

CROCHET PATTERN Mandala

## Blanket

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MATERIALS
Mega Ball Aran 1 skein of each:
color 04 (A)
color 40 (B)
color 12 (C)
color 20 (D)
color 05 (E)
color 14 (F)

Crochet hook 6 mm (US J/10)
Stitch markers

## YARN QUALITY

(64) Mega Ball Aran, We Love Yarn

100 \% Acrylic
$400 \mathrm{~g}(14.1 \mathrm{oz})=700 \mathrm{~m}$ (765 yards)

## GAUGE

Central Square:
After Rnd 5 diameter $=13 \mathrm{~cm}\left(5^{\prime \prime}\right)$

## SIZE

One size

## MEASUREMENTS

Width: $163 \mathrm{~cm} / 65^{\prime \prime}$
Length: 163 cm / 65"

## PATTERN INFORMATION

The Mandala Blanket is a fun project with a lot of different stitches and pattern techniques. You can go crazy with the colors or choose more tone-in-tone colors to get a more subtle look.
The pattern is made for the intermediate levelled crocheter and includes a thorough step-by-step guide.

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## QUESTIONS

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Happy Crafting!

## Pattern



## ABBREVIATIONS

begPC = beginning popcorn (work ch 3, then 3 dc in same space, remove hook and pull
working loop through 3rd ch.)
BPsc = back post single crochet
BPhdc = back post half double crochet
BPdc = back post double crochet
BPtr = back post treble crochet
BPdtr = back post double treble crochet
ch = chain
ch-sp = chain space
CL = 3 tr CL (work 3 tr in same st omitting final step of each, yo and pull through 4 loops to close.)
dc = double crochet
dc3tog = work dc omitting final step of each in next 3 sts, yo and pull through 4 loops to close.
dc4tog = work dc omitting final step of each in next 4 sts, yo and pull through 5 loops to close.
$\mathrm{dtr}=$ double treble crochet
FPsc = front post single crochet
FPhdc $=$ front post half double crochet
FPdc = front post double crochet
FPtr = front post treble crochet
FPtr3tog = work FPtr omitting final step 3 times, yo and pull through 4 loops to close.
hdc = half double crochet
St = stitch
SI st = slip stitch
X stitch = skip next st, dc, go back and dc in st just skipped (It doesn't matter whether the second stitch is in front or behind the first, as long as all are consistent).

## INFO AND TIPS

* The first st of each rnd can be worked either as a standing st, or ch 2 for hdc, ch 3 for dc, or ch 4 for $t r$.
* Unless specific instructions are given to join a new colour, continue using the same colour for the next rnd.
* When continuing in the same colour, each rnd starts directly above the first st of the previous rnd to avoid ends.
* Finish each round by joining to the top of the first st with a sl st.
* I strongly recommend enclosing your yarn ends as you work over nearby sts on the following round to avoid a large job at the end.


## CENTRAL SQUARE

Set-up: With Color A, ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring, or work Magic Circle.

Rnd 1: ch 1(does not count as st), 8 sc into ring.

Rnd 2: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, *2 dc in next st*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. [16 dc in total]

Rnd 3: begPC, sk 1, ch 3, *PC, sk 1, ch 3*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. Fasten off. [8 PC, 8 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 4: Join Color B. *sc in ch-sp, tr in st skipped in last rnd, sc in same ch-sp, FPsc around PC*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [16 sc, 8 tr, 8 FPsc in total]

Rnd 5: ch 3 (counts as dc), *2 dc in tr, dc in sc, ch 2, sk 1, dc in sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final dc. Fasten off. [ $32 \mathrm{dc}, 8$ ch-sp in total]

Rnd 6: Join Color C. *sc in ch-sp, tr in FPSC not worked in last round, sc in same ch-sp, hdc, $\mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2, \mathrm{dc}$, hdc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. $[16 \mathrm{sc}, 16 \mathrm{hdc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 8 \mathrm{tr}, 8 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ in total]

Rnd 7: ch 3 (counts as dc), *4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in ch-sp, 3 dc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final dc. Fasten off. [72 dc, 8 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 8: Join Color D. *sc in ch-sp, 2 hdc, 2 dc, tr, 2 dc, 2 hdc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [8 sc, 32 hdc, $32 \mathrm{dc}, 8$ tr in total]

Rnd 9: ch 1 (does not count as st), *sc in 1st hdc, hdc in next st, 2 dc, (tr, dtr, tr) in tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc, sl st in sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. Fasten off. [16 sc, 16 hdc, $32 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{tr}, 8$ dtr in total]

Rnd 10: Join Color E, starting in tr after the dtr. *4 sc, sc2tog over next 2 sc omitting sl st, 4 sc , (3 sc in dtr st)*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [8 sc2tog, 88 sc in total]

Rnd 11: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *hdc, dc, tr, dtr in sc2tog, tr, dc, hdc, sc, sl st loosely in next 3 sts, sc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. [16 sc, 16 hdc , $16 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{tr}, 8 \mathrm{dtr}, 24 \mathrm{sl}$ st in total]

Rnd 12: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *hdc in hdc, dc in dc, tr in tr, (tr, ch 2, tr) in dtr, tr in tr, dc in dc, hdc in hdc, sc in next 4 sts (this is sc + 3 sl sts), sc in sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. Fasten off. [ $40 \mathrm{sc}, 16 \mathrm{hdc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 32 \mathrm{tr}, 8 \mathrm{ch}$-sp in total]

Rnd 13: Join Color F, starting at first tr after ch-sp. *6 BPdc, sk 1, 6 BPdc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc ) in ch-sp*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [96 BPdc, 32 dc, 8 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 14: ch 3 (counts as dc), *4 dc, dc2tog, $7 \mathrm{dc},(\mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2, \mathrm{dc}$ ) in ch-sp, 3 dc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final dc. Fasten off. [128 dc, 8 dc2tog in total]

Rnd 15: Join Color A. *2 sc in ch-sp, $7 \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{sk} 1$, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc ) in the dc2tog, sk 1, 7 sc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [ $128 \mathrm{sc}, 32 \mathrm{dc}, 8$ ch-sp in total]

Rnd 16: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *7 sc, sk 1, 2 dc , (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-sp, 2 dc , sk 1, 7 sc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. [112 sc, $48 \mathrm{dc}, 8 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ in total]

Rnd 17: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc2tog in same st and next st, *5 sc, sk 1, 3 dc, (dc, ch1, dc) in ch-sp, 3 dc, sk 1, 5 sc, sc2tog*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc2tog. Fasten off. [8 sc2tog, 80 sc, 64 dc, 8 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 18: Join Color B, starting in ch-sp. * (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-sp, 4 dc, sk 1, ch 1, (PC, ch 2, sk 1) 4 times, PC, sk 1, ch 1, 4 dc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [ $80 \mathrm{dc}, 40$ PC, 24 ch1-sp, 32 ch2-sp in total]

Rnd 19: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *(sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-sp, sc, $2 \mathrm{hdc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$, sk ch-sp and PC, ch 1, (PC in ch-sp, ch 2, sk PC) 3 times, PC, sk PC and ch-sp, ch 1, 2 dc, 2 hdc, $\mathrm{sc}^{*}$, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. [32 sc, $32 \mathrm{hdc}, 32 \mathrm{dc}, 32 \mathrm{PC}, 24$ ch1-sp, 24 ch2-sp in total]

Rnd 20: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *sc, sk ch-sp, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, sk ch-sp and PC, ch 1, (PC in ch-sp, ch 2, sk PC) twice, PC, sk PC and ch-sp, ch 1, 2 dc, 2 hdc, sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. Fasten off. [32 sc, 32 hdc, $32 \mathrm{dc}, 24$ PC, 16 ch1-sp, 16 ch2-sp ch-sp in total]

Rnd 21: Join Color C to the first sc of group of $4 . * 4 \mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{hdc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$, (2 dc) in ch-sp, (sk PC, ch $2, C L$ in ch-sp) twice, sk PC, ch 2, (2 dc) in ch-sp, 2 dc, 2 hdc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [32 sc, 32 hdc, $64 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{CL}, 24 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ in total]

Rnd 22: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, * 3 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, ( 2 dc ) in ch-sp, sk CL, ch 2 , (CL in ch-sp, ch $2, C L$ in same ch-sp), sk CL, ch 2 , ( 2 dc in ch-sp), $4 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{hdc}$, sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times omitting final sc. [32 sc, $32 \mathrm{hdc}, 96 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{CL}, 24 \mathrm{ch}$-sp in total]

Rnd 23: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, * 3 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, ( 2 dc ) in ch-sp, sk CL, ch 2, (CL in ch-sp, ch 2, CL in same ch-sp), sk CL, ch 2, (2 dc in ch-sp), 6 dc, 2 hdc, sc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times omitting final sc. Fasten off. [32 sc, 32 hdc, $128 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{CL}, 24 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ in total]

Rnd 24: Join Color D to first ch-sp before CL. *((2 sc) in ch-sp, FPsc around CL) twice, (2 sc) in ch-sp , 8 sc , sk 2, ch 2, dc, 2 tr , dc [note these last 4 sts are in the 4 sc of prev rnd], sk 2, ch 2, 8 sc *, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [176 sc, $16 \mathrm{dc}, 16 \mathrm{tr}, 16$ FPsc, 16 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 25: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, * 2 sc , hdc, ch 1 , hdc, 10 sc , sk 1, ch 1 , (2 dc ) in ch-sp, 4 tr , ( 2 dc ) in ch-sp, sk 1, ch 1, $8 \mathrm{sc} *$, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. [160 sc, $16 \mathrm{hdc}, 32 \mathrm{dc}, 32 \mathrm{tr}, 24 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ in total]

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Rnd 26: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, * 3 sc, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in ch-sp, 10 sc, sk 1, (2 dc) in ch-sp, 8 tr, (2 dc) in ch-sp, sk 1, $7 \mathrm{sc}^{*}$, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final sc. Fasten off. [160 sc, $16 \mathrm{hdc}, 32 \mathrm{dc}, 64 \mathrm{tr}, 8 \mathrm{ch}$-sp in total]

NOTE: The next round begins the transition from octagon to square shape, so instructions will now be worked 4 times in total, and stitch counts will be given per side / repeat.

Rnd 27: Join Color E to first st after a ch sp. *11 dc, 2 hdc, 8 sc, 2 hdc, 11 dc, (3 dc) in ch-sp, sk next st, 32 dc , sk next st, (3 dc) in ch-sp*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. [8 sc, 4 hdc, 60 dc per side]

Rnd 28: ch 3 (counts as dc), *10 dc, hdc, sk st, 8 sc, sk st, hdc, $12 \mathrm{dc},(3 \mathrm{dc})$ in next st placing a stitch marker in the 2 nd of these 3 sts, 17 dc , (ch 4, turning to work back down ch, sk 1, sc, hdc, sc, sl st into dc at base), 17 dc , ( 3 dc ) in next st placing a stitch marker in the 2nd of these $3 \mathrm{sts}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ *, repeat from * to * 4 more times, omitting final dc. Fasten off. [8 sc, 2 hdc , 64 dc , plus spike of 2 sc and 1 hdc per side]

Rnd 29: Join Color F with a sl st 2 sts before a spike. *sk 1, 3 dc up side of spike, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in unworked turning st, 3 dc back down spike, sk 1, sl st, sc, hdc, 14 dc , (dc, hdc, sc) in marked st of prev rnd, move stitch marker to the hdc, 36 BPdc, ( $\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{hdc}$, dc ) in marked st of prev rnd, move stitch marker to the hdc, 14 dc , hdc, sc, sl st*, repeat from * to * 4 more times. [ $4 \mathrm{sc}, 4 \mathrm{hdc}, 40 \mathrm{dc}, 36 \mathrm{BPdc}, 1 \mathrm{ch}$-sp per side]

Rnd 30: sl into first dc of prev rnd, ch 3 (counts as first dc), *dc, (2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-sp, dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sl st into hdc of prev rnd, sc, hdc, 13 dc , (dc, hdc, sc) in marked hdc, 38 sc , ( $\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{hdc}$, dc) in marked hdc, 13 dc , hdc, sc, sl st, dc in first dc of spike*, repeat from * to * 4 more times. [40 sc, 4 hdc, $40 \mathrm{dc}, 1$ ch-sp per side]

Rnd 31: ch 4 (counts as tr), *6 tr, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr ) in ch-sp, 7 tr , sk 3, sc in 1 st dc of prev rnd, hdc, 11 dc , hdc, 2 sc , [last 3 sts are in the 3 'false' corner sts of the prev rnd], $38 \mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}$, hdc [last 3 sts are in the 3 'false' corner sts of prev rnd], $11 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{hdc}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{sk} 3$, tr in 1 st dc of spike*, repeat from * to * 4 more times, omitting final tr. Fasten off. [44 sc, $4 \mathrm{hdc}, 22 \mathrm{dc}, 18 \mathrm{tr}, 1$ ch-sp per side]

Rnd 32: Join Color A in a ch-sp. This is now the corner of the square-ish shape. *(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in ch-sp, 8 tr, sk 3, sc in 1st dc, (sk 1, 5 dc in next st, sk 1, sc) twice, 6 sc, 36 hdc [above the BP sts of rnd 29], 7 sc, (sk 1, 5 dc in next st, sk 1, sc) twice, sk 3, 8 tr*, repeat from * to * 4 more times. [18 sc, $36 \mathrm{hdc}, 20 \mathrm{dc}, 20 \mathrm{tr}, 1 \mathrm{ch}$-sp per side]

Rnd 33: ch 4 (counts as tr), *tr, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in ch-sp, 10 tr, sk 3, sc in middle dc, sk 2, ch 2, dc in sc, sk 2, ch 2, sc in middle dc, 2 hdc, dc, 2 hdc, 4 sc, 36 hdc, 4 sc, 2 hdc, dc, 2 hdc, sc in middle dc, ch 2, sk 2, dc in sc, sk 2, ch 2, sc in middle dc, sk 3, 9 tr*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final tr. [12 sc, $44 \mathrm{hdc}, 4 \mathrm{dc}, 24 \mathrm{tr}, 5 \mathrm{ch}$-sp per side]

Rnd 34: ch 4 (counts as tr), *3 tr, ( 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in ch-sp, 12 tr, sk $1+$ ch-sp, dc in dc, 2 dc in ch-sp, $10 \mathrm{hdc}, 36 \mathrm{sc}, 10 \mathrm{hdc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in ch-sp, dc in dc, sk ch-sp + 1, 9 tr*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final st. Fasten off. [36 sc, $20 \mathrm{hdc}, 6 \mathrm{dc}, 28 \mathrm{tr}, 1 \mathrm{ch}$-sp per side]

Rnd 35: Join Color B to corner ch-sp. *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc ) in ch-sp, $14 \mathrm{dc}, 13 \mathrm{hdc}, 36 \mathrm{sc}, 13 \mathrm{hdc}$, 14 dc *, repeat from * to * 3 more times. [ $36 \mathrm{sc}, 26 \mathrm{hdc}, 32 \mathrm{dc}, 1 \mathrm{ch}-\mathrm{sp}$ per side]

Rnd 36: ch 3 (counts as dc), *dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-sp, $16 \mathrm{dc}, 5 \mathrm{hdc}, 52 \mathrm{sc}, 5 \mathrm{hdc}, 15 \mathrm{dc}$, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final st. [ $52 \mathrm{sc}, 10 \mathrm{hdc}, 36 \mathrm{dc}, 1 \mathrm{ch}$-sp per side]

Rnd 37: ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 BPdc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-sp, BPdc to end of side*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting last 3 sts. Fasten off. [4 dc, 98 BPdc, 1 ch-sp per side: 102 sts]

## INNER BORDER

## Square A: Inner Corner Square (make 4)

Set-up: With Colour A, ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring, or work Magic Circle.
Rnd 1: ch 1, 8 sc into ring.

Rnd 2: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, *2 dc in next st*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. [16 dc in total]

Rnd 3: begPC, sk 1, ch 3, *PC, sk 1, ch 3*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. Fasten off. [8 PC, 8 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 4: Join Color F. *sc in ch-sp, tr in st skipped in last rnd, sc in same ch-sp, FPsc around PC*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [14 sc, 8 tr, 8 FPsc in total]

Rnd 5: ch 2 (counts as hdc), *(dc, tr, dc) in tr, hdc, sc, hdc*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, omitting final hdc. Fasten off. [8 sc, $16 \mathrm{hdc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 8 \mathrm{tr}$ in total]

Rnd 6: Join Color E. *sc in tr (mark this st), ch 3, Special Decrease (dc2, tr, dc2)tog, ch 3*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [ $8 \mathrm{sc}, 8$ special decreases, 16 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 7: ch 1 (does not count as st), *sc in sc, 2 sc in ch-sp, sc in dec st, 2 sc in ch-sp*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. Fasten off. [48 sc in total]

Rnd 8: Join Color D. sc in st above marked Rnd 6 sc , ${ }^{*} \mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{hdc}, \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next st, ch 2, 2 dc in next st, dc, 2 hdc, 3 sc*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final sc. [16 sc, 16 hdc, 24 dc in total]

Rnd 9: ch 1 (does not count as st), *4 sc, 3 hdc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-sp, 3 hdc, 4 sc*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Fasten off. [32 sc, 24 hdc, 16 dc, 4 ch-sp in total]

Rnd 10: Join Color C. *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc ) in ch-sp, 18 dc *, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Fasten off. [88 dc in total]

## Inner Side Strip (make 4)

This can be made either as a) a separate piece to be joined on, or b) stitched directly onto the side of the central square. It is recommended to place a stitch marker in the first st of each row, to help identify where to place the last st of the return row and keep the sides straight.

Set-up option a) : with Color B, ch 106 sts, turn, starting in the 4th ch from the hook 103 dc . [104 dc in total, counting turning ch as a st]

Set-up option b) (RS): Join Color B. ch 3 (or standing dc) in corner ch-sp of central square, dc in each st across side, dc in next ch-sp, turn. Fasten off. [104 dc]

Row 1 (WS): Join Color F. ch 3 (or standing FPdc), FPdc around each st across side, turn.
Row 2 (RS): ch 3 (counts as dc), X st across to last st, dc, turn. Fasten off.

Row 3 (WS): Join Color E. ch 2 (or standing hdc) in front loop only, hdc in front loop only of each st across side, turn.

Row 4 (RS): ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st across side, DO NOT TURN. Fasten off.

Row 5 (RS): Join Color B. In first st of Row 4, ch 3 (or standing dc), FPtr around next st, *dc, FPtr*, repeat from * to * across side, turn.

Row 6 (WS): ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st across side, turn. Fasten off.

Row 7 (RS): Join Color C. ch 3 (or standing dc), FPtr around next st, *dc, FPtr*, repeat from * to * across side, turn.

Row 8 (WS): ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each st across side, turn. Fasten off.

Row 9 (RS): Join Color A. ch 2 (or standing hdc) in back loop only, hdc in back loop only of each st across side, turn.

Row 10 (WS): ch 3 (counts as dc), X st across to last st, dc, turn. Fasten off.

Row 11 (RS): Join Color B. ch 3 (or standing dc), dc in each st across side, turn.
NOTE: At this point measure your side strip against the side of your Square A, and adjust the height of the sts in the next row to make the 2 pieces match, or work additional repeats of Row 12 until desired length is reached.

Row 12 (WS): ch 3 (counts as dc), FPdc around each st across side. Fasten off.

## JOINING

If you worked your side strips as separate pieces, first join these to each side of the central square. Use stitch makers to hold the pieces together as you join to achieve an even join. Using Color B, sewing a whip stitch, mattress stitch, or working sc sts through edge sts of strip and central square held with wrong sides together, is recommended for a narrow join.

Then join a Square A in each corner to the ends of the inner strips, using Color B. Use a whip stitch or mattress stitch if sewing; or crochet sc sts through edge sts of square and around bars of end stitches of the side strips, with wrong sides held together.

## OUTER BORDER

## Square B: Outer Corner Square (make 4)

Set-up: With Color A, ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring, or work Magic Circle.
Rnd 1: ch 1, 8 sc into ring.
Rnd 2: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, *2 dc in next st*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. [16 dc in total]

Rnd 3: begPC, sk 1, ch 3, *PC, sk 1, ch 3*, repeat from * to * 6 more times. Fasten off. [8 PC, 8 ch -sp in total]

Rnd 4: Join Color D. *sc in ch-sp, tr in st skipped in last rnd, sc in same ch-sp, FPsc around $\mathrm{PC}^{*}$, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [14 sc, $8 \mathrm{tr}, 8 \mathrm{FPsc}$ in total]

Rnd 5: *sc in tr, sk 1, 3 dc in Fsc, ch 1, 3 dc in same FPsc, sk 1*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. Fasten off. [8 sc, 48 dc in total]

Rnd 6: Join Color E. *sc in ch-sp, sk 1, BPdc, BPtr, BPdtr, BPtr, BPdc, sk1*, repeat from * to * 7 more times. [8 sc, $16 \mathrm{BPdc}, 16 \mathrm{BPtr}, 8 \mathrm{BPdtr}$ in total]

Rnd 7: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in same st, *hdc, dc, (tr, ch 2, tr) in BPdtr, dc, hdc, 7 sc*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final sc. Fasten off. [28 sc, $8 \mathrm{hdc}, 8 \mathrm{dc}, 8 \mathrm{tr}, 4 \mathrm{ch}$-sp in total]

Rnd 8: Join Color F. *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-sp, 13 BPdc*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. [16 dc, 52 BPdc in total]

Rnd 9: ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc, *(2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in ch-sp, sk 1 (the hidden st), 16 hdc,*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting final 2 sts. Fasten off. [ 80 hdc in total]

Rnd 10: Join Color C. *(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in ch-sp, 20 hdc*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Fasten off. [88 hdc in total]

## Outer side strip (Make 4)

This can be made either as a) a separate piece to be joined on, or b) stitched directly onto the side of the central square. It is recommended to place a stitch marker in the first st of each row, to help identify where to place the last st of the return row and keep the sides straight.

Set-up option a) : with Color F, ch 157 sts, turn, starting in the 4th ch from the hook 153 dc . [154 dc in total, counting turning ch as a st]

Set-up option b) (RS): Join Color F. ch 3 (or standing dc) in corner ch-sp of Square A, 22 dc, 2 dc in next ch-sp, $104 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next ch-sp, 22 dc , dc in corner ch-sp of next Square A, turn. $[104+2 \times 25=154 \mathrm{dc}]$

Row 1 (WS): ch 3 (counts as st), 3 dc, *hdc, sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc*, repeat from * to * until end of side, turn. Fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Join Color E. ch 3 (or standing dc), *(3dc) in next st, dc, dc3tog, dc,* repeat from * to * until last 3 sts, 3 dc , turn.

Row 3 (WS): ch 3 (or standing dc), 2 dc, *dc3tog, dc, (3dc) in next st, dc*, repeat from * to * until last st, dc, turn. Fasten off.

Row 4 (RS): Join Color A. ch 3 (or standing dc), 2 dc, *(3dc) in next st, dc, dc3tog, dc*, repeat from * to * until last st, dc, turn.

Row 5 (WS): ch 3 (or standing dc), *dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc, hdc,*, repeat from * to * until last 3 sts, 3 dc , turn. Fasten off

Row 6 (RS): Join Color D. ch 3 (or standing BPdc), BPdc around each st across side, turn.

Row 7 (WS): ch 3 (or standing dc), dc around each st across side, turn. Fasten off.

Row 8 (RS): Join Color B. ch 3 (or standing dc), dc around each st across side, turn. Fasten off.
Row 9 (WS): Join Color C. ch 3 (or standing FPdc), FPdc around each st across side, turn.
NOTE: At this point measure your side strip against the side of your Square B, and adjust the height of the sts in the next row to make the 2 pieces match, or work additional repeats of Row 10 until desired length is reached.

Row 10 (RS): ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc around each st across side. Fasten off.

## JOINING

If you worked your side strips as separate pieces, first join these to each side of the inner border. Use stitch makers to hold the pieces together as you join to achieve an even join. Using color F , sewing a whip stitch, mattress stitch, or working sc sts through edge sts of strip and inner border held with wrong sides together, is recommended for a narrow join.

Then join a Square B in each corner to the ends of the outer strips with color C yarn. Use a whip stitch or mattress stitch if sewing; or crochet sc sts through edge sts of square and around bars of end stitches of the side strips, with wrong sides held together.

## FINAL BORDER

Set-up Rnd: Join Color A. *(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in corner ch-sp, 22 hdc, hdc in ch-sp, 154 hdc, hdc in next ch-sp, 22 hdc,* repeat from * to * 3 more times. [202 sts per side]

Rnd 1: Join Color E. *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-sp, $X$ stitch across side*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. [101 X stitch, 4 dc per side]

Rnd 2: Join Color F. *(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in corner ch-sp, hdc in each st across side,* repeat from * to * 3 more times. [208 sts per side]

If you have yarn left over that you wish to use up, repeat Rnd 1 and 2 as many times as you like.

Sew in all ends.

## Block if required.

## Enjoy!

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