Circle in a square throw

US terms



Finished size
About 31½ in (80 cm) wide and about 36½ in (93 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 42 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: mustard, round 1	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, rounds 2 and 3, and the border	**about 380 yd (347 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: oatmeal, rounds 4 and 5, and the seams	**about 710 yd (649 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and pins for blocking.

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.

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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 2¼ in (6 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.
- 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.
- The blanket is 42 squares, 7 rows of 6; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 24¼ in (62 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 28½ in (72 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 46½ in (118 cm).

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.

Square: make 42

Yarns in order of use: A, mustard; B, teal; C, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, 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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in same st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(16 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 dc, 16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 12 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(64 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 42 squares out in 7 rows of 6, right sides up.

4. Join with a slip stitch seam in C: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch along the side (16 slip stitches), and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both; work under both top loops of the stitch on both squares. Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

5. Border: with B and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in each of the four corner spaces of the blanket, 1 sc in every stitch along the edges and 1 sc in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first sc to join (472 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 42 pieces; 7,728 stitches; 336 ends to weave in.

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