Eight-point star in a square

US terms



Finished size
About 8¾ in (22 cm) across, from side to side

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

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.

You will need

Yarn A: deep red, rounds 1, 2, 4 and 11	**about 17 yd (16 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bright red, rounds 3 and 5	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: warm cream, rounds 6, 7 and 10	**about 31 yd (28 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: denim blue, rounds 8 and 9	**about 22 yd (20 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)
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

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next round.

dc3tog (UK tr3tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 dc3tog for the next round.

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 5 the piece measures about 5 in (13 cm) across, from one point of the star to the opposite point. 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new 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 decreases of Rnds 4 to 6 lie at the bottom of the valleys: the sc2tog takes in one stitch from each of two points, and the middle stitch of each sc3tog and dc3tog is the decrease of the round before.
- Rnds 6 and 7 make the star into a circle: in Rnd 6 a sc stands in the ch-1 sp of every point, in Rnd 7 a sc stands in each of those sc, and the taller stitches fill the valleys. The middle one of every three tr of Rnd 7 stands in the dc3tog of Rnd 6. The only sc of Rnd 7 are the eight at the points.
- Rnds 8 and 9 make the circle into a square: the four corners of Rnd 8 are worked in the sc of every other point of the star, and the middle one of the 3 sc on each side stands over the point between. The dtr in the middle of each corner is the corner itself.
- Rnd 9 begins in a corner: slip stitch across the tr after the join and into the dtr; same st in that round is the dtr. The top of the ch-4 of Rnd 8 and that tr are worked in their turn at the end of the round.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11 in (28 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, deep red; B, bright red; C, warm cream; D, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, make a magic ring.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 2** — Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join — **(16 sc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 3** — Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same st, sk next st,
[(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next st, sk next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join — **(32 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 4** — Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next st,
sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st,
[(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 7 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(48 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 sc2tog)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 5** — Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 2 sts,
sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts,
[(2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts,
sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(64 sc, 8 ch-1 sps, 8 sc3tog)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 6** — Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in next st, hdc in next st,
dc in next st, dc3tog in next 3 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st,
[sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc3tog in next 3 sts,
dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(24 sc, 16 hdc, 16 dc, 8 dc3tog)**

☐ **Rnd 7** — Ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st,
hdc in next st,
[sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st,
hdc in next st**] 7 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc, 16 hdc, 16 dc, 24 tr)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 8** — Join D with sl st in any sc, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, dtr, 2 tr) in same st,
tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts,
dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts,
[(2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts,
sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-4 to join — **(32 tr, 4 dtr, 16 dc, 16 hdc, 12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next tr, sl st in next dtr, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, dtr, 2 tr) in same st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 11 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next st, **[**(2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next dtr, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 11 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(24 tr, 4 dtr, 8 dc, 16 hdc, 44 sc)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join C with sl st in any dtr, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, tr, 2 dc) in same st, dc in next 23 sts, **[**(2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next dtr, dc in next 23 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(108 dc, 4 tr)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 11**	Join A with sl st in any tr, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**3 sc in next tr, sc in next 27 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(120 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the square out on a flat surface, right side up, with its sides straight and its corners square, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 11 rounds; 16 ends to weave in.

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