



*A complete tutorial
on making the*

Fish Scales Carpet

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To make this carpet you will need:

- 1850 meters of cotton string, 5 mm thick – it's better to order a bit more string, just to be on the safe side,
- a crochet hook 10 mm thick – in the US: size N/P,
- about 12 hours of your time :)

The diameter of this carpet is 150 cm, it also weighs quite a lot – 8.3 kilos.

I will use the US crochet notation throughout this tutorial.

The carpet consists of:

- the base



- and four layers of fish scales:



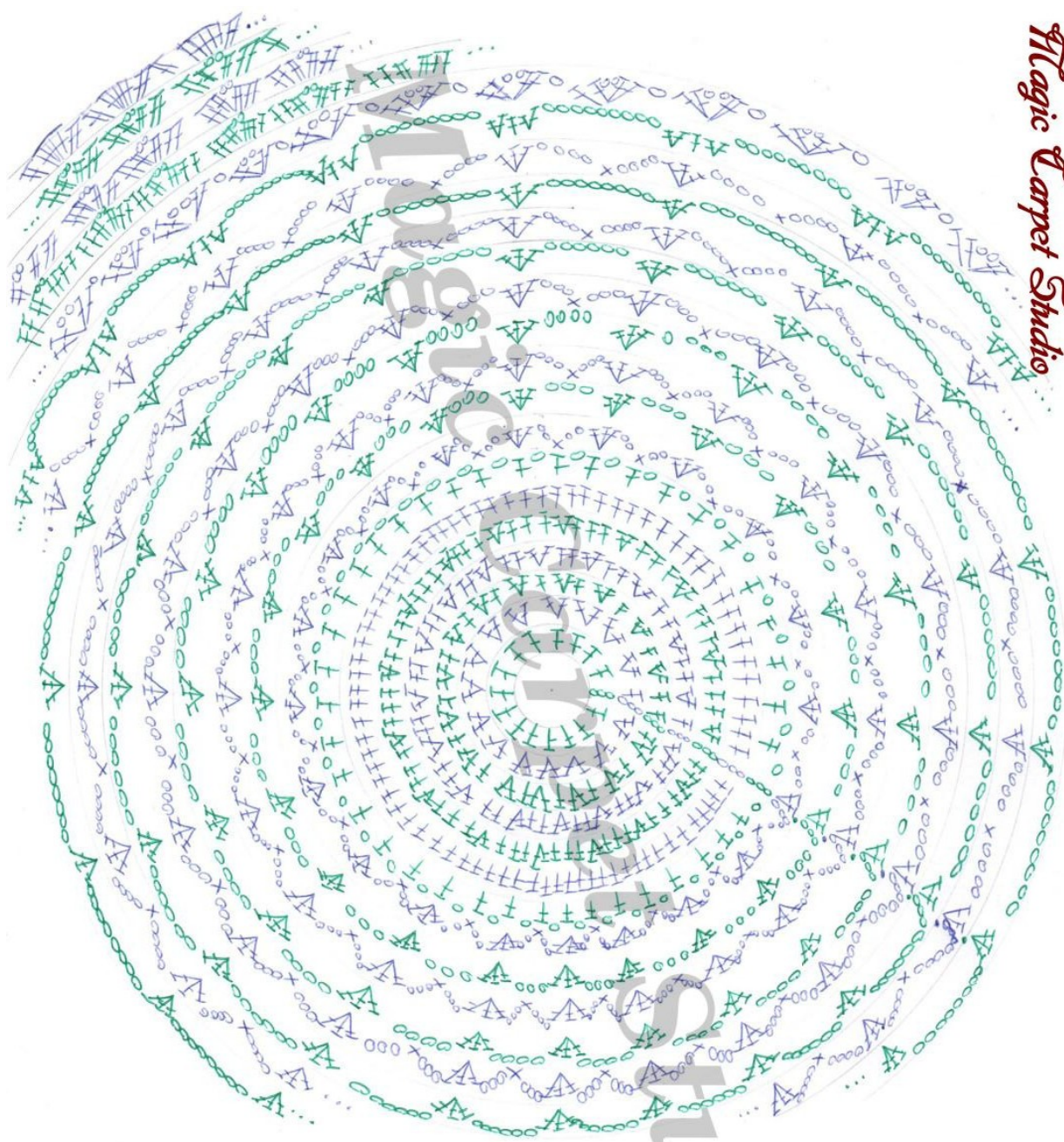
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Diagram for the base – 22 rounds:

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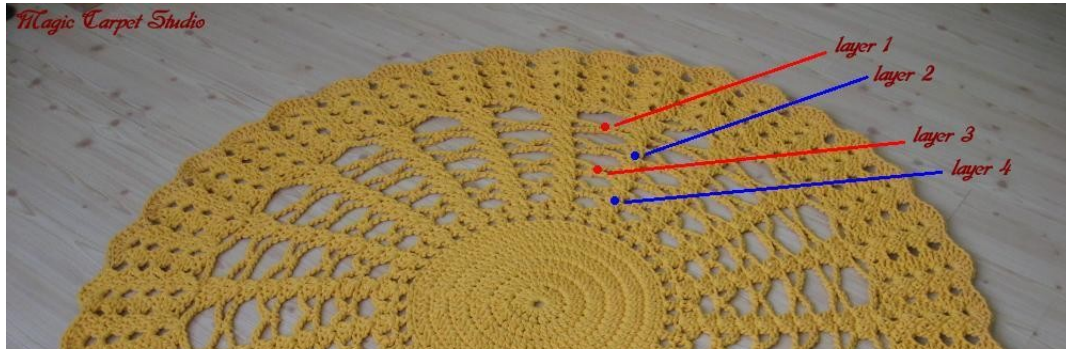


#1	16 F
#2	32 F
#3	48 F
#4	64 F
#5	80 F
#6	80 F
#7	40 F
#8	20 F
#9	20 F
#10	20 F
#11	20 F
#12	20 F
#13	20 F
#14	20 F
#15	20 F
#16	20 F
#17	20 F
#18	40 F
#19, #20, #21:	40 F
#22	40 F

If the diagram on the previous page is too small or unclear, you can download a bigger version from my blog:

<http://magiccarpetstudio.blogspot.com/2015/12/wyzwanie-remake-dywanu-na-podstawie.html>

Four consecutive layers of scales should be done on rounds: 16, 14, 12 and 10.
I marked the appropriate starting points with dots:



Layer 1



We start with 2dc, 2ch, 2dc all made in the same sc of the 16th round of the base. Then make 5ch to move to the next sc of round 16. Follow this diagram to make all 20 scales:



This should be your end result:



Layer 2

This layer should be started on the 14th round of the base – but not at an sc. Rather, pull out a vertical loop of the second dc and twist it a bit, so that it becomes more horizontal. Then, make: 2dc, 2ch, 2dc in the twisted loop:



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Follow the diagram to make 20 fish scales:



This is what the second layer should look like once you finish:



Layer 3

The third layer starts on the 12th round of the base at any given sc. Make 2dc, 2ch, 2dc in that sc. Follow the diagram to complete the layer:



Layer 4

The last layer starts at a second dc on the 10th round of the base. Make 2dc, 2ch, 2dc in the twisted loop of the second dc. Then make 1ch, an sc into the sc of the 10th round, and again 1ch. Without that extra sc the gap between the fourth layer and the base was too large and it just didn't look good! Follow the diagram to complete the carpet:



THE END :)

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