Block stitch square

US terms



Finished size
About 7½ in (19 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: rust, rounds 1 and 9	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, rounds 3 and 7	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 5	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, rounds 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- 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.

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- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Every round in D from Rnd 2 to Rnd 8 is a round of chains. A ch 5 spans a corner: it passes in front of the corner ch-2 sp, which is left free behind it, and the 2 sts that are skipped are the last dc before that space and the first dc after it. A ch 4 spans the place where two blocks meet: the 4 sts that are skipped are the last 2 dc of one block and the first 2 dc of the next.
- In every round of blocks put the hook under the whole chain, so that the dc close round it and hide it. The dc of a corner are worked round the ch 5 only and not into the ch-2 sp behind it. No stitch goes into the sc, which shows as a spot of teal between two blocks.
- The 3rd dc, in which Rnds 4, 6 and 8 begin, is counted from the start of the round before: its ch 3 is the first dc, so that the ch 5 that follows spans the first corner.
- For a larger square go on in the same way: each pair of rounds, one of chains and one of blocks, adds one block to every side and about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the width. Finish with Rnd 10, which takes 1 sc in every dc.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9½ in (24 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-5 sp: the gap under five chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, rust; D, teal; B, pink; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in 2nd dc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 4 ch-5 sps)
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same sp, **[**(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(32 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in 3rd dc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 4 ch-4 sps)

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Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same sp, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, **[**(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (52 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join D with sl st in 3rd dc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, [ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st] twice**] 3 times**, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 8 ch-4 sps)

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Join B with sl st in any ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same sp, 5 dc in each of next 2 ch-4 sps, **[**(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp, 5 dc in each of next 2 ch-4 sps**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Join D with sl st in 3rd dc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times] 3 times**, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, [ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st] twice, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 12 ch-4 sps)

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Join A with sl st in any ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same sp, 5 dc in each of next 3 ch-4 sps, **[**(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp, 5 dc in each of next 3 ch-4 sps**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 10**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 23 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 23 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (100 sc, 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.
- To join two squares, hold them with right sides together and their edges level. Thread the yarn needle with D. Begin through the corner chain space of both, then for each stitch along the side take the needle from the back to the front through both loops of the two stitches that lie against each other, 25 pairs, and end through the next corner chain space of both. Keep the seam loose enough to lie flat.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 10 rounds; 400 stitches.

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