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Materials

Yarn Vanna's Choice or Aran/heavy worsted 60 g for 12" and 40 g for 9" block or amounts in 2 colors

Hook 5.5 mm or US I

Yarn needle

Stitches and Notes

Beg CL—Beginning Cluster, (ch-4 as trc, work 2 trc in same sp, keeping last loop on hook of each, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook)

CL—Cluster, (work 3 trc in indicated st or sp, keeping last loop on hook of each, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook)

fp—front post—work stitch around the front post of the indicated stitch; fphdc is front post half double crochet, and fptrc is front post treble crochet

Note: It is very important for accuracy not to create an extra sc on joining in the last few rounds, or the spacing will not work out neatly.

Instructions

Rnd 1—ch 8, join in circle with sl st (do not use adjustable ring as the size of the circle will be needed)

Rnd 2—sl st to circle, Beg CL, ch 5, (CL in circle, ch 5) x 7, sl st last ch 5 to closing ch of Beg CL. (8 CL, 8 ch-5 sp)

Rnd 3—sl st to ch-5 sp, (ch 5, sl to same ch-5 sp, ch 5*, sl to next ch-5 sp) x 8, working to * only on 8th rep, and sl st to first sl st. (16 ch-5 sp)

Rnd 4—sl to ch-5 sp, ch 4 as trc, 3 trc in same sp, [ch 2, CL in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, CL in next ch-5 sp, ch 2*, (4 trc in next ch-5 sp) x 2] x 4, working to * only on 4th rep, 4 trc in next ch-5 sp, sl st to top of beg ch-4. (32 trc, 8 CL, 8 ch-2 sp, 4 ch-5 sp)

Rnd 5—ch 4 as trc, trc in next 3 dc, [ch 2, CL in ch-2 sp, sk CL, (ch 2, CL, ch 3, CL, ch 3, CL, ch 2) in corner ch-5 sp, sk CL*, CL in ch-2 sp, ch 2, trc in next 8 trc] x 4, working to * only on 4th rep, trc in next 4 trc, sl st to top of beg ch-4. (32 trc, 20 CL, 8 ch-3 sp, 16 ch-2 sp)

Rnd 6—ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 3 trc, 2 sc in ch-2 sp, fphdc around CL, 2 sc in ch-2 sp, fphdc around CL, [(hdc, 2 dc) in ch-3 sp, fptrc around corner CL, (2 dc, hdc) in ch-3 sp, fphdc around CL, 2 sc in

ch-2 sp, fphdc around CL, 2 sc in ch-2 sp*, sc in next 8 trc, 2 sc in ch-2 sp, fphdc around CL, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, fphdc around CL] x 4, working to * only on 4th rep, sl st to first sc. (64 sc, 16 dc, 8 hdc, 16 fphdc, 4 fptrc)

Rnd 7—ch 1, sc in all st around, working (sc, hdc, sc) in corner fptrc, sl st to beg sc. (116 st) This should be sufficient for 9" block. Fasten off and weave in ends.

For 12" block, carry on to following rounds.

Rnd 8—(Note: be very careful not to create an extra sc at the beg of Rnd) ch 1, sc in all st around, working (sc, hdc, sc) in corner hdc, sl st to beg sc. (124 st)

Rnd 9—ch 4 (as dc and ch-1), sk sc, (dc in next 2 st, ch 1, sk sc) x 3, ch 1, dc in next 4 sc, [corner as (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next hdc, dc in next 4 sc*, (ch 1, sk sc, dc in next 2 dc) x 7, ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next 4 sc] x 4, working to * only on 4th rep, (ch 1, sk sc, dc in next 2 dc) x 3, ch 1, sk sc, dc in last sc, sl st to 3rd ch of beg ch-4. (104 dc, 32 ch-1 sp, 4 ch-2 sp)

Rnd 10—ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in all dc and in all ch-1 sp, work corners as 3 sc in ch-2 sp, sl st to first sc. If block measures 12", fasten off now; otherwise carry on with additional Rnd of sc, hdc, or dc as required. (148 sc)

Weave in ends.

Color Change Block suggestions—adjustments will have to be made for joining and fastening off.

Color A—Rnd 1 and 2

Color B—Rnds 3, 4, 5

Color A—Rnds 6 and 7

Color B—Rnds 8, 9, 10