

5 Spiral Throw Rug

Materials:

- Your choice of five colors of **bulky weight** yarn, two 8 oz. skeins each. (My rug is made with an acrylic/wool blend from my stash.)
- Hook size I/5.5mm
- Stitch markers
- Gauge is not important as you will make the rug to your desired size



Stitches used: Triple Crochet (tr); Half Triple Crochet (htr); Double Crochet (dc); Half Double Crochet (hdc); Single Crochet (sc); V-stitch

Pattern Notes:

- This rug is not meant for high traffic areas. It is best suited for a bedroom or other low traffic area.
- This pattern would also make a great lapghan or, if you are very industrious, an afghan!
- When washing rug, follow instructions on yarn label.
- And last but not least – have fun!

Spiral Base:

Rnd 1 – With A make a magic circle (there are many great tutorials online detailing how to make a magic circle) or chain 4 and join with slip st – use whatever method you are comfortable with. 15 dc in circle (you may want to place a stitch marker in first stitch to make it easier to find.) DO NOT join. Continuing with A, dc in beginning dc; htr in next st; tr twice in next st. Pull up long loop. (Photo 1) DO NOT fasten off. *Join color B in next st. Dc in same st as join; htr in next st; tr twice in next st. Pull up long loop. (Photo 2) * Repeat between * for remaining colors. (Photo 3)



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Note: The good news is, you will not be weaving in any ends until you finish your final spiral! The bad news is, because you are not fastening off until the end, the 5 yarns will twist around each other. You should stop periodically and untangle the yarn. To make this easier, I put each skein in a zip bag with a snip in the bottom. Feed the yarn end through the snip and pull yarn through snip as you go. This will make it easier for you to untangle the yarn.

Rnd 2 – Insert hook into Color A loop and tighten down. *1 tr in next st; two tr in next st.* Repeat between * once. Pull up a long loop. (Photo 4) Insert hook into Color B loop and tighten down. (Photo 5) Repeat between * twice. Continue in the same manner with Colors C-E. At this point, you should see the spiral pattern begin to emerge. (Photo 6)



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

Note: In order for the spiral to remain flat, there must be an increase in each round. In Rnd 2 the increase is *1tr, 2 tr in next st (this is the inc), 1tr, inc*, repeat once.

Rnd 3 - * 2 tr, inc, 2tr, inc,* repeat once.

Rnd 4 - *3tr, inc, 3tr, inc,* repeat once.

This pattern will continue throughout for each color A-E (example: Rnd 5 - *4tr, inc, 4tr, inc* repeat once) until the spiral is as large as you wish. Note that each increase is made in the second stitch of the increase of the previous round. All rounds will end in the last stitch of the previous round, except Color E, which will end halfway along Color A.

Remember to untwist yarn every 2-4 rounds!

When the rug is the size you desire, use whatever method you prefer to end spirals. For instance, I ended mine without tapering. If you prefer, you can taper off spirals. At end of spiral, trc2, htrc2, dc2, hdc2, sc2, fasten off.

Now that you have finished your spirals, it is time to add the finishing border! (You have almost finished your rug. How exciting!)

Border Rnd 1 - Join color A in any tr of previous row. Sc in same stitch as join. *Sc in each st until you come to a tr increase. Sc in first st of increase in previous round. Sc increase (2sc) in second stitch of previous round increase* Repeat between * until you come to beginning sc. Join in beginning sc. Do NOT fasten off!

Border Rnd 2 - Repeat Border Rnd 1.

Border Rnd 3 - Tr in next st, ch 2, tr in same st. (one V-stitch made). *Sk 2 st; tr in next st; ch2; tr in same st* Repeat between * until you come to beginning tr. Join. Do NOT fasten off.

Border Rnd 4 - Two sc in next st. *Ch 2, sk two st, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat between * until you come to beginning sc. Join and fasten off. (Photo 7 – Close-up of border)



Photo 7

To make fringe:

Using your choice of yarn color(s), cut into 14” strands. (Photo 8) You will need 4 strands of yarn for each ch 2 space of last round. To attach fringe, take 4 strands and fold in half. (Photo 9) From right side, pull loop created by folding strands in half through ch 2 space from previous round to wrong side. (Photo 10)



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10

Grasp strands on front of work and pull through loop. Snug up. (Photos 11, 12, 13) One fringe made. Continue until you have fringe in each ch 2 space around. Trim fringe if needed.



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13

Congratulations! You have completed your 5 Spiral Rug!