Prime Coaster

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Prime as in prime numbers:) But don't worry, there's no math involved, I just noticed all those primes when I was trying to come up with a name. You start with **5**ch, make **11**v-sts, so the finished coaster has **11** "corners", stop with **3** or **7** dcs between the v-sts and make **5**dc-shells as an edging.

Working the dcs between the stitches of the previous round (instead of into the stitches) separates the dcs a bit, makes the coaster look less solid. Contrary to that it also gives you additional thickness and stability.

The pattern includes instructions for normal coasters and also for a larger size to use for a pitcher or bottle.

Materials:

- 2 balls cotton yarn (50g/125m)
    - I got 8 small coasters and one larger coaster from my 2 balls of cotton
    - Also you could use any yarn you want with a corresponding hook, just adjust the number of rounds before the edging to get the size you want
- 3,5 mm/ E hook

Finished Size:

Small Coasters: 9,5cm/3,75" diameter

Larger Coaster: 15cm/6" diameter

Pattern notes:

US notations used.

All dcs are worked **between** the sts of the rnd before.

Ch3 at the beginning of the round counts as (1dc, ch).

V-st: (dc, ch1, dc) all into same ch1-sp

Coaster:

Ch 5, join with a sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: Ch3, *dc into ring, ch1* 10 times, sl st into beg ch (= 11 ch-sp)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc into same sp (1st V-st made), V-stitch in each ch-sp around, join with sl st to beg ch
    (= 11 V-sts)

Rnd 3: Ch3, dc into same sp, *1dc between dcs of prev rnd, V-st in ch-sp*
    repeat around, ending with dc right before 1st V-st of this row, join with sl st to beg ch
    (= 11 V-sts, 1 dc between V-sts)

Rnd 4: Ch3, dc into same sp, *1dc between each of the next dcs until ch-sp, V-st in ch-sp*
    repeat around, ending with dc right before 1st V-st of this row, join with sl st to beg ch
    (= 11 V-sts, 2 dc between V-sts)

Repeat Rnd 4.

In every round you increase the number of dcs between the V-sts by one (i.e. Rnd 4: 2dc, Rnd 5: 3dc, etc).

For the small coasters I stopped after rnd 5, that is 3dcs between the V-sts.

For the larger coaster for the pitcher I continued until I had 7 dcs between the V-sts. Both versions have the same edging.

Edging:

The edging is **not** worked between the sts of prev rnd, work into sts as normal.

Sl st in every st for the ch1-sp and the 2 following dcs, sc in every dc until ch1-sp,
5dc in ch1-sp, skip 1dc, sc in every dc until ch1-sp around,
end with 5dc in last ch1-sp and sl st into sl st made at beg of rnd, fasten off.

(The skipped dc is the 2nd dc of V-st that is almost hidden under the 5dc)

Weave in ends.

Done! or repeat until you have a set of however many coasters you want :)