsted-weight cotton yarn: Approximately 50 g.**
- **Green worsted-weight cotton yarn: Approximately 30 g.**
- **Gold or yellow yarn: A small optional amount for decorative details.**
- **Gold decorative beads: Seven beads per flower, approximately 8–10 mm in diameter.**
- **Crochet hook: 3.5–4.0 mm (US E–G range).**
- **Yarn needle: For sewing petals and leaves together.**
- **Scissors: For cutting yarn.**
- **Stitch markers: Optional, for keeping track of rows.**

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- **Pins and blocking mat: Optional, for shaping the petals and leaves.**

Choose cotton yarn with good stitch definition. Cotton helps the finished flower maintain its shape and provides a relatively firm surface for decorative use.

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

Abbreviation	Stitch or technique
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip stitch
sc	Single crochet
hdc	Half double crochet
dc	Double crochet
tr	Treble crochet
picot	Decorative pointed edging

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st(s)	Stitch(es)
RS	Right side
WS	Wrong side

How to make the basic stitches:

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot on your hook, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the loop. Repeat to create the required number of chains.

Slip Stitch (sl st): Insert your hook into the designated stitch, yarn over, and pull through both the stitch and the loop already on your hook.

Single Crochet (sc): Insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, and pull through both loops.

Half Double Crochet (hdc): Yarn over, insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, then yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Double Crochet (dc): Yarn over, insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops, then yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops.

Treble Crochet (tr): Yarn over twice, insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops three times.

Picot: Chain three stitches, then work a slip stitch into the first chain to form a small pointed loop.

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Understanding the Flower Construction

The poinsettia is assembled from separate crochet pieces rather than worked as one continuous circular motif.

You will crochet:

1. **Eight individual red petals.**
2. **Eight individual green leaves.**
3. **A layered red flower.**
4. **A central cluster of seven gold beads.**
5. **A backing arrangement of green leaves.**

The red petals form the upper decorative layer, while the green leaves extend outward from underneath the flower.

The illustrated pattern uses a short chain foundation for each piece, followed by rows that gradually create a pointed, leaf-like shape.

Important pattern note: The infographic contains a few stitch-count inconsistencies. The written instructions below preserve its stitch sequences and construction order while clarifying the counts. Some shaping details are interpreted from the photographs, so make one sample petal and leaf before cutting all your yarn.

Step 2: Crochet the Red Poinsettia Petals 🌺

The red petals are the most noticeable feature of this Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern. Each petal has a narrow base, a wider middle, and a pointed tip decorated with a small picot.

You will need eight red petals for one complete flower.

Part A: Create the Foundation Chain

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Using your red cotton yarn and a 3.5–4.0 mm crochet hook:

Foundation:

Ch 11.

Keep the chain relatively loose so that you can insert your hook comfortably into each stitch.

The foundation chain determines the initial length of the petal.

Part B: Crochet Row 1

Beginning in the second chain from the hook:

Row 1:

Sc in the second ch from hook.

Work 1 sc into each remaining chain across.

Stitch count: 10 sc.

At the end of this row, you should have a narrow strip of single crochet stitches.

This strip forms the foundation of the petal.

Part C: Crochet Row 2

Row 2:

Ch 1 and turn.

Work the following sequence:

- **1 sc**
- **1 hdc**
- **4 dc**
- **1 hdc**
- **1 sc**

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Total: 8 stitches worked.

The infographic gives this eight-stitch sequence after a ten-stitch foundation row. To reproduce the illustrated shaping, center these eight stitches over the foundation, leaving one stitch unworked at each end.

The double crochet stitches create height in the middle, while the shorter stitches help taper the ends.

Part D: Crochet Row 3

Row 3:

Ch 1 and turn.

Work:

- **1 sc**
- **2 hdc**
- **2 dc**
- **2 hdc**
- **1 sc**

Total: 8 stitches.

Work these stitches across the eight stitches of Row 2.

This row adds fullness and creates the curved profile of the petal.

The combination of single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet produces a gentle transition between the narrow ends and the wider middle.

Part E: Add the Decorative Picot Edge

After completing the main petal body, work a decorative border around the outside.

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Begin with single crochet stitches along the edge, spacing them evenly to keep the fabric flat.

At the pointed tip, make a picot:

1. **Ch 3.**
2. **Insert the hook into the first chain of those three chains.**
3. **Work 1 sl st.**
4. **Continue working sc around the remaining edge.**

For a stronger, more pronounced tip, use the same three-chain picot and secure it firmly with the slip stitch.

The small pointed loop helps create the distinctive poinsettia petal shape.

Part F: Finish the Petal

After completing the border, fasten off and leave a long yarn tail, approximately 20–25 cm, for sewing.

Use your fingers to gently shape the petal.

If necessary, lightly dampen and block it so that the pointed end is clearly defined.

Repeat the entire process until you have eight matching red petals.

For a neat result, make sure that every petal has approximately the same length and width.

Step 3: Crochet the Green Leaves 🍃

The green leaves create the background of the poinsettia and provide contrast against the red flower.

The original graphic uses eight green leaves, arranged evenly around the back of the flower.

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These leaves are slightly longer and more substantial than the red petals.

Part A: Make the Foundation Chain

Using green worsted-weight cotton yarn:

Foundation:

Ch 13.

The additional chains help create a slightly longer leaf.

Part B: Crochet Row 1

Beginning in the second chain from the hook, follow the stitch sequence shown in the infographic.

Row 1:

- **1 sc**
- **2 hdc**
- **6 dc**
- **2 hdc**
- **1 sc**

Total: 12 stitches.

The shorter stitches at each end create a tapered shape, while the six double crochet stitches provide fullness through the middle.

Work with even tension to prevent the leaf from becoming distorted.

Part C: Crochet Row 2

Ch 1 and turn.

Work the following stitches:

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- 1 sc
- 2 hdc
- 6 dc
- 2 hdc
- 1 sc

Total: 12 stitches.

The second row builds the body of the leaf and creates a fuller shape.

If the leaf begins to curl, check that you have not accidentally skipped stitches.

A slight natural curve is acceptable, but the finished leaf should lie reasonably flat.

Part D: Shape the Leaf

Gently stretch the leaf lengthwise with your fingers.

The center should appear wider than the ends.

The goal is to create an elongated, pointed leaf that will extend visibly beyond the red flower.

If you want a firmer leaf, use a slightly smaller hook or crochet with tighter tension.

Part E: Add the Picot Border

Work single crochet stitches evenly around the outer edge.

At the tip of the leaf:

Ch 3.

Insert the hook into the first chain and work 1 sl st.

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Continue with single crochet stitches around the remaining edge.

This picot gives the leaf a small pointed tip and matches the decorative finish of the red petals.

Part F: Complete All Eight Leaves

Fasten off and leave a long tail for assembly.

Repeat the process until you have eight green leaves.

Lay all the leaves on a flat surface and compare their sizes.

Try to keep them uniform, because evenly shaped leaves will make the finished crochet Christmas placemat look more balanced and professional.

Step 4: Assemble the Red Poinsettia Flower 🌺

Once all eight red petals are complete, you can begin assembling the flower.

The infographic shows the petals being arranged in two overlapping layers, creating a full and dimensional poinsettia.

Part A: Arrange the First Four Petals

Place four red petals on a flat surface.

Position their narrow bases toward the center and point their tips outward.

Arrange them evenly around the center, like the four main points of a compass.

Allow the bases to overlap slightly.

Using a yarn needle and matching red yarn, sew the four petals together through their narrow ends.

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Make several small, secure stitches.

Avoid pulling the yarn too tightly, as this can cause the petals to bunch together.

Part B: Add the Remaining Four Petals

Place the remaining four red petals over the first layer.

Position them between the petals of the bottom layer.

This staggered arrangement creates the appearance of eight evenly spaced petals.

Adjust their positions until the flower looks full and symmetrical.

Sew the second layer securely to the center of the first layer.

Try to keep the stitching concentrated in the middle so that the outer portions of the petals remain free.

This allows the flower to maintain its beautiful layered appearance.

Part C: Create a Dimensional Effect

Gently lift the tips of the upper petals.

Allow the lower petals to extend outward underneath.

The flower should now resemble a traditional Christmas poinsettia, with overlapping red petals radiating from a central point.

If necessary, adjust the positions before securing the final stitches.

You can also lightly block the flower to help the petals maintain their shape.

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Part D: Prepare the Gold Beads

The illustrated design uses seven gold beads to create a decorative flower center.

Choose beads measuring approximately 8–10 mm.

Arrange one bead in the middle and six beads around it to form a compact cluster.

Before attaching the beads, check that the openings are large enough for your sewing needle and thread.

Part E: Sew the Beads into Place

Thread a needle with strong matching thread.

Begin from the back of the flower and bring the needle through the center.

Attach the first bead in the middle.

Then sew the remaining six beads around it.

Secure each bead individually, passing the needle through it more than once if necessary.

Keep the beads close together so they resemble the golden center of a poinsettia.

Knot the thread securely on the back.

For a functional table decoration, make sure that the beads are firmly attached and do not wobble.

Part F: Inspect the Flower

Place the assembled flower on a flat surface.

Check that all eight red petals are visible.

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Adjust any petals that are overlapping too heavily.

The flower should have a rounded appearance with pointed petals extending evenly outward.

Your red poinsettia is now ready to be attached to the green leaf arrangement.

Step 5: Assemble the Green Leaves and Complete the Placemat 🎄

The final construction stage combines the red poinsettia flower with the eight green leaves.

The leaves are positioned behind the flower, forming a decorative green border.

Part A: Arrange the Eight Green Leaves

Lay the eight green leaves on a flat surface.

Position the narrow ends toward the center and the pointed tips outward.

Distribute the leaves evenly around an imaginary circle.

The tips should extend beyond the outer edges of the red flower.

Adjust the spacing until the arrangement appears balanced.

Part B: Sew the Leaves Together

Using your yarn needle and green yarn, join the narrow bases of the leaves.

Work several secure stitches through the overlapping sections.

Keep the stitching close to the center.

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The outer portions of the leaves should remain relatively free so that they can be shaped naturally.

Once the leaves are connected, check that the green base lies flat.

Part C: Position the Red Flower

Place the completed red poinsettia on top of the green leaf arrangement.

Center the flower carefully.

Rotate the red flower until the green leaf tips are visible between the red petals.

The red petals should form the main decorative layer, while the green leaves provide a contrasting background.

Part D: Attach the Flower to the Leaves

Thread your yarn needle with matching yarn.

From the back of the green base, bring the needle through the central area of the red flower.

Sew the two layers together using several small stitches.

For additional stability, make a few hidden stitches where the bases of the red petals overlap the green leaves.

Avoid stitching through the outer tips.

This keeps the layered design flexible and dimensional.

Part E: Weave in the Yarn Ends

Turn the placemat over.

Use your yarn needle to weave the remaining yarn tails through the back of the crochet stitches.

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Work each tail through several stitches in one direction, then change direction to help secure it.

Trim any excess yarn carefully.

Check the back for loose threads or knots.

A tidy underside is especially important if the placemat will be placed directly on a table.

Part F: Block and Shape the Finished Placemat

Place the completed poinsettia on a clean towel or blocking mat.

Lightly mist the crochet fabric with water, if appropriate for your yarn.

Gently shape the red petals and green leaves.

Arrange the pointed tips so that the overall flower measures approximately 28 cm (11 inches) across.

Allow the piece to dry completely before moving it.

Blocking helps improve stitch definition and gives the finished decoration a more polished appearance.

Your Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat is now complete!

Step 6: Make a Stronger Picot Tip (Optional)

The illustrated tutorial includes an optional technique for making a more pronounced point on the petals and leaves.

This technique is especially useful if you want the flower to have sharper, more decorative tips.

To make the stronger picot:

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1. Crochet to the tip of the petal or leaf.
2. Ch 3.
3. Insert the hook into the first chain.
4. Work 1 sl st.
5. Pull the yarn gently to tighten the point.
6. Continue crocheting around the edge.

The resulting picot creates a small raised point that adds texture and definition.

Use this method consistently on all eight red petals and eight green leaves for a uniform appearance.

Step 7: Helpful Tips and Creative Variations ✨

Choose cotton yarn for structure. Cotton is a practical choice because it provides good stitch definition and helps the flower retain its shape. A smooth cotton yarn will also highlight the decorative stitches along the petals and leaves.

Experiment with different yarn weights. Thicker yarn and a larger hook can produce a bigger poinsettia, while thinner yarn and a smaller hook can create a more delicate version. Remember that changing the yarn weight will also change the final measurements.

Try different center decorations. Although the original pattern uses seven gold beads, you can substitute pearl beads or use small embroidered French knots for a softer finish. Embroidered centers are particularly useful when you want to avoid hard decorations.

Make a matching Christmas set. Crochet three, four, or six poinsettias to create coordinating holiday table decorations. You can use identical colors for a traditional look or alternate between red, burgundy, cream, and soft pink.

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Create different color combinations. Traditional Christmas red and dark green look beautiful together, but white petals with green leaves and golden centers can create an elegant winter theme. Burgundy petals with olive green leaves are another sophisticated option.

Use the finished piece appropriately. The design is decorative and has raised petals and beads, so it is best suited as a table accent, charger decoration, or centerpiece rather than a flat placemat beneath hot dishes. Do not place hot cookware directly on the crochet or decorative beads.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is this Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern suitable for beginners?

Yes, it is suitable for confident beginners who already know how to make chains, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, and slip stitches.

The petals and leaves are worked separately, which makes the project easier to manage.

Beginners may want to practice making one petal before crocheting the complete set.

How many petals do I need for one poinsettia?

You will need eight red petals.

The petals are arranged in two overlapping layers of four petals each.

This arrangement creates a fuller, more realistic poinsettia flower.

How many green leaves are required?

The pattern uses eight green leaves.

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They are arranged behind the red flower and positioned so their pointed tips remain visible.

What is the finished size?

The illustrated pattern indicates a finished diameter of approximately 28 cm (11 inches).

Your exact measurements may vary depending on the yarn, crochet hook, and tension.

Can I use acrylic yarn instead of cotton?

Yes, acrylic yarn can be used for a decorative version.

However, cotton is generally preferable for a table decoration because it offers good stitch definition and often holds its shape more firmly.

Neither material should be assumed safe for direct contact with hot cookware.

How do I prevent the petals from curling?

First, check your stitch counts and tension.

Make sure that the decorative border is not too tight.

You can also lightly dampen and block the petals, allowing them to dry in the desired shape.

Can I make the poinsettia without beads?

Absolutely.

Instead of gold beads, crochet a small yellow center or embroider several decorative knots.

This creates a softer finish while preserving the traditional poinsettia appearance.

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Can I wash the finished placemat?

Hand washing is generally the safest option, especially when the decoration contains beads and several sewn layers.

Use cool water and mild detergent suitable for your yarn.

Gently reshape the flower and allow it to dry flat.

Always check the yarn manufacturer's care instructions.

How long does it take to make one poinsettia placemat?

The time depends on your crochet experience.

A confident crocheter may complete the project in several hours, while a beginner may prefer to spread the work over two or three sessions.

Making all the petals first, followed by the leaves, can help you work more efficiently.

Can I use this pattern for other Christmas decorations?

Yes. The poinsettia motif can be adapted for Christmas wreaths, decorative pillows, wall hangings, table runners, and holiday gift decorations.

For smaller projects, use thinner yarn and an appropriately sized hook.

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat ❤️

The Crocheted Poinsettia Placemat Pattern is a wonderful way to bring traditional Christmas colors into your home through handmade crochet. With eight red petals, eight green leaves, and a decorative golden center, this project captures the beauty of a classic holiday poinsettia.

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By following the steps in this tutorial, you can practice several essential American crochet stitches, learn how to create pointed petal shapes, and develop your skills in assembling layered crochet motifs.

Whether you make one poinsettia as a festive centerpiece or crochet a complete matching set for your Christmas table, the finished decoration will add warmth, texture, and a personal handmade touch to your holiday celebrations.

Happy Crocheting, and Merry Christmas! 🧶🌺🎄