

Charcoal Chunky Single-Crochet Mat

A photo-matched crochet pet blanket with dense stitch guidance, measurement-based sizing, washable-yarn notes and finishing checks.



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Publishing status

Prototype-ready draft. Crochet, wash and supervise one physical pet-use test before calling this pattern tested.

Project plan

Visible construction	A charcoal mat with a substantial rounded texture, firm rectangular shape and softly rounded corners.
Starting stitch	tight single crochet through both loops
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 9 sc x 10 rows = 10 cm. Reject any swatch with gaps large enough for a claw tip.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 65 x 85 cm.

Materials

- Smooth bulky tube yarn without a loose roving surface, approximately 500-750 m
- 7 mm hook or size needed for a tight swatch
- yarn needle
- markers.

Also have scissors, a measuring tape and a smooth 15 cm swatch board. Keep needles, markers and loose yarn away from pets.

Abbreviations

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; dc = double crochet; BLO = back loop only; st(s) = stitch(es); rep = repeat.

Measure before crocheting

Width = shoulder-to-hip resting width + 15-20 cm. Length = resting body length + 20 cm. Add stitches from the measured washed gauge.

Pet / use	Starting width	Starting length	Write actual size
Cat	50-60 cm	65-80 cm	___ x ___ cm
Small dog	55-65 cm	75-90 cm	___ x ___ cm
Medium / large dog	65-95 cm	85-125 cm	___ x ___ cm

Swatch and snag check

- Make a 15 cm swatch, wash it as the yarn label allows and dry it completely.
- Record stitches and rows per 10 cm before and after washing.
- Run fingertips and a blunt wooden cuticle stick lightly across both surfaces. Reject visible loops that lift easily.
- Rub the yarn with a white cloth to check shedding or dye transfer.
- Choose the safer tighter version if two hook sizes both produce flexible fabric.

Pattern instructions

1. Make a 15 cm swatch first. Bend it, press it and run fingertips across both surfaces to find exposed loops before committing to the mat.
2. Chain to the calculated width plus one. Work sc through both loops across each row, keeping the turning chain loose enough for a straight edge but not a hole.
3. Continue to the calculated length. Count rows at both sides so the rectangle does not skew.
4. Work two sc border rounds. At the corners, use two or three stitches only as needed to prevent cupping.
5. Weave tails deeply into the dense back surface, wash the mat and repeat the claw-catch inspection after drying.

Finishing checklist

- Lay the blanket flat and confirm the corners do not curl into cord-like loops.
- Weave every tail through dense stitches in more than one direction, tug-test, then trim.
- Inspect the reverse surface, color changes and border joins, not only the photographed side.
- Wash and dry the completed prototype before measuring final size and yardage.

Pet-use fit check

The beagle should be able to shift position without the mat rolling under the paws.

- Let the pet approach voluntarily and supervise the first sessions.
- Watch the pet lie down, turn, stand and walk off without the blanket wrapping around a paw.
- Remove the blanket if a claw catches, yarn loosens, the pet chews, or the fabric forms a tight loop.
- Keep the blanket dry and away from heaters or open flames.

Care

Follow the tube-yarn label. Reshape flat and rotate during drying so the thick fabric does not hold moisture.

Design-specific safety

The supplied photo shows chunkier surface loops than the other blankets. Tight gauge and inspection are mandatory; discontinue use if claws catch.

Final sign-off

Swatch washed: ____ Finished size: ____ Both sides inspected: ____ Edges secure: ____ Supervised pet-use check passed: ____ Yarn / hook / yardage recorded: ____ Version/date: ____