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Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern

Step-by-Step Tutorial



Materials

- **Worsted weight yarn** (100% acrylic or cotton)
- **Red** – for hat, coat and scarf
- **Beige** – for face and center panel
- **White** – for trims, moustache and pom-pom
- **Gray** – for scalloped base
- **Orange** – for nose, cheeks and buttons
- **Black** – for safety eyes (8–10 mm)
- Crochet hook: 4.0 mm (G/6)
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

Stitch Key (US Terms)

- **ch – chain:** yarn over and pull through loop.
- **sl st – slip stitch:** insert hook, yarn over and pull through both loops.
- **sc – single crochet:** insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops.
- **hdc – half double crochet:** yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops.
- **dc – double crochet:** yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, (yarn over, draw through 2 loops) twice.
- **inc – increase:** work 2 of the same stitch in one stitch.
- **( ) x n** – repeat the instructions n times.

Special Methods

- **Scallop:** (5 dc in same st, sl st in next st) to create the rounded edge.
- **Bobbles (buttons):** make a small circle (see button step).
- **Pom-pom:** make a dense round and sew on the tip of the hat.
- **Moustache:** work in rows of sc, shape and sew under the nose.

Finished Size

Approximately
40 cm (15.7 in) in diameter

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1 Base – Start the Round



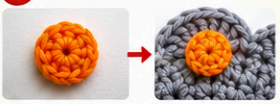
- With gray yarn, ch 4, sl st to form a ring.
- **R1:** 12 dc in the ring. (12)
- **R2:** (dc, inc) x 6. (18)
- **R3:** (2 dc, inc) x 6. (24)
- Continue increasing evenly until **R9:** 72 dc.

2 Make the Scalloped Edge



- **R10:** (5 dc in same st, sl st in next st) repeat around (12 scallops).
- Fasten off and weave in the end.

3 Add the Orange Dots



- With orange yarn, ch 2.
- **R1:** 6 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook. (6)
- Sl st to close, fasten off, and make 12 circles.
- Sew one circle on each scallop.

4 Santa's Face



- With beige yarn, ch 4, sl st to form a ring.
- **R1:** 12 dc. (12) • **R2:** (dc, inc) x 6. (18)
- **R3:** (2 dc, inc) x 6. (24) • **R4:** (3 dc, inc) x 6. (30)
- **R5:** (4 dc, inc) x 6. (36)
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

5 Hat



- With red yarn, ch 2.
- **R1:** 6 sc in 2nd ch. (6)
- **R2:** (sc, inc) x 3. (9)
- **R3:** (2 sc, inc) x 3. (12)
- Continue increasing evenly until **R12:** 42 sc.
- **R13:** sc around. Fasten off.
- **Trim:** with white, work 1 round of sc around the base (42 sc).
- **Pom-pom:** make a dense round of dc (about 6–7 cm), stuff lightly and sew to the tip.

6 Nose, Cheeks and Moustache



- **Nose:** with orange, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch, sl st. (6)
- **Cheeks:** make 2 small circles the same as the nose.
- **Moustache:** with white, ch 12.
  Row 1: sc in 2nd ch and in next 5 ch (6), hdc, dc, hdc, sc, sl st. (left side)
  Make another the same (right side).
  Sew both pieces under the nose.

7 Eyes and Facial Details



- Attach two safety eyes (8–10 mm), about 5–6 sts apart.
- Sew the nose in the center, between the eyes.
- Sew the cheeks on both sides of the nose.
- Sew the moustache under the nose.

8 Front Panel (Suit Center)



- With beige, ch 12.
- **R1:** sc in 2nd ch and across. (11)
- **R2–R14:** 11 sc. (11 rows)
- With white yarn, work 1 row of sc around the sides and bottom.
- Make 3 orange buttons (same as the nose) and sew them on the center panel.

9 Side Panels (Red Coat)



- Make 2 pieces with red yarn.
- Ch 12. Work 11 rows of 11 sc (same height as the front panel).
- Shape the top with small decreases to form a curved edge.
- Make one for each side and fasten off.

10 Scaarf and Sleeve



- **Scarf:** with red, ch 60 (or to your desired length). R1: sc in each ch. Fasten off.
- **Sleeve:** make a strip with red (e.g., ch 8, 10 rows of sc) and a white cuff (1 row of sc). Make the hand as a small white circle (ch 2, 6 sc) and sew to the sleeve.

11 Assemble the Santa



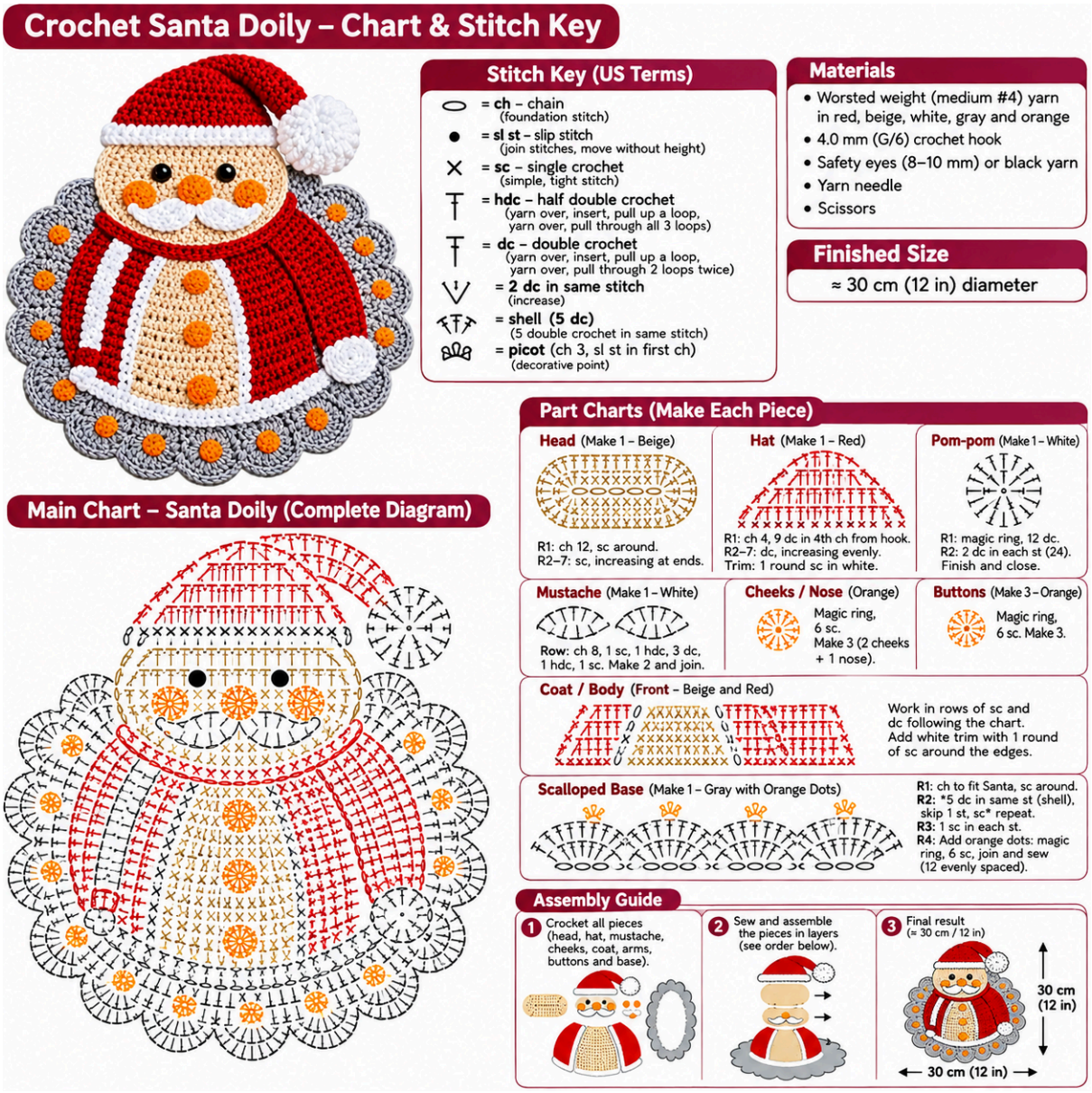
- Sew the front panel and side panels on the gray base.
- Position the face on top of the panels and sew it securely.
- Add the scarf, sleeve and hand.
- Attach the hat to the head.

12 Final Result

- Check all pieces are well sewn.
- Weave in all ends.
- Your Crochet Santa Placemat is ready!



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Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🎅🧶

Create a charming Crochet Santa Placemat featuring a cheerful Santa Claus, a decorative gray scalloped border, bright orange buttons, a red winter coat, a fluffy Christmas hat, and adorable facial details. This festive crochet project is perfect for decorating a Christmas dining table, displaying on a holiday sideboard, or giving as a handmade seasonal gift.

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This tutorial follows the 12 stages illustrated in the provided crochet chart. It uses US crochet terminology and explains how to make every component separately before assembling the finished Santa decoration.

The finished placemat measures approximately 40 cm (15.7 inches) in diameter, although the exact size may vary depending on your yarn, hook, and tension.

Skill level: Intermediate, with beginner-friendly explanations.

Construction: Individual crocheted pieces sewn onto a circular placemat base.

Important pattern note: The reference chart contains a few abbreviated or inconsistent stitch counts. Where necessary, the instructions below explain how to work the shaping while preserving the original design, colors, and assembly sequence.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Learn the Crochet Stitches

Before beginning your Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern, organize the yarn colors and tools needed to complete the project.

Materials

Use worsted-weight yarn (Category 4) in 100% cotton or acrylic. Cotton is especially suitable for a decorative placemat because it provides good stitch definition and helps the finished piece maintain its shape.

You will need:

- **Red yarn: Santa's hat, coat, sleeves, and scarf.**
- **Beige yarn: Santa's face and central suit panel.**

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- White yarn: Hat trim, pom-pom, mustache, coat edging, and sleeve cuffs.
- Gray yarn: Circular placemat base and scalloped border.
- Orange yarn: Nose, cheeks, and decorative buttons.
- Black safety eyes: Two eyes measuring approximately 8–10 mm.
- Crochet hook: 4.0 mm (US G/6).
- Tapestry needle: For sewing the pieces together.
- Scissors: For trimming yarn.
- Stitch markers: Optional, but helpful when working circular rounds.
- Fiberfill: A small amount for the hat pom-pom.

For a decorative piece intended for homes with young children, embroidered eyes are a safer alternative to plastic safety eyes.

Crochet Stitch Key – US Terms

Abbreviation	Meaning
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip stitch
sc	Single crochet
hdc	Half double crochet

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dc	**Double crochet**
inc	**Increase – 2 stitches in one stitch**
st / sts	**Stitch / stitches**
R	**Round or row**
FO	**Fasten off**
( ) × n	**Repeat the enclosed instructions n times**

How to Work the Main Stitches

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the loop on your hook.

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

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

Half double crochet (hdc): Yarn over, insert the hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, and pull through all three loops.

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

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Increase (inc): Work two stitches into the same stitch. Unless otherwise specified, use the stitch type indicated for that round.

Scallop: Work five double crochets into the same stitch, then make a slip stitch in the following stitch to form a rounded decorative shell.

Working Notes

Most circular pieces are worked in joined rounds. At the end of each round, join with a slip stitch to the first stitch unless otherwise instructed.

For double crochet rounds, a beginning ch 2 may be used as a turning or starting chain. In this tutorial, it does not count as a stitch.

Count your stitches after each round, particularly when making the circular base and Santa's face.

Step 2: Crochet the Gray Circular Placemat Base

The gray circular base is the foundation of the entire project. It supports Santa's body and provides the background for the decorative scalloped border.

Starting the Center Ring

Using gray yarn:

1. **Make a slip knot.**
2. **Chain 4.**
3. **Join the last chain to the first chain with a slip stitch to create a ring.**
4. **Chain 2 to prepare for the first double crochet round.**

Round 1

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Work 12 dc into the center ring.

Join with a sl st to the first dc.

Total: 12 dc.

Round 2

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

Join with a sl st.

Total: 24 dc.

Note: The reference chart labels this round as 18 stitches, but working an increase in every stitch of a 12-stitch round produces 24. The corrected count is used here to maintain a flat circular base.

Round 3

Repeat (1 dc in the next stitch, 2 dc in the following stitch) around.

Total: 36 dc.

Rounds 4–9

Continue increasing evenly by 12 stitches per round:

Round	Instructions	Total
R4	(2 dc, inc) × 12	48

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R5	(3 dc, inc) × 12	60
R6	(4 dc, inc) × 12	72
R7	(5 dc, inc) × 12	84
R8	(6 dc, inc) × 12	96
R9	(7 dc, inc) × 12	108

The chart mentions 72 stitches at Round 9, but the adjusted progression above is more consistent with a flat double crochet circle.

If your circle begins to ripple, reduce the number of increases. If the edges curl upward, additional increases may be necessary.

Lay the base on a flat surface and gently smooth it into a circle before continuing.

Step 3: Make the Decorative Gray Scalloped Edge

The scalloped border gives the Christmas crochet placemat its distinctive flower-like outline.

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Using the gray yarn already attached to the circular base, begin the decorative edging.

Round 10 – Scalloped Border

The original chart uses the following scallop method:

1. **Work 5 dc into the same stitch.**
2. **Make 1 sl st in the next stitch.**
3. **Repeat around the outer edge.**

For the adjusted 108-stitch base, this simple two-stitch repeat would create 54 small scallops. However, the reference design features approximately 12 larger scallops.

To create 12 prominent scallops, use this spacing method instead:

(Skip 3 sts, work 5 dc in the next st, skip 4 sts, sl st in the next st) × 12.

Each repeat uses 9 base stitches, creating 12 scallops around the 108-stitch circumference.

Finishing the Border

After completing the final scallop:

1. **Join with a slip stitch.**
2. **Cut the yarn, leaving a short tail.**
3. **Pull the yarn through the final loop.**
4. **Weave in the tail on the back of the placemat.**

Gently shape each scallop with your fingers.

The border should appear evenly rounded, with enough room to attach an orange button to each scallop.

Step 4: Crochet the Orange Decorative Dots

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The reference placemat features 12 small orange circles attached to the gray scallops.

These circles resemble decorative coat buttons or cheerful Christmas ornaments.

Make One Orange Circle

Using orange yarn:

1. **Chain 2.**
2. **Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook.**
3. **Join with a sl st to the first sc.**

Round 1: 6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving approximately 15 cm of yarn for sewing.

Make 12 Circles

Repeat the same process until you have 12 matching orange circles.

For slightly raised buttons, work a second round of 1 sc in each stitch before fastening off. This adds thickness without substantially increasing the diameter.

Attach the Buttons to the Border

Position one orange circle in the center of each gray scallop.

Thread the yarn tail through a tapestry needle.

Sew around the outer edge of each orange circle using small, secure stitches.

Keep the stitches hidden as much as possible.

Repeat until all 12 scallops have their orange centers.

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The finished border should resemble the reference image, with bright orange accents distributed evenly around the gray edge.

Step 5: Crochet Santa's Round Face

Santa's face is made separately using beige yarn.

It will eventually be positioned above the red coat and below the Christmas hat.

Start the Face

Using beige yarn:

1. **Chain 4.**
2. **Join with a sl st to create a ring.**
3. **Chain 2.**

Round 1

Work 12 dc into the ring.

Join with a sl st.

Total: 12 dc.

Round 2

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

Total: 24 dc.

Round 3

Repeat (1 dc, inc) around.

Total: 36 dc.

Round 4

Repeat (2 dc, inc) around.

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Total: 48 dc.

Round 5

Repeat (3 dc, inc) around.

Total: 60 dc.

The chart uses a different increase sequence and labels Round 5 as 36 stitches. The adjusted sequence above creates a larger, flatter face with consistent increases.

Finish the Face

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Lay the circle flat and check its shape.

If necessary, lightly block the face so it becomes smooth and round.

Do not attach it to the placemat yet. The facial details are easier to position while the piece is separate.

Step 6: Crochet Santa's Red Christmas Hat 🎅

The Christmas hat is one of the most recognizable parts of the project.

It features a red crocheted body, a white brim, and a fluffy white pom-pom.

Begin the Hat

Using red yarn:

1. **Chain 2.**
2. **Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook.**
3. **Join with a sl st.**

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Round 1: 6 sc.

Increase the Hat

Follow the chart's basic stitch progression:

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12)

Round 3: Repeat (2 sc, inc) around. (16)

Continue increasing gradually to create a triangular or slightly curved hat shape.

The original chart indicates increasing until approximately 42 stitches are reached by Round 12.

To create a wider hat suitable for Santa's face, use the following practical progression:

Round	Stitch count
R1	6
R2	12
R3	16
R4	20
R5	24

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R6	**28**
R7	**32**
R8	**36**
R9	**38**
R10	**40**
R11	**42**
R12	**42**

Distribute the increases evenly across each round rather than placing them directly above one another.

Round 13: Work 1 sc in every stitch. (42)

Fasten off.

The hat may be flattened into a slightly curved triangular shape for sewing onto the face.

Add the White Hat Trim

Join white yarn to the lower edge of the hat.

Work 1 round of sc evenly around the brim, approximately 42 sc.

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Join and fasten off.

For a fuller appearance, work another row of sc across the front brim.

Make the White Pom-Pom

Using white yarn:

1. Chain 2.
2. Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook.
3. Round 2: Inc in every stitch. (12)
4. Round 3: (1 sc, inc) × 6. (18)
5. Rounds 4–5: Sc around. (18)
6. Round 6: (1 sc, sc2tog) × 6. (12)
7. Add a small amount of fiberfill.
8. Round 7: Sc2tog around. (6)

Fasten off and close the opening.

Sew the pom-pom securely to the pointed end of the hat.

Fold the tip slightly toward one side to reproduce Santa's playful appearance in the chart.

Step 7: Crochet Santa's Nose, Cheeks, and White Mustache

The face includes three orange circles and a white mustache made from two shaped pieces.

Crochet the Orange Nose

Using orange yarn:

1. Chain 2.
2. Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook.
3. Join with a sl st.
4. Fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.

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For a more prominent nose, work one additional round of sc.

Make Two Orange Cheeks

Repeat the same orange circle pattern twice.

You should now have:

- One orange nose.
- Two orange cheeks.

The nose will be placed in the center of Santa's face, while the cheeks will sit below and slightly outward from the eyes.

Crochet the White Mustache

The chart describes the mustache as two pieces made with combinations of sc, hdc, and dc.

Using white yarn, make the left mustache piece.

Row 1: Ch 12.

Row 2: Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 3 dc, 1 hdc, 2 sc, and 2 sl st across the chain.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

For the right mustache piece, repeat the same stitch sequence in reverse order:

Row 2: Work 2 sl st, 2 sc, 1 hdc, 3 dc, 1 dc, 1 hdc, and 1 sc.

This creates two mirrored pieces with fuller outer sections and tapered inner ends.

Shape the Mustache

Place the two pieces side by side.

Curve the outer ends gently upward.

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Position the inner ends beneath the orange nose.

Adjust the shapes until the mustache resembles the reference image.

Do not permanently attach the mustache until the eyes and cheeks have been positioned.

Step 8: Attach the Eyes and Complete Santa's Face

Now you can bring Santa's friendly expression to life.

Position the Eyes

Place two black safety eyes, approximately 8–10 mm in diameter, on the upper half of the beige face.

Space them approximately 5–6 stitches apart, as indicated in the chart.

Before securing them, check that they are:

- **At the same height.**
- **Evenly spaced from the center.**
- **Positioned above the nose and mustache.**

Attach the washers firmly to the back of the face.

If you prefer embroidered eyes, use black yarn to make two small, rounded satin stitches.

Attach the Nose

Position the orange nose in the center of the face, slightly below the eyes.

Use a tapestry needle and the orange yarn tail to sew it securely.

Attach the Cheeks

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Place one orange circle on each side of the nose.

The cheeks should sit slightly lower than the eyes and near the outer ends of the mustache.

Sew them into place using small stitches.

Sew on the Mustache

Position the white mustache beneath the nose.

Overlap the two inner ends slightly if necessary.

Sew the mustache along its upper edge, allowing the lower curved sections to remain softly raised.

Check the Facial Details

Lay the completed face on a flat surface.

Make sure the eyes, nose, cheeks, and mustache create a balanced, cheerful expression.

Set the face aside until the body is assembled.

Step 9: Crochet the Beige Front Panel of Santa's Suit

The central beige panel creates the appearance of Santa's shirt or the front opening of his coat.

It is bordered in white and decorated with three orange buttons.

Crochet the Central Panel

Using beige yarn:

Foundation: Chain 12.

Row 1: Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 11 sc.

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Chain 1 and turn.

Rows 2–14: Work 11 sc across each row.

Chain 1 and turn after each row, except the final row.

This creates a rectangular beige panel.

Shape the Panel

The reference design shows a slightly tapered panel with a rounded upper edge.

To achieve this appearance, gently shape the piece during assembly by positioning the upper section beneath Santa's face and allowing the lower portion to widen visually between the red coat panels.

If you want a more pronounced taper, add one sc increase at each end of the final two rows. This is an optional adjustment rather than part of the chart's original 11-stitch rows.

Add the White Border

Join white yarn at one corner.

Work 1 round of sc evenly around all four sides.

At each corner, work 2 or 3 sc into the same space to prevent pulling.

Join with a sl st and fasten off.

Make Three Orange Buttons

Using orange yarn, make three small circles following the same method used for the border decorations:

1. **Chain 2.**
2. **Work 6 sc into the second chain.**

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3. Join with a sl st.
4. Fasten off with a sewing tail.

Attach the Buttons

Arrange the three orange circles vertically down the center of the beige panel.

Space them evenly.

Sew each circle securely in place.

The finished piece should resemble Santa's buttoned suit front.

Step 10: Crochet the Two Red Side Panels of Santa's Coat

The two red coat panels frame the beige center panel.

They create the impression of Santa wearing an open winter coat.

Make the First Coat Panel

Using red yarn:

Foundation: Chain 12.

Row 1: Work 11 sc, beginning in the second chain from the hook.

Chain 1 and turn.

Rows 2–8: Work 11 sc across.

Chain 1 and turn.

Shape the Upper Section

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To create the gently curved shoulder area shown in the chart, decrease gradually over the next three rows.

Row 9: Work 1 sc in the first 9 stitches, then sc2tog. (10)

Row 10: Work 1 sc in the first 8 stitches, then sc2tog. (9)

Row 11: Work 1 sc in the first 7 stitches, then sc2tog. (8)

Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

Make the Second Coat Panel

Repeat the same process, but place the decreases at the opposite end of each shaping row.

This creates a mirrored piece.

Check the Shape

Lay the two panels on either side of the beige center panel.

The red sections should frame the beige panel while leaving its white edging visible.

The narrower ends of the red panels should point upward toward Santa's face.

If necessary, adjust the placement before sewing.

Step 11: Crochet Santa's Red Scarf, Sleeve, and Hand

The reference design includes a red scarf around Santa's neck and one visible sleeve with a white cuff and hand.

Crochet the Red Scarf

Using red yarn:

1. Chain 60, or enough chains to wrap comfortably around the lower edge of Santa's face.

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2. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc in each chain.
3. Chain 1 and turn.
4. Work another row of sc across.

Fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.

The scarf should form a long, narrow strip.

Wrap it around the lower edge of the face, with the ends slightly overlapping the upper coat.

Crochet the Red Sleeve

Using red yarn:

Foundation: Chain 8.

Row 1: Work 7 sc across.

Rows 2–10: Work 7 sc across each row, chaining 1 and turning at the end of each row.

Fasten off.

The resulting rectangle forms Santa's sleeve.

Add the White Cuff

Join white yarn along one short edge of the sleeve.

Work 1 row of sc across.

For a thicker cuff, add a second row of sc.

Fasten off.

Crochet the White Hand

Using white yarn:

1. Chain 2.

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2. Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook.
3. Join with a sl st.
4. Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12)
5. Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (12)

Fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.

Gently flatten the circle into a rounded mitten shape.

Sew the hand to the white cuff.

Prepare the Sleeve for Assembly

Position the sleeve diagonally on one side of Santa's coat.

The hand should extend slightly outward, creating the cheerful waving pose shown in the reference.

Do not sew the sleeve permanently until the main body is attached to the gray base.

Step 12: Assemble the Crochet Santa Placemat

This is the most important stage of the project because careful placement creates the recognizable Santa Claus design.

Before sewing, arrange all the completed pieces on top of the gray placemat.

Arrange the Main Pieces

Place the gray circular base on a flat surface.

Position the beige center panel in the lower middle of the circle.

Arrange the two red coat panels on either side of the beige section.

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Make sure the white border around the beige panel remains visible.

The red panels should create a balanced coat shape, with the beige panel centered between them.

Sew the Body to the Base

Thread a tapestry needle with matching yarn.

Begin by sewing the beige center panel to the gray base.

Use small stitches along the outer edge of the panel.

Next, attach the two red coat panels.

Keep the edges flat and avoid pulling the yarn too tightly.

Attach Santa's Face

Position the completed beige face above the coat panels.

The lower part of the face should slightly overlap the top of the suit.

Center the face carefully.

Sew around its outer edge using beige yarn.

Check that the face remains symmetrical and does not tilt to either side.

Attach the Scarf

Wrap the red scarf around the lower portion of Santa's face.

Allow it to cover the join between the head and coat.

Overlap the scarf ends slightly.

Sew the scarf securely in place, using red yarn.

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The scarf should appear softly curved rather than stretched straight across the face.

Attach the Sleeve and Hand

Position the red sleeve diagonally along Santa's right side, as viewed in the finished design.

The white cuff and hand should remain clearly visible.

Sew the sleeve along its edges.

Attach the white hand securely to the cuff and, if necessary, to the gray base for additional stability.

Attach the Christmas Hat

Place the red hat on the upper section of Santa's face.

The white brim should overlap the top of the beige face slightly.

Angle the hat tip to one side.

Sew the brim to the face using white yarn.

Secure the red hat where it overlaps the gray base.

Finally, attach the white pom-pom at the end of the hat, making sure it is firmly stitched.

Check the Entire Arrangement

Before finishing, inspect the completed Santa design.

The following details should be visible:

- **Gray circular base with 12 scallops.**
- **Twelve orange border decorations.**
- **Beige face with two black eyes.**
- **Orange nose and cheeks.**

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- White curved mustache.
- Red Christmas hat with white brim and pom-pom.
- Red scarf around the neck.
- Beige center panel with three orange buttons.
- Two red coat panels.
- Red sleeve with white cuff and hand.

Make any small adjustments necessary to achieve the balanced appearance shown in the reference.

Step 13: Finish, Shape, and Block the Placemat

Once all the pieces have been assembled, carefully inspect the back of the placemat.

Secure the Yarn Ends

Use a tapestry needle to weave loose yarn ends through several stitches on the back.

Change direction once or twice to help prevent the ends from coming loose.

Trim excess yarn only after the ends are securely woven in.

Check the Seams

Gently pull on each attached piece to make sure it is securely sewn.

Pay particular attention to the hat pom-pom, scarf, buttons, and hand.

These raised decorations may experience more movement during handling.

Shape the Scalloped Border

Lay the placemat flat.

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Arrange the 12 scallops evenly around the outside edge.

Use your fingers to smooth each rounded section.

If the base appears uneven, lightly dampen the piece and reshape it.

Blocking Instructions

For cotton yarn, lightly mist the placemat with water.

Place it on a clean towel or blocking mat.

Gently stretch the circular base into an even shape without distorting the stitches.

Pin the scallops if necessary.

Allow the project to dry completely.

For acrylic yarn, follow the yarn manufacturer's care instructions. Avoid direct high heat, which may permanently alter the fibers.

Final Measurements

The target finished diameter is approximately 40 cm (15.7 inches).

The reference chart gives this as the intended size, but the exact measurement depends on gauge and the final arrangement of the pieces. The original chart does not provide a gauge swatch or complete dimensional measurements for each component.

If your finished placemat is smaller, use a slightly larger hook or add additional circular rounds before making the scalloped border.

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If it is larger, consider using a smaller hook or working fewer base rounds.

Step 14: Caring for Your Handmade Crochet Santa Placemat

A handmade Christmas decoration can last for many holiday seasons when properly cared for.

Washing

Hand washing is the safest choice for a project with multiple sewn-on decorations.

Use cool water and a mild detergent suitable for the yarn.

Avoid vigorous rubbing or twisting.

Gently squeeze out excess water using a clean towel.

Drying

Lay the placemat flat on a dry towel.

Reshape the circular base and scalloped border.

Allow it to air-dry completely before storing.

Avoid hanging the placemat while wet because the weight of the yarn may stretch the stitches.

Storage

Store the finished decoration flat in a clean, dry container.

Avoid placing heavy objects on top of the pom-pom, mustache, or raised buttons.

A breathable cotton storage bag can help protect the piece between Christmas seasons.

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Display Ideas

The finished Crochet Santa Placemat works beautifully as a decorative Christmas table centerpiece, a festive accent beneath a lightweight holiday ornament, or a seasonal wall decoration when fitted with a suitable hanging loop.

Because the design includes raised appliqués and possibly plastic eyes, it is best treated as a decorative mat rather than a heat-resistant trivet or a flat dining placemat for hot dishes.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern

1. Is this Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern suitable for beginners?

The project is most suitable for confident beginners or intermediate crocheters. The main stitches are simple, but assembling the individual pieces requires patience and careful positioning.

2. What type of yarn is best for this Christmas placemat?

Worsted-weight cotton yarn is an excellent choice because it offers good stitch definition and shape retention. Acrylic yarn can also be used for decorative purposes.

3. Can I make the placemat larger than 40 cm?

Yes. Add more rounds to the gray circular base, maintaining a flat shape with evenly distributed increases. Adjust the scallop spacing to match the new stitch count.

4. Can I use a different crochet hook size?

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Yes, but changing the hook size will affect the finished dimensions. A 4.0 mm hook is recommended for the reference project.

5. How many orange buttons are needed?

The design uses 12 orange decorations around the scalloped border, three orange buttons on the center panel, one orange nose, and two orange cheeks, for a total of 18 orange circles.

6. Can I replace the plastic safety eyes?

Yes. Embroidered black eyes are a good alternative, particularly when the decoration may be handled by children.

7. How do I prevent the circular base from curling?

Check your stitch counts and tension. If the edges curl upward, the circle may need more increases. If the edge ripples, there may be too many increases.

8. Can the Santa decoration be removed from the gray base?

The tutorial uses permanent sewing to attach the pieces. However, you can adapt the project by attaching Santa to a separate fabric backing or using another removable mounting method.

9. Can this project be used as a Christmas wall hanging?

Yes. Add a secure hanging loop to the back of the gray base. The completed Santa design makes a cheerful handmade Christmas wall decoration.

10. How long does it take to crochet the complete placemat?

Depending on experience, yarn tension, and assembly speed, the project may take approximately 8–14 hours. Beginners may need additional time.

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Conclusion: Your Crochet Santa Placemat Is Ready! 🎄

Congratulations on completing your Crochet Santa Placemat Pattern!

By following the construction stages, you have created a festive handmade decoration featuring a scalloped gray circular base, orange decorative accents, Santa's cheerful face, a red winter coat, a white-trimmed Christmas hat, and a charming scarf.

The combination of US crochet stitches, separately constructed appliqué pieces, and careful hand sewing makes this project a wonderful way to practice circular crochet, shaping, edging, and decorative assembly.

Your finished Santa placemat can become part of your annual Christmas decorations or a thoughtful handmade gift for someone who loves crochet and holiday crafts.

Enjoy your beautiful handmade Crochet Santa Placemat, and have a wonderful Christmas crafting season! 🎅❤️