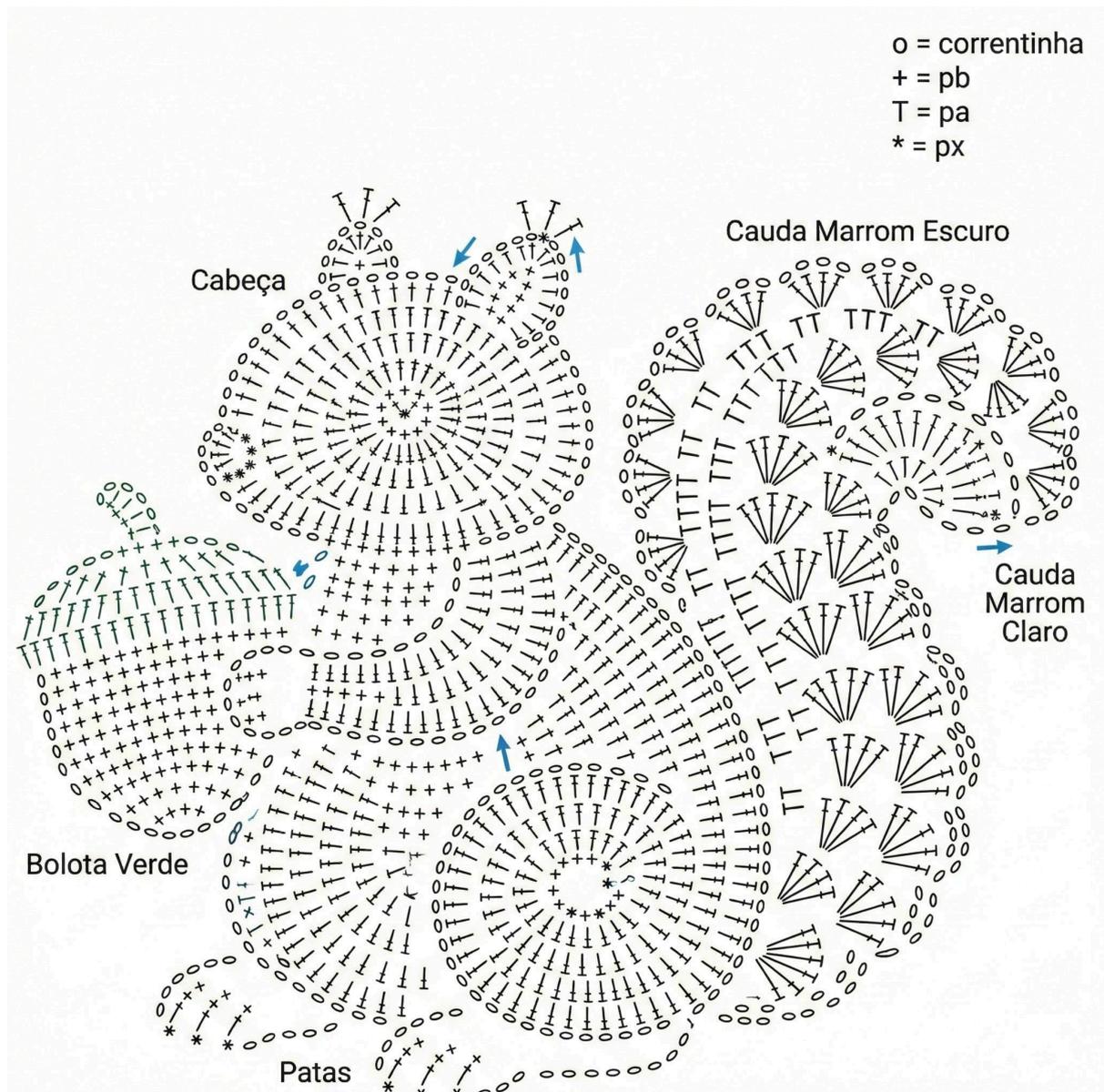# Elegant Squirrel Rug Crochet Pattern

Complete Step-by-Step Guide (US Terms)

This elegant squirrel rug is worked in sections: head, body, tail, acorn, and legs. Most pieces are worked in joined rounds, while the tail includes fan stitch texture to create the fluffy look.

The rug is worked flat.

Skill Level

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

You should be comfortable with:

- Magic ring

- Working in joined rounds

- Increasing evenly in circles

- Color changes

- Working fan/shell stitches

- Surface slip stitch

Materials

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (recommended for rugs)

- Light brown (body)

- Dark brown (tail + details)

- Medium brown

- Green (acorn leaf)

- Beige (acorn top if desired)

- Hook size 4.5 mm – 5.5 mm

- Yarn needle

- Stitch markers

- Scissors

Optional:

- Non-slip rug backing

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
sts – stitches

Construction Overview

The rug is constructed in this order:

1. Body circle

2. Head circle

3. Tail (worked separately with shell texture)

4. Acorn

5. Legs

6. Assembly

7. Final edging

BODY (Light Brown)

With light brown yarn.

Round 1:
 Magic ring, ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring. Join. (12)

Round 2:
 Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24)

Round 3:
 Ch 3, (dc 1, inc) around. Join. (36)

Round 4:
 Ch 3, (dc 2, inc) around. Join. (48)

Round 5:
 Ch 3, (dc 3, inc) around. Join. (60)

Continue increasing evenly:

Round 6: (dc 4, inc)
 Round 7: (dc 5, inc)
 Round 8: (dc 6, inc)

Stop when body measures approx. 16–20 inches diameter.

Fasten off.

HEAD (Light Brown)

Round 1:
 Magic ring, 12 dc.

Round 2:
 2 dc in each st around. (24)

Round 3:
 (dc 1, inc) around. (36)

Round 4–6:
 Continue increasing evenly until head is slightly smaller than body.

Attach head overlapping top left of body using whip stitch or crochet join.

EARS

With light brown yarn.

Row 1:
 Ch 8, sc across.

Row 2:
 Ch 1, dec, sc to last 2 sts, dec.

Repeat decreasing until triangle forms.

Make 2.

Attach to top of head.

TAIL (Dark Brown + Medium Brown)

The tail is large and decorative, using fan stitches.

With dark brown:

Round 1:
 Magic ring, 12 dc.

Round 2:
 2 dc in each st. (24)

Round 3:
 (dc 1, inc) around. (36)

Round 4–6:
 Continue increasing until tail base is wide.

Now begin texture rows:

Shell Pattern Round:

Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st next st.

Repeat around.

Next round:

Work sc evenly around.

Alternate 1 shell round + 1 sc round for layered feathered look.

Switch to medium brown halfway through outer rounds for two-tone effect (as shown in chart: Cauda Marrom Claro).

Continue building tail by working partial rounds on one side only to elongate and curve it.

To create curve:

Work 3/4 of a round, turn, ch 3, dc across.

Increase at outer edge only.

Continue shaping until tail reaches desired spiral shape.

Fasten off.

Attach tail securely to body.

ACORN (Bolota Verde)

Top (Green):

Round 1:
 Magic ring, 8 sc.

Round 2:
 (Sc 1, inc) around.

Round 3:
 Sc around.

Add small stem:

Ch 6, sl st back along chain.

Bottom (Brown):

Round 1:
 Magic ring, 8 dc.

Round 2:
 Inc evenly to 16.

Attach green top overlapping.

Sew acorn to front of body.

LEGS (Patas)

Make 2 small ovals.

Round 1:
 Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and across, 3 sc in last ch, working other side of chain, sc across, 3 sc in first ch. Join.

Round 2:
 Inc at curves, sc across straight sides.

Make 2 front legs and 2 smaller back legs.

Attach to bottom of body.

SURFACE DETAILS

Using surface slip stitch:

- Outline ear edges

- Outline tail spiral

- Add line dividing acorn cap

- Add body swirl detail (as shown in chart)

FINAL BORDER

Attach dark brown yarn around entire squirrel shape.

Work sc evenly around all edges.

For decorative edge:

Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st next st.

Repeat around entire outline.

Size Adjustments

To make larger:

Continue circular increase formula:

(dc next number, inc)

Example:
 (dc 7, inc)
 (dc 8, inc)

To make smaller:
 Stop earlier in base circles.

Professional Finishing Tips

- Keep increases evenly spaced to prevent ruffling.

- Use stitch markers when shaping tail curve.

- Block tail gently to enhance spiral shape.

- For sturdy rug, hold two strands together.

- Add non-slip backing for floor use.