Circle in a square

5 rounds · US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ × 5¾ in (15 × 15 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with increases

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

You will need

Yarn A: coral, rounds 1 and 2 **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale sage, round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 in the size of 5 rounds **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Rounds	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
5 rounds (this file)	**5¾ × 5¾ in (15 × 15 cm)**	**about 35 yd (32 m)**
3 rounds	3½ × 3½ in (9 × 9 cm)	about 20 yd (18 m)

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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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Hook: 5.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the square measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- The foundation is 4 chains joined into a ring. If you prefer, begin with a magic ring instead: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The chain 3 at the start of a round counts as a double crochet.
- Round 3 makes the four corners: each is (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) worked in one place.
- A new color is joined at the start of a round and never inside one; this pattern has 1 change of color in each square.
- Each square leaves 4 ends to weave in.
- Each square has 5 rounds.
- From round 4 on, each corner is (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) worked in one corner space.

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Instructions

Chosen: 5 rounds. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, coral; B, pale sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next st, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st, **[**dc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next st, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(8 dc, 12 hdc, 16 tr, 4 ch-2 sps)**

Stop and measure now, after round 3. After round 3 the square measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 9 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(52 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 13 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(68 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in all 4 ends with the yarn needle.
- Block the finished circle in a square: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 5 rounds; 192 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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