African flower square

US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sunflower yellow, rounds 1 and 2	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: fuchsia, rounds 3 and 4	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: turquoise, rounds 5 and 7	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: tangerine, round 6	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, round 8	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

spike sc (Spike single crochet): Insert the hook in the place named, one or more rounds below, yarn over and pull up a long loop level with the round you are working, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. It leaves 1 spike sc for the next round.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the piece measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Rnd 3 begins in the ch-2 sp right after the first sc of Rnd 2. The first dc of Rnds 1, 3 and 4 is the ch-3 that counts as a dc; where a line says first dc, work into its top.
- In Rnd 5 every spike sc is worked in front of Rnds 3 and 4: put the hook down through the gap between two petals, at the place where two groups of Rnd 3 part, into the top of the sc of Rnd 2 that lies straight below. The first one, after the first petal, goes into the 2nd sc of Rnd 2; the last one, before the joining, goes into the first sc of Rnd 2.
- In Rnd 6 a spike sc is a st like the others. The 4th sc, where D is joined, is the middle one of the 7 sc over the first petal, so the corners stand over the middles of four petals and the 3 hdc of every side over the middle of a petal between them.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10 in (25 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sunflower yellow; B, fuchsia; C, turquoise; D, tangerine; E, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(16 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 2, **[**sk next st, sc in next st, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(8 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(32 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in same sp, **[**7 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(56 dc)**
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, spike sc in 2nd sc of Rnd 2, **[**sc in next 7 sts, spike sc in next sc of Rnd 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(56 sc, 8 spike sc)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join D with sl st in 4th sc, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 1, 2 tr) in same st, tr in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 4 sts, **[**(2 tr, ch 1, 2 tr) in next st, tr in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(48 tr, 4 ch-1 sps, 16 dc, 12 hdc)**
	Fasten off D.
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 19 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 23 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 23 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(108 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the square to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds; 12 ends to weave in.

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