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## Picot Fan Placemat

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Pattern Introduction Inspired by a placemat passed down to me from my grandmother, this lovely oval placemat ends with a flourish! Grandma always made lovely things for her home, and so can you with this simple pattern. Make a matching set or each in a different color. Perfect for your table décor!

## What you need <br> Worsted Weight Cotton (Lilies 'n <br> Cream, Peaches ' n Cream, etc) <br> $11 / 2$ balls = 1 placemat

Size H crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Yarn Needle

## Stitches you need to know

Chain
Slip Stitch
Single Crochet
Double Crochet
Half Double Crochet
Techniques you need to know
Crochet in rounds

Gauge $7 \mathrm{dc}=2$ ".

## Measurements

Approximately $131 / 2 "$ high and 18 " wide.

## Abbreviations you need to know

| Beg = beginning |  |
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| Ch = chain | Rnd round |
| Dc = double crochet |  |
| Hdc = half double crochet | Sl st = slip stitch |
| Lps = loops | $\mathrm{Sp}=$ space |
| Rem = remaining | $\mathrm{St}=$ stitch |
| Rep = repeat | $\mathrm{Sts}=$ stitches |

Memory Refreshers - These are just some things I like to include in my patterns especially for new crocheters, as well as making it clear what I'm instructing you to do.

1. "Fasten off" means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.
2. "Continue working in this manner" means to keep on crocheting with the pattern as it is established thus far. So, where it says " 1 sc in next $3 \mathrm{sc} . .$. ", you will then, on the next row, do this: " 1 sc in next $4 \mathrm{sc} .$. " Then on the next row, you will do this: " 1 sc in next 5 sc..." This allows for the increases necessary to make a rounded circle (or half-circle in this case).
3. When you are told to work into the "ch-1 sp" (or ch-4 sp, etc.), you are simply placing your hook into the hole created by the ch-1. You do not actually try to put your hook into the chain itself...just under it altogether. This makes for very quick \& easy crocheting. 4. "Join yarn with sc" is an ingenious way to join your yarn to another section. Simply make a slip knot on your hook like you always do to begin. Insert your hook in the st or sp indicated and work a sc. You will pull the yarn through both loops on your hook (the second one being the slip knot). Works like a charm!
4. What is the "turning chain"??? This refers to the ch-3 you made at the beginning of a row (which almost always counts as a dc!) OR the 3 chains that you made in the previous row. You will place the last stitch indicated in a row into the top chain of these 3 chains.

## Special Stitches

Mesh Stitch (M-st) $=$ Ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc.
$\mathbf{V}$-Stitch $(\mathbf{V}-\mathbf{s t})=$ Ch 1, skip next dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next dc.
Picot Fan Stitch A $($ PFSA $)=$ Skip 2dc, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, sl st in $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{dc}$, ch 1 , dc) in next dc, skip 2dc, sc in next dc.

Picot Fan Stitch B $(\mathbf{P F S B})=$ Skip $1 \mathrm{dc},\left(\mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 1, \mathrm{dc}\right.$, ch 3 , sl st in $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{ch}$, dc, ch 1, dc) in next dc, skip 1dc, sc in next dc.

## Walkthrough

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Pattern Overview:
You are starting in the center of the oval placemat and crocheting around the beginning ch, then working your way out to the Picot Fan edge. Some rounds have increases to keep the oval shaping, some rounds do not. Just follow the pattern and it should lead you aright! You also have the OPTION of working all stitches into the Back Loop Only OR working into the entire top of each stitch. Your choice. The BLO method creates a decorative ridge along each round.

## Begin:

Ch 14.
Rnd 1: With front of chain facing you and working in the top loop of the chain, Sc in $2^{\text {nd }}$ ch from hook. Sc in next 11 lps . 3 sc in lp of last ch (you have rounded the corner).
Now working in the opposite loop of the chain, Sc in next 12 lps .3 sc in final lp. - (which is actually the very first ch made). Join with a sl st to beg sc of this rnd. DO NOT TURN WORK THROUGHOUT THIS PATTERN! (30 sc around)

Rnd 2: Ch 2 (considered to be a hdc), hdc in next 11 sc , 2hdc in each of next 3 sc , hdc in next 12 sc , 2 hdc in each of next 3 sc ; join with a sl st to top of beg ch-2. Join in this manner throughout pattern. ( 36 hdc around)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in next 13 hdc , 2 dc in each of next 4 hdc , dc in next 14 hdc , 2 dc in each of next 4 hdc ; join. ( 44 dc around)

Rnd 4: Ch 5 (considered a dc +2 chs), *skip next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, rep from * around; join.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, 2dc in next ch-2 sp, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around; join.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, **dc in next 18 dc , *2dc in each of next $2 \mathrm{dc}, 1 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, rep from * 4 times more. Rep from ** once more omitting final dc; join.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 2, *skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc , ch 2 , rep from * around; join.

Rnd 8: Sl st into next dc and again into next ch-2 sp. Ch 3 (considered a dc), dc in this ch-2 sp, ch 2, *2dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, rep from * around; join to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, *dc in each of next $2 \mathrm{dc}, 3$ dc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around; join.

Rnd 10: Ch 3, dc in each dc around; join.
Rnd 11: Ch 4 (considered to be a dc +1 ch), skip next dc, dc in next dc, work M-st 11x, V-st once, *M-st 6x, V-st once*, (M-st 2x, V-st once) 3x, rep * to * once, M-st 12x, V-st once, rep * to * once more, rep ( ) 3x, M-st 7 x ending with ch 1 and sl st to $3^{\text {rd }}$ ch of beg ch- 4 to join.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, dc in next ch-1 sp, *dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp; rep from * around; join.

Rnd 13: Ch 1 , sc in same st as sl st , Work PFSA 5x, then PFSB 2x,
PFSA 2x, PFSB once, PFSA 2x, PFSB 2x, PFSA 6x, PFSB 2x, PFSA 3x, PFSB once, PFSA 2x, PFSB once,
PFSA 2x, ending this last PFSA omitting the sc and instead sl st to beg sc to join the round. (Total of 31 Picot Fans)

Fasten Off. Weave in ends.

