

Spíro Star Flower

12 inch Afghan square

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Using Aran weight yarn and 5.5mm hook

Approx 95 meters yarn needed

I designed this square to be used as a 12 inch square using two colours. You may of course use as many colours as you wish. If using a lighter weight yarn the square will be smaller (double knit comes out at approx 11 inches with a 4.5mm hook). Use this square in any way you like for your own use but please do not reproduce or distribute this pattern without my consent.

US terms are used throughout.

Intermediate level.

Stitch key

Sc - single crochet

Hdc - half double crochet

Dc - double crochet

Sl-st - slip stitch

Ch - chain



Special stitches

Fpsc - front post single crochet

Fpdc - front post double crochet, *yarn over once*

Fptr - front post treble crochet, *yarn over twice*

Fptr - front post triple treble, *yarn over 4 times!*

Bphdc - back post half double crochet

Bpdc - back post double crochet

There are many great videos available on YouTube to help you with any of the stitches if they are new to you.

Instructions.

Round 1. With colour 1 make a magic circle *or ch 4 and sl-st into 1st chain to form a loop.*

Ch3, *counts as 1st dc*, make 15 dc into ring. Fasten off with invisible join and sew in ends to secure. (16dc)

Round 2. Join colour 2 with standing dc (in any stitch) ch 3, skip 1, dc in next stitch, repeat to end, ch 3 and join with sl-st. (8dc, 8 ch3 spaces).

Round 3 This round is worked only in the ch3 spaces. In next ch3 space (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) repeat 7 more times. Fasten off. (16sc, 16hdc, 8dc)

Round 4. Join colour 1 with standing *sc in 1st hdc of any group formed in the ch3 spaces from round 2, 2sc in next stitch, *the dc from row 3*, 1sc in next stitch. Tr into missed stitch from round 2, tr into next missed stitch from round 2, skip 2, * repeat from * to * 7 more times. Join to 1st sc with sl-st.

Making the second tr and going back into the missed stitch will mean a little bending of your work, just make sure you are always working in front of the previous round. (32sc, 16tr)

Round 5. ch1 and *2sc in same stitch, 1sc in each of next 2 stitches, 2sc in next stitch. Fpsc around both tr from row4,* *this forms the point of your star.* Repeat from * to * 7 more times. Join and fasten off with invisible join. (48sc, 8fpsc)

Round 6. join colour 2 with a standing *bphdc in the first sc of any group, bphdc in the next 5 stitches, fphdc around fpsc from round 5. * repeat from * to * 7 more times. Join with sl-st to 1st bphdc.

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(48bphdc, 8fphdc)

Round 7. ch 1 and sc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch, 2dc in next stitch, hdc in next stitch, sc in last stitch of group. *Skip next stitch (*fphdc from round 6*) in next group of 6 stitches (sc, hdc, 2xdc, 2xdc, hdc, sc)* repeat from * to * 6 more times, join with sl-st to 1st sc. (16sc, 16hdc, 32dc)

Round 8. ch1 and sc in same stitch (*first stitch of group, as you move around this first sc of each group will be hidden by the fpdc you have just made, so make sure you don't miss it!*). In each group of 10 stitches (sc, hdc, dc, 2xdc, 2xdc, dc, hdc, sc) fpdc around fphdc from round 6. repeat around and join with sl-st to 1st sc. (16sc, 16hdc, 48 dc, 8fpdc)

Round 9. This round is expanding the petals further. ch1 and sc in same stitch, *counts as 1st sc of your first group*, in each group/petal (sc, hdc, dc, 2xdc in each of next 4 stitches, dc, hdc, sc) skip next fpdc from round 8, repeat around and join to first sc with invisible join. (16sc, 16hdc, 80dc, 14 stitches per petal)

Round 10. Using colour 1 join with a standing bphdc in the 2nd stitch of any petal, bphdc in next 11 stitches, *fptr into 3rd bphdc from round 6 of the petal you are working on, fptr into 3rd bphdc from round 6 in next petal, skip the two sc at the end and beginning of each petal, bphdc in the next 12 stitches* repeat from * to * join with a sl-st to 1st bphdc. (96bphdc, 16 fptr)

Round 11. . ch1 sc in same stitch, (*as you move around this first sc of each group will be hidden by the fpdc you have just made, so make sure you don't miss it!*) sc in next 4 stitches, 2xsc in next 2 stitches, sc in next 5 stitches, *fpdc around both fpdtr from round 10, sc in next 5 stitches, 2xsc in next 2 stitches, sc in next 5 stitches* repeat from * to * 6 more times, join to 1st sc with invisible join and fasten off.
(112sc, 8fpdc)

Round 12. join colour 2 with a standing *fptr around any fpdc from round 11.
In each group of 14 stitches (3 bpdc, 2 bphdc, 4bpsc, 2 bphdc, 3 bpdc) fptr around fpdc from round 11* repeat from * to * 7 more times join with sl-st to first fptr. (total 120 stitches)

Round 13. Forming first corner, chain 4 (counts as 1st tr) 2tr ch3 and join with sl-st to 1st chain to form picot, in next stitch 3tr, *these fall either side of fpdc from round 12.*
Dc in next 5 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, sc in next 12 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, dc in next 5 stitches, form next corner over next 2 stitches (3tr ch3 slip stitch to form picot 3tr in next stitch) repeat 3 more times omitting last corner. Join to top of ch4 with sl-st. (34 stitches per side including corners)

Round 14. ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in next 2 stitches, The corners in this round are made into the picot you may need to force your hook in at first but once you have the first stitch in there the other two will fit!!
*Into the picot 3 x dc (new corner formed). Dc in next 5 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, sc in next 18 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, dc in next 5 stitches. * Repeat from * to * 3 more times omitting the last 3dc. Sl-st to top of ch3. (10dc, 6hdc, 18sc per side plus 3dc in each corner)

Round 15. ch2 (counts as 1st hdc) hdc in next 3 stitches, *in next stitch form corner, (hdc ch2 hdc) hdc in next 36 stitches,* repeat 3 more times omitting the last 4 stitches. Join to top of ch2 with invisible stitch, or sl-st if you are going to do the last round with option 3.
(38 hdc per side)

For the final round you have options! In the main photo you will see I have used colour 1 to frame the square, you may choose to do it in the same colour as your last 3 rounds! Or there is the option of the spike stitches as you will see in the photo below.

Round 16. Option 1. Join colour 1 with a standing hdc in stitch before and corner ch2 space, *in corner ch2 space (hdc ch2 hdc), hdc in each stitch across* Repeat 3 more times from * to * omitting last hdc. Fasten off and sew in ends. (40 stitches per side)

Option 2. Join colour 1 with a standing hdc in stitch before any corner ch2 space, *in corner ch2 space (hdc ch2 hdc), hdc in next 2 stitches, don't forget the 1st hidden stitch! Make an extended hdc 2 stitches over and 2 rows down, skip 1, (hdc in next 2 stitches, ex-hdc in same stitch as previous ex-hdc ,skip 1), repeat 5 more times, hdc in last 2 stitches* repeat 3 more times from * to * omitting final hdc. Fasten off and sew in your ends.

To make an extended hdc (ex-hdc) yarn over and put your hook through the indicated stitch, from front to back, pull up a loop, all the way to the top level of your normal stitch, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops

Option 3. Ch2, hdc in next 4 stitches in corner ch2 space (hdc ch2 hdc) hdc in all other stitches and join to ch2 and fasten off to complete.



Option 1 made with Stylecraft Aran and 5.5mm hook, 12 inches
Colours used Parchment and Denim



Option 2 made with Stylecraft, double knitting and 4mm hook, 10 inches.
Colours used, Saffron, Grey, Silver and Lemon



Option 3 made with Caron Simply Soft, medium weight/Aran, 5.5mm hook, 12 inches.
Colours used, Robins Egg and Cool Green.

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