Mandala square

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 3 special stitches.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 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: saffron, rounds 1, 4 and 8	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: magenta, rounds 2, 6 and 13	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep teal, rounds 3, 7 and 11	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: oat, rounds 5, 9, 10 and 12	**about 45 yd (41 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)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 cluster for the next round.

popcorn: Work 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it through the top of the first of the 5 dc from front to back, pick up the loop again and pull it through. A popcorn is one stitch: where a later round works into it, work into its top, which is the loop pulled through the first dc, and not into the tops of its other dc. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next round.

FPdtr (Front post double treble crochet; UK FPtrtr): Yarn over 3 times, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 4 times. It leaves 1 FPdtr for the next round.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the piece measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) across.

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.
- 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 first dc of a round is the ch 3 it begins with. Rnd 4 is joined there, in the first of a group of 3 dc, so that every popcorn stands on the middle dc of a group.
- The first ch-1 sp of Rnd 4 is the one after its first popcorn group. Beginning Rnd 5 there brings the petals of Rnd 6 to their places.
- In Rnd 5, dc in next 3 sts is one dc in the dc, one in the top of the popcorn and one in the dc.
- In Rnd 6 the sc go in the 2 dc that Rnd 5 worked in a ch-1 sp, 2 in each. Every FPdtr is worked in front of Rnd 5, round the post of a dc of Rnd 4: the first of a pair round the dc before a popcorn, the second round the dc after it, so that the pair leans together over the popcorn like the two sides of a petal. The first FPdtr of the round goes round the 3rd dc of Rnd 4, which is the dc before its second popcorn. The 3 sts of Rnd 5 behind each pair are skipped, those behind the last pair too.

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- In Rnd 7 the first 2 dc go in the first FPdtr of a pair and the next 2 dc in the second. Of the 4 sc between two pairs the first and the last are skipped, the last one before the joining too.
- In Rnd 8 the first dc of each 7, over the point of a petal, goes in the ch-1 sp. Rnd 9 begins in the first of these, the ch 3 of Rnd 8, and puts its four corners over every third petal.
- The middle of the square may stand up a little until it is blocked.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15¼ in (39 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, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, saffron; B, magenta; C, deep teal; D, oat.

☐ **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 2 (does not count as a st), (cluster, ch 1) in same st, **[**(cluster, ch 1) in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first cluster to join **(12 clusters, 12 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, 3 dc in each of next 11 ch-1 sps, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(36 dc)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), popcorn in next st, dc in next st, ch 1, **[**dc in next st, popcorn in next st, dc in next st, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(24 dc, 12 popcorns, 12 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc)**
	Fasten off D.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in first dc, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, FPdtr around 3rd dc of Rnd 4, FPdtr around next dc of Rnd 4, **[**sk next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, FPdtr around next dc of Rnd 4, FPdtr around next dc of Rnd 4**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(48 sc, 24 FPdtr)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 7** — Join C with sl st in first FPdtr, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts,
[sk next st, 2 dc in next st, ch 1, 2 dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 11 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(72 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 8** — Join A with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(84 dc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 9** — Join D with sl st in first dc, ch 5 (counts as dtr), (dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr) in same st,
tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts,
dc in next 3 sts, tr in next 2 sts,
[(2 dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr) in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts,
sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, tr in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-5 to join **(16 dtr, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 tr, 24 dc, 16 hdc, 24 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 10** — Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in same sp, dc in next 6 sts,
hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 6 sts,
[(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts,
sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(16 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 48 dc, 24 hdc, 24 sc)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 11** — Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp,
dc in next 28 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 28 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(128 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 12** — Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp,
dc in next 32 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 32 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(144 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 13** — Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 36 sts,
[3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 36 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(156 sc)**

☐ **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: 13 rounds; 24 ends to weave in.

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