FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

How to Change Colors in Crochet

Three clean methods and a practice mug rug · 5.3 × 5.4 in · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	HOOK
Beginner	**Mug rug 5.3 × 5.4 in**	**4.5 mm (US 7)**

YARN	STITCH	METHODS
Worsted cotton, 4 colours	**sc only**	**Stripes, tapestry, accent row**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: oatmeal 20 yd, sage 5 yd, terracotta 9 yd, mustard 2 yd
- 4.5 mm (US 7) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**yo**	yarn over
sc	single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)

The secret of a clean change: work the last stitch in the old colour until 2 loops are left on the hook, then yarn over with the NEW colour and pull through.

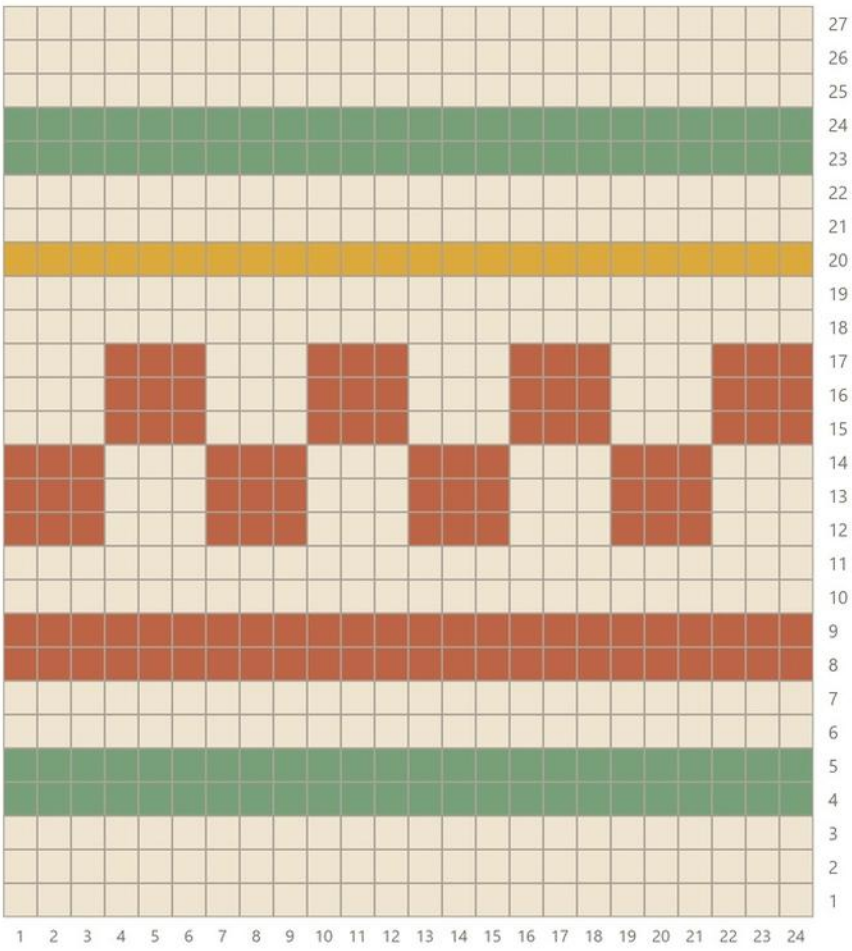
Mug rug

Foundation	With oatmeal, ch 25.	
Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn.	**(24)**
Rows 2–3	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.	**(24)**
Rows 4–5	With sage: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to sage on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 6–7	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to oatmeal on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 8–9	With terracotta: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to terracotta on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 10–11	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to oatmeal on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 12–14	Tapestry checks: ch 1, (sc 3 in terracotta, sc 3 in oatmeal) across, carrying the unused colour inside the stitches. Change on the last yarn over of the 3rd st. Turn.	**(24)**
Rows 15–17	Tapestry checks: ch 1, (sc 3 in oatmeal, sc 3 in terracotta) across, carrying the unused colour inside the stitches. Change on the last yarn over of the 3rd st. Turn.	**(24)**
Rows 18–19	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to oatmeal on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**

Row 20	With mustard: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to mustard on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 21–22	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to oatmeal on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 23–24	With sage: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to sage on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Rows 25–27	With oatmeal: ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Change to oatmeal on the last yarn over of the row before.	**(24)**
Border	With oatmeal, sc evenly around all four sides, 3 sc in each corner. Join and fasten off. Weave in every tail into stitches of its own colour.	

Colour Change Mug Rug · Chart

24 sc wide · each square = 1 sc · stripes, tapestry checks and a one-row accent



Change colour on the LAST yarn over of the stitch before the new colour

Rows read right to left on odd rows, left to right on even rows (you turn every row)

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