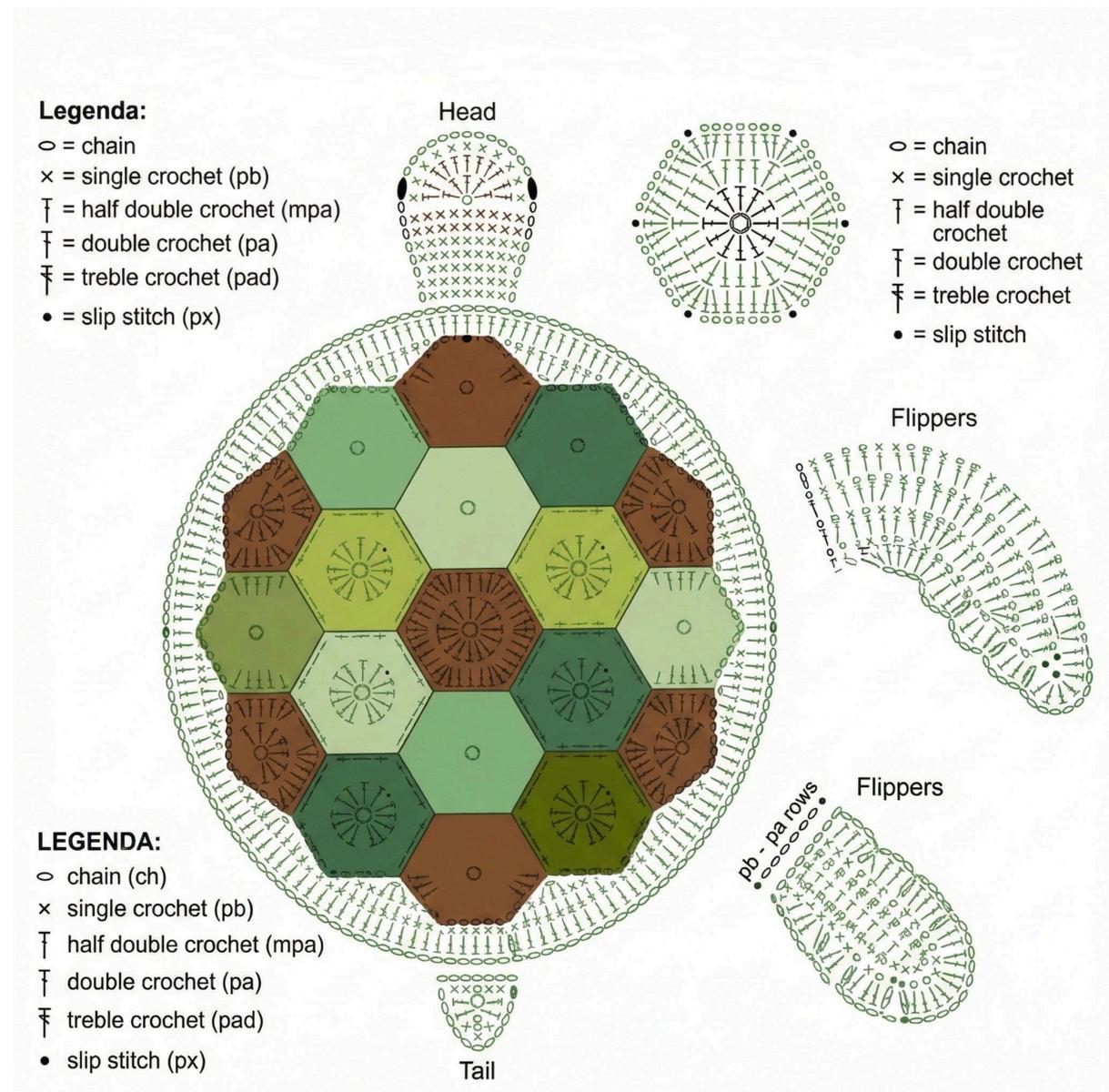


ELEGANT TURTLE CROCHET RUG

Crochet Pattern – US Terms

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: 28–36 inches (depending on yarn & hook)



MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn or braided cotton cord
 - Dark Green
 - Light Green
 - Brown
 - Beige (optional accent)
 - 4.5–6 mm hook
 - Tapestry needle
 - Stitch markers
 - Non-slip backing (optional for rugs)
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ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
tr – treble crochet
inc – 2 stitches in same stitch
st – stitch
MR – magic ring

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

The turtle is made in separate parts:

1. 13 Hexagons (shell motifs)
2. Circular border joining round
3. Head
4. 4 Flippers
5. Tail
6. Final edging

PART 1 – HEXAGON SHELL MOTIF (MAKE 13)

Make 1 center hexagon + 12 surrounding hexagons.

With chosen color:

Round 1

MR, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc, ch 2

3 dc, ch 2 repeat 5 times

Sl st to top of beginning ch-3

(6 groups of 3 dc)

Round 2

Sl st into corner space

Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same corner

In next corner: (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)

Repeat in each corner

Sl st to join

Round 3

Sl st to corner

Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc

Along side: 3 dc in space between clusters

Corner: 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc

Repeat around

Sl st

Round 4 (optional for larger rug)

Continue same pattern:

3 dc in each side space

Corners always: 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc

Fasten off.

Make 13 total.

Color placement suggestion:

- 1 dark brown center
 - Alternate greens and browns around
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PART 2 – JOINING SHELL

Arrange hexagons:

- 1 center
- 6 around center
- 6 forming outer ring

Join using:

- Option A – Slip stitch join through back loops
- Option B – Join-as-you-go during last round
- Option C – Sew with mattress stitch

Ensure flat positioning.

PART 3 – OUTER CIRCULAR BORDER

Attach yarn at any outer corner.

Round 1

Work 3 sc evenly across each hexagon side.

In outer corners (where 2 hexagons meet forming a point), work:

2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc.

Continue around entire shell.

Round 2

Sc evenly around.

At each ch-1 corner: (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc).

Round 3

Switch to hdc for smoother circle.

Work evenly, slightly increasing at curves.

Round 4

Work dc evenly.

Increase gradually as needed to prevent curling.

Round 5 (optional decorative edge)

Crab stitch (reverse sc) around.

Fasten off.

PART 4 – HEAD

With green:

Round 1
MR, 6 sc (6)

Round 2
Inc in each st (12)

Round 3
(Sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

Round 4
(Sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

Round 5
(Sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

Rounds 6–8
Sc evenly (30)

Slight shaping:
Flatten lower portion slightly by working 3–4 hdc across bottom.

Fasten off leaving tail for sewing.

Attach to front center of shell.

Optional:
Embroider eyes or add safety eyes (not recommended for rugs).

PART 5 – FLIPPERS (MAKE 4)

With green:

Ch 14

Row 1
Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across (13)

Row 2
Ch 1, turn
Inc in first st
Sc across
Inc in last st

Row 3
Ch 1, turn
Hdc across
Increase at both ends

Row 4
Dc across

Optional shaping:
Work 2–3 tr stitches at outer curved edge.

Fasten off.

Sew 2 on each side of shell (front and back).

PART 6 – TAIL

With green:

Ch 6

Row 1
Sc in 2nd ch and across

Row 2
Ch 1
Sc across decreasing at one end

Fasten off leaving long tail.

Attach centered at back bottom.

FINAL EDGE REINFORCEMENT

Attach darker green.

Sc evenly around entire turtle shape (shell + flippers + head + tail).

At sharp curves, work 2 sc in same stitch.

Optional final round:
Slip stitch tightly for structured finish.

FINISHING

- Weave in all ends
 - Lightly block if needed
 - Add anti-slip backing
 - For thicker rug: hold two strands together
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SIZE ADJUSTMENT

To enlarge rug:

- Add extra round to each hexagon
- Add additional border rounds
- Use bulky yarn

To make smaller:

- Stop hexagons at Round 2