Six inch solid square

US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces, and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: duck egg blue, rounds 1 to 3 and 5 **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, rounds 4 and 6 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
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.

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

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 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.

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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 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 ch 2 at the start of a round is not a st: leave it behind the first dc and never work into it. Every round of dc is joined in the top of its first dc; the edge, which is Rnd 6, has no dc and is joined in its first sc.
- The last dc of Rnds 2 and 3 go into the tops of the sts you slip stitched across at the start of the round, and first into the st the round before was joined in: 3 of them in Rnd 2, 2 in Rnd 3 and in any later round that goes on in the same color.
- A side of Rnd 5 has 19 dc between two ch-1 sps; a side of the edge has 21 sc.
- For a larger square, work more rounds of dc between Rnd 5 and the edge, each with 4 more dc between the corner groups than the round before: a sixth round of dc has dc in next 19 sts on every side (92 dc), a seventh 23 (108 dc), an eighth 27 (124 dc) and a ninth 31 (140 dc), each with 4 ch-1 sps. Begin a round in a new color like Rnd 5, and a round in the same color like Rnd 3. Then fasten off and work the edge as in Rnd 6, with (sc, ch 1, sc) in every ch-1 sp and 1 sc in every dc between them: sc in next 23 sts after six rounds of dc, 27 after seven, 31 after eight and 35 after nine.
- Every further round of dc adds 4 sts to a side, which at the gauge above is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm). Counted by the sc on one side of the edge, as the 21 sc of Rnd 6 come to 6 in (15 cm), the square is about 7¼ in (18 cm) across after six rounds of dc (25 sc on a side), 8¼ in (21 cm) after seven (29 sc), 9½ in (24 cm) after eight (33 sc) and 10½ in (27 cm) after nine (37 sc). The largest of these takes about three times as much yarn as the basic square.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, duck egg blue; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**3 dc in ring, ch 1**] 4 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(28 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 7 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 11 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(60 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(76 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in same sp, sc in next 19 sts, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(84 sc, 4 ch-1 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: 6 rounds; 304 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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