

# Scrap Coasters

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Based on the original Simply Sensational Throw by Beth Caulfield

I wrote this pattern for my knitter friends who had to practice because they were unsure if they could grasp this. Adjust the number of stitches to make a pillow! It is a great way to use up all of those scraps.

## Materials:

- 10 – 15 yds of bulky yarn (MC) The sample uses Berroco Vintage Chunky.
- 5 small balls of scrap yarn (a variety of textures, weights, etc. works best)
- size 10 circular needle
- size J crochet hook (for original border)

Gauge: 12–15 sts = 4". Gauge is not critical but should be within this range.

Size: Approximately 4" x 4" with knitted border.

Pattern is in multiples of 4 plus 3

## Notes:

- You will not be cutting MC. Carry MC along the edge, twisting with scrap at the beginning of the third scrap row.
- Weave in ends as you add scraps. (Instructions are provide on page 3.) *Hint:* Work at least 2 rows before cutting ends.
- Coaster is shown with Knitted border.
- Consider a provisional cast on if adding a ruffle or border. This will require a smooth, bulky yarn in a contrasting color.



## Abbreviations:

K	knit
P	purl
M1L	Produces a left-leaning stitch. With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.
M1R	Produces a right-leaning stitch. With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from back to front. Knit in front loop.
NR	Next Row
Sl	Slip
St	Stitch(es)

With MC, cast on 151 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: With one of the scraps, k3, \*sl 1 purlwise, k3\*, repeat between \* \* to the end of row.

Row 4: K3, \*with yarn forward, sl 1, k3\*, repeat between \* \* to the end of the row.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Row 6: Repeat Row 4.

Repeat Rows 1 – 6, choosing a new scrap on each row 3. Repeat until desired length, ending with row 2.

Before binding off, check the directions for the border type you want.

### **Original Border**

Bind off. Single crochet on each long side to finish.

### **Ruffle Border**

NR: K,p,k in one stitch, purl in next st. Repeat across row.

NR: P.

NR: K.

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Bind off.

### **Optional Garter Stitch Border**

*Hint:* If you are not sure if you have enough yarn to complete these instructions as given (or have yarn to use up), try this. Weigh or measure your yarn. With two balls of yarn, work a long edge and a cast on edge. Bind off before using up half the yarn. You should now have enough yarn to finish the other two sides.

Do not bind off.

Row 1: K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1.

Row 2: K.

Rows 3 and 5: Repeat Row 1.

Rows 4 and 6: Repeat Row 2.

Bind off, while increasing 1 st at the beginning and end of the row.

On cast-on edge:

Row 1: Pick up and k1 st, pick up and knit 2 sts in next st, pick up and k147 sts, pick up and knit 2 sts in next st, k1. (153 sts)

If you used a provisional cast-on, place stitches on needle, k1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1. (152 sts.)

Rows 2, 4 and 6: K.

Row 3: K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Bind off, while increasing 1 st at the beginning and end of the row.

On each edge:

With right side facing and beginning with the first scrap yarn st, pick up sts evenly along the side, approximately 1 picked up stitch every 2 rows. Be sure the sts lie flat. End by picking up last scrap yarn st.

Row 1: P.

Row 2: K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1.

Rows 3, 5 and 7: K.

Rows 4 and 6: Repeat Row 2.

Bind off, while increasing 1 st at the beginning and end of the row.

Using mattress stitch in garter, seam corners.

## Knitted edges

Do not bind off.

On the last row, k to last st; knit in front, back and front..

\*Pick up sts evenly along the side, approximately 1 picked up stitch every 2 rows. Be sure the sts lie flat.\*  
At the beginning of the cast-on row, M1L, pick up on sts, M1R. (If you did not use a provisional cast-on, it might be easier to k in front, back and front of this sts.)

Continue picking up sts to the last st of the cast-on edge; M1L, k1, M1R.

Repeat between \* \*.

Using conventional bind-off, bind off all stitches.

## Weaving in ends as you knit

Knit one stitch with the new yarn.

Step 1: Insert right-hand needle into the next stitch to knit. Lay the tail end of the yarn over the needle. (See Figure 1.) Knit the stitch as usual (bringing the needle under the tail). Be sure not to knit the tail with the working yarn.



Figure 1

Step 2: Note that the tail is held in place by the index in middle figures. (See Figure 2.) Knit the next stitch as usual. The tail is now locked into place.



Figure 2

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 three or four times to securely lock the tail.



Tail securely woven in