Water lily square

US terms



Finished size
About 6½ in (17 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: golden yellow, rounds 1 and 2	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, round 3	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale pink, rounds 4 and 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose pink, rounds 6 and 7	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, rounds 8 and 9	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: lagoon blue, rounds 10 and 11	**about 25 yd (23 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)
sp	space
st	stitch

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rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

mini bobble: [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; push it to the right side. It leaves 1 mini bobble for the next round.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

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 1½ in (4 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.
- 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.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Rnd 2 begins in the st Rnd 1 was joined in. At the start of Rnds 5 and 7, same st is the st the round before was joined in.
- Rnds 3, 5 and 7 are the petals. Each is worked into the front loops of the round before it; the back loops of that round stay free for the next round, which is worked behind the petals. Rnds 8 to 11 are plain rounds under both loops, but for the back loops of Rnd 6 that Rnd 8 is worked into.
- The picot is the tip of a petal: push it out to a point when you block the square.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8¼ in (21 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, golden yellow; B, white; C, pale pink; D, rose pink; E, leaf green; F, lagoon 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, (sc, mini bobble) in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 8 mini bobble)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, ch 1, (sc, dc, tr, picot) in same st, (tr, dc, sc) in next st, **[**(sc, dc, tr, picot) in next st, (tr, dc, sc) in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc, 16 dc, 16 tr, 8 picots)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first mini bobble of Rnd 2, working in back loops only, ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st of Rnd 2, **[**hdc in next st of Rnd 2, 2 hdc in next st of Rnd 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, hdc, dc) in same st, (tr, picot, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc, sc) in next st, **[**(sc, hdc, dc) in next st, (tr, picot, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc, sc) in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc, 16 hdc, 16 dc, 16 tr, 8 picots)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join D with sl st in 2nd hdc of Rnd 4, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next hdc of Rnd 4, 2 sc in next hdc of Rnd 4, **[**sc in next 2 hdc of Rnd 4, 2 sc in next hdc of Rnd 4**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, hdc) in same st, (dc, 2 tr, picot) in next st, (2 tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st, **[**(sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, 2 tr, picot) in next st, (2 tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc, 16 hdc, 16 dc, 32 tr, 8 picots)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join E with sl st in first sc of Rnd 6, working in back loops only, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sc of Rnd 6, 2 dc in next sc of Rnd 6, **[**dc in next 3 sc of Rnd 6, 2 dc in next sc of Rnd 6**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(40 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(56 dc)**

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Fasten off E.

☐ **Rnd 10**	Join F with sl st in first dc, ch 5 (counts as dtr), (dtr, ch 1, 2 dtr) in same st, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, **[**(2 dtr, ch 1, 2 dtr) in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-5 to join **(16 dtr, 4 ch-1 sps, 16 tr, 8 dc, 8 hdc, 20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 17 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(84 dc, 4 ch-2 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: 11 rounds; 12 ends to weave in.

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