

Lace crochet pattern

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Lace crochet mats linking loops and link to the past.

Crochet mats were laid and displayed to decorate and protect chosen polished surfaces.

Favoured objects, ornaments, dishes, photographs were arranged on mats to be well shown.

These treasured mats were made before television watching was usual.

My mother seemed to have made most of her mats after she was married even although she did quite hard physical work involving the milking of a cow by hand, chopping logs, gardening, looking after us children and all the housework with out electrical devices.

Crochet is simply linking loops in different patterns using a special hook and yarn

All crochet starts with a loop.

To make a circle a row of chain loops are joined by a slip stitch. The pattern is continued by hooking the yarn in single, double and or treble times to create an intricate design of a round lacy mat.

The rhythm to and fro pulling loops in at a steady pace was a calming and peaceful time.

Treasured paper patterns instructions were followed carefully.

My mother's mats still are used as the base for chosen objects in my home today but not the ubiquitous tray cloth on a tray!