Two-color mosaic square

US terms



Finished size
About 8½ in (22 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

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: charcoal, rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 **about 35 yd (32 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)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

spike sc (Spike single crochet): Insert the hook in the place named, one or more rounds below, yarn over and pull up a long loop level with the round you are working, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. It leaves 1 spike sc for the next round.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 5 the square measures about 3¼ in (8 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 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Carry both colors; cut neither between rounds. The slip stitch that joins a round is made with the color of the next round, in one pull: work the whole round with the old color, to its very end (Rnd 1 ends with a ch 2, the fourth corner, and each later round with an sc), so that one loop of the old color is on the hook; let the old yarn hang at the back; insert the hook in the first sc of the round, yarn over with the new color and draw it through the sc and through the loop on the hook. The loop on the hook is now the new color, and the next round begins with it. In the joining of Rnd 1 the new color is B: leave a 6 in (15 cm) tail of it. Later the new color is the one that hangs at the back where the round before was joined: bring it up loosely, so that the corner is not drawn together. Join Rnd 14 with A in this way, then cut B. Rnd 15, the last, is joined with A itself.
- The slip stitch at the start of a round carries the yarn into the corner just after the joining: the first ch-2 sp of a round is the one in its first (sc, ch 2, sc), and every round begins in that same corner. In the last round each corner holds 3 sc in place of (sc, ch 2, sc). The first sc of the round below, which lies just before that corner, is worked into last: it takes the last sc of the round.
- ch 1, sk next st leaves one stitch of the round before unworked under the chain. The next round uses it: where Rnd 3 worked ch 1 over a stitch of Rnd 2, Rnd 4 works spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 2, in front of that ch 1 and down into the top of the stitch that was left there. The spike sc stands over the ch 1, and nothing else is worked into the ch 1. No unworked stitch is ever passed over, and none is left at the end.
- A ch-1 is not a stitch. A spike sc is one, and is worked into like an sc. When a spike sc stands over a ch-1, go on in the first stitch after that ch-1.
- 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).

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 and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in ring, ch 2**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(4 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**

With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(16 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 4**

With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(16 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 spike sc)**

☐ **Rnd 5**

With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 3, sc in next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 3, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 3, sc in next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 3, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(20 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps, 8 spike sc)**

☐ **Rnd 6**

With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 4, sc in next 3 sts,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 4, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 4, sc in next 3 sts,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 4, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(28 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps, 8 spike sc)**

☐ **Rnd 7**

With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 5, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st,
sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 5, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 5, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st,
sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 5, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(32 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps, 8 spike sc)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 6, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(32 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps, 12 spike sc)**

☐ **Rnd 9**

With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 2 sts,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st,
spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7, sc in next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7,
ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7, sc in next 2 sts,
[(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7,
sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7,
sc in next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7, ch 1, sk next st,
sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 7, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(44 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 spike sc, 8 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 5 sts, ch 1, sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 8, sc in next 3 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 8, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts, ch 1, sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 8, sc in next 3 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 8, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(60 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps, 8 spike sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 6 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 9, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 9, sc in next 6 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 9, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 9, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(72 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 spike sc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 9 sts, ch 1, sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 10, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 9 sts, ch 1, sk next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 10, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(80 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 spike sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 10 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 11, sc in next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 11, sc in next 10 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 11, sc in next st, spike sc in next unworked st of Rnd 11, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(92 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 spike sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 25 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 25 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(108 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 27 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-2 sp, 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 to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 15 rounds; 30 ends to weave in.

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