

# HOMECOMING QUEEN

*A 10" Bullion Block—Designs by Muggins—c. 2011—Rated Intermediate to Advanced*



*Thanks to Donna Kay Lacey for photo!*

## MATERIALS

Yarn suggested—Vanna’s Choice Solids & Heathers or Vanna’s Choice ‘Baby’

Shown: 35 yds of Colour A (red), 40 yds of Colour B (white), 25 yds of Colour C (green)

5.5 mm or US I Crochet Hook

Tapestry needle and Scissors

## STITCHES

**BN**—Bullion. Use the number of wraps indicated following the ‘BN’ (e.g. BN-10 is a 10 wrap bullion), wrap hook, insert in indicated st, yo and pull up loop, then yo and pull through all stitches on hook. Slip to close.

**FP**—Front post. Work around the post of the indicated stitch from the front.

**BLO**—Back loop only.

**Invisible Join**—Please consult a reference for this. There are videos and tutorials readily available online.

**Air Crochet**—purely dc rounds are improved immensely by Air Crochet. My friend, ByHook on Ravelry did a really nice tutorial on it.

<http://www.ravelry.com/discuss/vannas-choice-fan-club/1206917/201-225#223>

## INSTRUCTIONS

**RND 1:** Using Colour C, ch-4, join in circle with a sl st, ch-1, and work 8 sc in circle. Sl st to first sc. Fasten off. (8 sc)

**RND 2:** Join with Colour A in any sc, ch-3 for height, work BN-10 in same sp; work (2 BN-10 in each sc) x 7, then work last BN-10 in first sc as first BN, sl st to ch-3. Fasten off. (16 BN)

**RND 3:** Using Colour B, sl into any sp between two BN, ch-3 as dc, then work 1 more dc in same sp. Then (3 dc in next sp between BN, 2 dc in next sp between BN) x 4, then work 3 dc in next sp between BN. Fasten off. (40 dc)  
*This round could also be worked more neatly with Air Crochet.*

**RND 4:** Using Colour A, loosely sl from st to st, and work Invisible Join to finish. Fasten off Colour A. (40 sl st)

**RND 5:** Using Colour B, and working in BLO of the dc of RND 3, sl to any st, ch-3 as dc, in same st (dc, trc, 2 dc). Then work [(2 dc, 1 hdc, 3 sc, 1 hdc, 2 dc)\*, work corner in one st as (2 dc, trc, 2 dc)] x 3, then work to \* only and sl final dc to ch-3. Fasten off. (4 trc, 32 dc, 8 hdc, 12 sc)—*also could be worked using Air Crochet*

**RND 6:** Using Colour A, sl to front post of second dc following a trc. Ch-3 as dc, FPdc in next 11 st, (ch-3 for corner, sk trc, FPdc 13 st) x 3, then ch-3 for corner, sk trc, and FPdc in next st. Sl to beg ch-3. Fasten off. (52 FPdc, 4 ch-3 sp)—*also could be worked using Air Crochet*

**RND 7:** Using Colour B, sl to FPdc following a corner, AND into the corresponding dc from RND 5. Then ch-3, and work a dc into the following 12 dc (working hook into both the FPdc AND the corresponding sts from RND 5), [work corner around the ch-3 from RND 6 AND into the trc from RND 5 as (2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc), then work dc into the following 13 st—from both RND 5 and 6) x 3, work corner, and sl to beg ch-3. Fasten off. (68 dc, 4 ch-2 sp)—*also could be worked using Air Crochet as can RND 8*.

**RND 8:** Join Colour C into any dc following a corner ch-2 sp, ch-3 as dc, then dc into following 16 st, [work corner in ch-2 sp as (2 dc, trc, 2 dc), then work dc into following 17 dc] x 3, work corner into ch-2 sp, sl to beg ch-3. Fasten off. (84 dc, 4 trc)

**RND 9:** Join Colour A into third dc following a corner trc, and loosely work sl st into following 16 st, (sl st to post of next dc, ch-3 for height, BN-8 on post of same dc, BN-10 on next 3 posts, BN-8 on last corner post, ch-2\*, sl st next 17 st loosely) x 3, work to \* only and work Invisible Join to first st. Fasten off. (68 sl st, 20 BN)

**RND 10:** Join Colour B with a sc between first 2 BN of any corner, work 2 sc between next 2 BN, then ch-2 for corner, work 2 sc between next 2 BN, and 1 sc between last 2 BN, [trc in BLO of RND 8 x 17\*, then working between BN's—(1 sc, 2 sc, ch-2, 2 sc, 1 sc)] x 3, then work to \* only and work Invisible Join to first sc. Fasten off.

**RND 11:** Join Colour C to first trc of any side, ch-2 as hdc, then work hdc in next 19 st. [in ch-2 sp, work corner as (2 dc, trc, 2 dc), then work hdc in next 23 st] x 3, then work corner only, and then hdc in next 3 st; sl st to first ch-2. Fasten off or work Invisible Join. [23 hdc per side, corners of (2 dc, trc, 2 dc)].

If block is not big enough, work another round of sc or hdc to get it to size, working 3 sc or 3 hdc in corner trc.

**Suggested Rounds to bring the block to 12” (not yet tested—will be finalized Jan. 26)**

**RND 11 ended with 25 hdc and a trc in the corner—do not fasten off Colour C**

**RND 12: Ch-1, sc in same st, (sc in all hdc to corner trc, in trc work 3 sc, marking middle st as new corner) x 3, work a 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to beg sc only, and sl to beg sc. Fasten off. (28 sc per side, 112sc total)**

**RND 13: Work an Invisibly Joined (see below and also see Donna’s Tutorial on sl st round technique) sl st round in Colour A. (112 sl st) Keep markers on corner st for use in next round**

**RND 14: (BLO) Join Colour B to any corner st of RND 12, ch-3 as trc, in same st (trc, ch-2, 2 trc), [trc in next 27 st, in corner trc (2 trc, ch-2, 2 trc)] x 3, work a 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to \* only, sl st top of beg ch-3. Fasten off (31 trc per side, ch-2 corners)**

**RND 15: Sc join Colour C to any ch-2 corner sp, 2 more sc in same sp, (sc in next 31 st\*, 3 sc in corner ch-2 sp) x 3, work 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to \* only, sl st to first sc. Fasten off if block is 12”; if not, continue with RND 16. (136 sc)**

**Optional RND 16: This round depends on your needs. If your block is 11.25 inches, you only need a sc round to get it to size. If it’s smaller than 11”, work a dc round, and if it’s right around 11 inches, work a hdc round.**

**Sc round: ch-1, sc in same st, sc in next sc, [corner as (sc, ch-2, sc)\*, sc in next 33 sc] x 3, work 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to \* only, sc in next 31 st, sl st to first sc. Fasten off. (35 sc per side, ch-2 corners)**

**Hdc round: ch-2 as hdc, hdc in next sc, [corner as (hdc, ch-2, hdc)\*, hdc in next 33 sc] x 3, work 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to \* only, hdc in next 31 st, sl st to top of beg ch-2. Fasten off. (35 hdc per side, ch-2 corners)**

**Dc round: ch-3 as dc, dc in next st, [corner as (2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc)\* dc in next 33 sc] x 3, work 4<sup>th</sup> repeat to \* only, dc in next 31 st, sl st to top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. (37 dc per side, ch-2 corners)**

Weave in remaining ends and admire!

**Invisible Join for Slip Stitch only rounds:** For start of round, insert hook from the front into any stitch in the round. Pull up a loop of yarn, leaving a 5 inch end on back, then slip into **next** st, and slip st through all st in the round. After slipping through the last st, cut the yarn to 6 inches and pull it completely through the stitch. Thread the yarn needle, and work the needle under both loops of the first st, bring it through both loops and then down into the last st in the same spot you pulled it through. Then pull through to the back, and weave in very carefully from the back, being careful not to distort the chains on the front. Weave in beginning end carefully as well. When weaving, try to not disturb the sc round the sl st round is worked on, since those st are needed for the following round.

In a few days, I will be working up a tutorial for this technique as I’ve learned it. (available Jan. 26, 2012). Ask me for the link if you need it.