



Detailed Crochet Tutorial: French Bulldog Head Placemat/Coaster

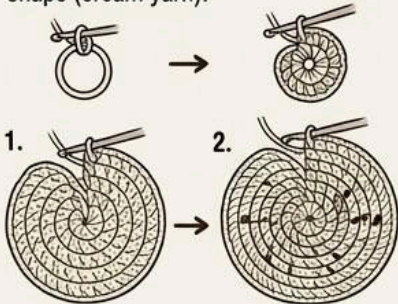
This adorable Frenchie head placemat or coaster is a fun and creative crochet project that combines simple stitches with a bit of shaping and colorwork. Based on the diagram you provided, this step-by-step guide will walk you through everything from the foundation to the final details, making it easy for beginners and enjoyable for experienced crocheters alike.

Grab your yarn and hook—let's get started!  

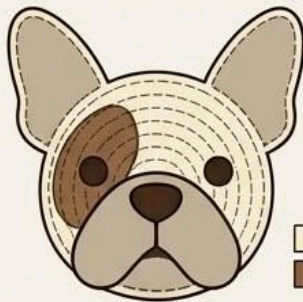
DETAILED CROCHET TUTORIAL: THE FRENCHIE HEAD PLACEMAT/COASTER

GETTING STARTED: Foundation

Start with a Magic Ring (MC). Work in rounds of sc. Add increase (inc) stitches as needed to form the flat head base shape (cream yarn).



FORMING THE FACE



Round 1-N: sc in rounds. Use cream yarn (CR) for the majority. Start the 'Eye Patch' (brown yarn - BR) using **tapestry crochet** color change method on Rounds X-Y over specific sc stitches. Use **slip stitches (sl st)** for smooth edges where the patch ends.

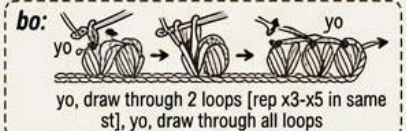
DEFINING THE MUZZLE & NOSE

Crochet a separate smaller cream piece for the muzzle.



Switch to **bobble stitch (bo)** and dark brown yarn (DB) for the central nose area to create texture.

Secure the nose/muzzle piece to the main head with a yarn needle and simple stitches.



EARS CONSTRUCTION



Create two identical ears in Brown (BR). A simple triangle worked in rows using **half-double crochet (hdc)** or **double crochet (dc)** depending on desired size. Finish with **double crochet (dcs)** depending on desired size.

Finish with a **crab stitch** (reverse single crochet - **rev sc**) border around the entire ear with a contrasting lighter brown yarn (LBR).

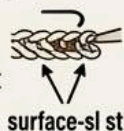


APPENDAGES (PAWS)














Crochet two small paw shapes in Cream (CR) using simple sc stitches and slip stitches to shape. Add claw. Add dark yarn details for 'nails' with a yarn needle. Stitch both paws to the bottom of the main head.

FINAL DETAILS & ASSEMBLY

- Attach safety eyes with washers (or embroider).
- With dark brown yarn, surface-sl st (or surface-chain) around the entire nose/muzzle piece to define it (as seen in <IMAGE 0>).
- Use surface-sl st for the eye lines and nose indentations.
- With dark yarn and a yarn needle, add final details on ears and paws.



KEY METHODS & STITCHES (US Terms)

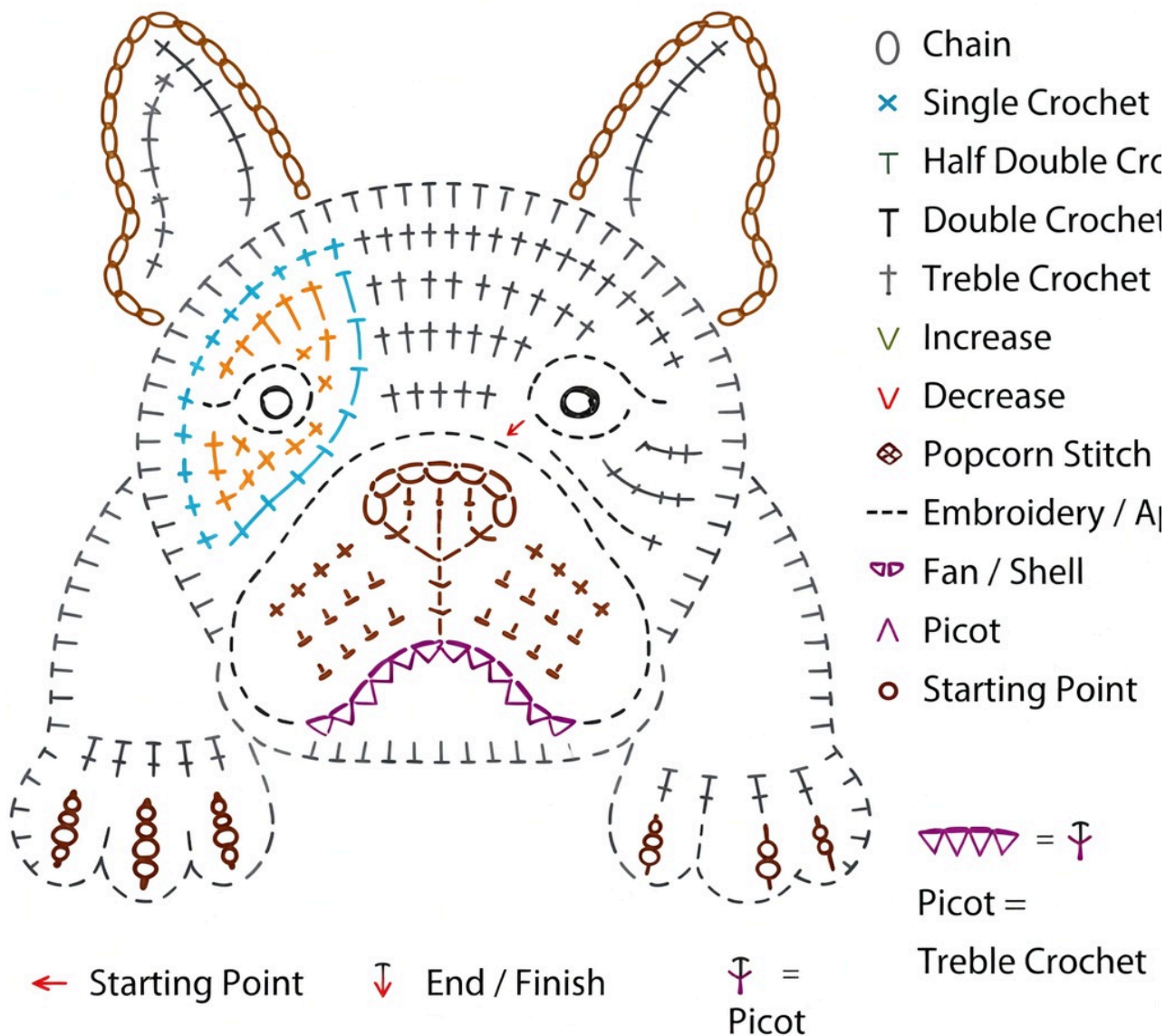
 MR / Magic Ring Start of round	 sc / single crochet The core stitch of the body	 bo / bobble stitch Textured nose area
 ch / chain Foundation stitch	 sl st / slip stitch For color changes, joining rounds, and outlining	 inc / increase Shaping the piece (2 sc in one st)
 sc / single The core stitch of the body	 rev sc / reverse single crochet (Crab Stitch): Textured ear border	 Tapestry Crochet Method for changing colors without carrying bulky float, making a color change mid-row
 hdc / half-double crochet Used for ears	 inc / increase Shaping the piece (2 sc in one st)	 Safety Eyes Installation of the plastic eyes
 dc / double crochet Used for ears		

🧵 Getting Started: Foundation (Magic Ring & Base Shape)

Begin by creating a **Magic Ring (MR)**. This will be the center of your Frenchie's head.

Work in continuous rounds using **single crochet (sc)** stitches:

- Round 1: Make 6 sc into the magic ring. Pull tight to close.
- Round 2: Increase in each stitch (2 sc in each stitch) → 12 stitches.
- Round 3: (1 sc, inc) repeat around → 18 stitches.
- Round 4: (2 sc, inc) repeat around → 24 stitches.
- Continue increasing evenly in each round until you achieve a flat circular shape that forms the base of the head.



💡 Tip: Keep your tension consistent so the piece stays flat and doesn't curl.

Use **cream yarn (CR)** as your main color for the head.

Forming the Face & Colorwork (Eye Patch Area)

Continue working in rounds using **single crochet (sc)**.

To create the signature French Bulldog eye patch:

- Switch to **brown yarn (BR)** in the area indicated on the chart.
- Use the **tapestry crochet method** to change colors smoothly:
 - Insert hook into stitch
 - Yarn over with new color
 - Pull through and continue

Follow the diagram carefully to shape the patch over one eye.

- Use **slip stitches (sl st)** where needed to create smoother transitions between color changes.
- Continue crocheting until the face reaches the desired size and shape.

👁️ The eyes are positioned symmetrically, so use the diagram as a guide for placement.

Defining the Muzzle & Nose

The muzzle is worked separately and then attached.

Muzzle Piece:

- Using cream yarn, create a small oval or rounded shape:
 - Start with a chain
 - Work around both sides of the chain using sc
 - Increase slightly at the ends to form a rounded muzzle

Nose Detail:

- Switch to **dark brown yarn (DB)**.
- Use **bobble stitch (bo)** to create a textured nose:
 - Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop (repeat multiple times in same stitch)
 - Yarn over and pull through all loops

Attach the nose to the center of the muzzle.

Assembly:

- Sew the muzzle onto the face using a yarn needle.
- Secure firmly and shape slightly as you stitch.

 Optional: Add embroidered lines for extra definition.

Ears Construction (Make 2)

The ears are worked separately in rows.

Using **brown yarn (BR)**:


- Row 1: Chain a small number (depending on size desired).
- Row 2+: Work back and forth using:
 - **Half double crochet (hdc)** or
 - **Double crochet (dc)**

Shape the ear into a triangle by:

- Decreasing slightly toward the top if needed

Border:

- Finish with a **crab stitch (reverse single crochet)** around the edges using a lighter brown (LBR) for contrast.

 This adds a polished and textured edge to the ears.

Sew both ears onto the top of the head, aligning them symmetrically.

Appendages (Paws)


Create two small paw shapes using **cream yarn (CR)**:

- Start with a small chain
- Work **single crochet (sc)** around to form oval shapes
- Add slight increases to round them out

Details:

- Use dark yarn to embroider small lines for the “toes” or nails

Attach the paws to the bottom of the head.

 Make sure they are evenly spaced for a balanced look.

Final Details & Assembly

Now it's time to bring your Frenchie to life! 🐶

Eyes:

- Attach **safety eyes** (with washers) or embroider them using black yarn.
- Position them according to the diagram.

Surface Stitching:

Using dark brown yarn:

- Add **surface slip stitches (surface sl st)** around:
 - The muzzle
 - Facial contours
- This enhances definition and gives a more realistic look

Facial Features:

- Embroider:
 - Eye outlines
 - Nose details
 - Mouth lines

Finishing Touches:

- Weave in all loose ends
- Block lightly if needed to shape the piece

✨ Your French Bulldog placemat/coaster is now complete!

Key Stitches Used (Quick Reference)

- **MR (Magic Ring)** – starting point
- **ch (chain)** – foundation stitch
- **sc (single crochet)** – main stitch
- **hdc (half double crochet)** – for ears
- **dc (double crochet)** – for ears
- **sl st (slip stitch)** – joining and smoothing
- **inc (increase)** – 2 sc in one stitch
- **bo (bobble stitch)** – textured nose
- **rev sc (crab stitch)** – decorative border
- **surface sl st** – embroidery-like detail

Final Thoughts

This Frenchie head crochet project is a perfect mix of creativity and technique. Whether you use it as a coaster, placemat, or decorative piece, it's sure to bring charm and personality to your space.

Take your time with the details—the shaping, stitching, and embroidery are what truly make this piece stand out.

Happy crocheting!   