

An original design by Polly Plum.

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Size: 12" square

Yarn: Worsted Weight Hook size: 5.5mm

Gauge: First 3 rounds about 3.25"

Final Stitch Count: 39 sc per side plus ch2

corners



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Each round begins as through you are continuing with the same yarn from the last round. If you are changing colors, optional instructions for that are contained in [brackets].

In rounds 3 through 9 you'll be working almost entirely into chain spaces and the spaces between shells so I'm not going to list every skipped stitch.

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Special Stitches

V – dc, ch1, dc

Standing V - standing dc, ch1, dc

Wide V - dc, ch2, dc

Standing Wide V - standing dc, ch2, dc

Shell – 3dc, ch2, 3dc

Beg Shell – ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc

Standing Shell - standing dc, 2dc, ch2, 3dc

Sm Shell - 2dc, ch2, 2dc

Beg Shell – ch3, dc, ch2, 2dc

Standing Sm Shell – Standing dc, dc, ch2, 2dc

Standing sc – to start a round, with slip knot on hook, insert hook into indicated stitch, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through two loops on hook (*Note: if you're not comfortable doing standing stitches, as an alternative you can slst into the indicated st, ch1 and sc in same st)*

Standing dc – to start a round, with slip knot on hook, hold slip knot in place with thumb or finger, yo and hold that in place too, insert hook in indicated stitch, yo and pull up a loop, carefully yo and draw yarn through two loops on hook twice (*Note: if you're not comfortable doing standing stitches, as an alternative you can slst into the indicated st and ch3 to count as your first dc)*

Commence Pattern

Begin with a magic circle/double magic circle.

Round 1: Ch3 (*counts as first dc here and throughout*). 11dc into magic circle. Close magic circle and slst to first dc to join. Do not fasten off.

12 dc

Round 2: Ch1 and sc in same st as join. Ch1. [Sc in next dc, ch1] 11 times. Slst to first sc to join. 12 sc, 12 ch1 sp

Round 3: Slst into next ch1 sp, ch4 and dc in same ch1 sp (counts as first V) [Color change option: standing V in any ch1 sp]. [V in next ch1 sp] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join.

12 V stitches

Time to check your gauge! At this point your circle should measure about 3.25 inches if you are using the suggested worsted weight yarn and 5.5mm hook. Measure your circle, and if it's close to 3.25 inches your final product should be very close to or exactly 12 inches. If not, you may want to adjust your hook size accordingly and start over. Remember, it's okay to be a little bit smaller. You can always add to the final product if it's a little small.

Round 4: Slst into ch1 sp of first V, ch5 and dc in same ch1 sp (*counts as first wide V*) [Color change option: standing Wide V in ch1 sp of any V]. [Wide V in ch1 sp of next V] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join. 12 wide V stitches

Round 5: Slst in ch2 sp of first wide V, work beg sm shell [Color change option: standing sm shell in ch2 sp of any wide V]. [Sm shell in ch2 sp of next wide V] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join.

12 sm shells

Round 6: Slst into next dc, slst into next ch2 sp of first sm shell, work beg shell [Color change option: standing shell in ch2 sp of any sm shell]. [Shell in ch2 sp of next sm shell] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join.

12 shells

Round 7: Slst into next 2 dc, slst into next ch2 sp of first shell, work beg shell [Color change option: standing shell in ch2 sp of any shell]. Dc in sp between 2 shells. [Shell in ch2 sp of next shell, dc in sp between 2 shells] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join.

12 shells, 12 dc

Round 8: Slst into next 2 dc, slst into next ch2 sp of first shell, work beg shell [Color change option: standing shell in ch2 sp of any shell]. V in next dc made in sp between 2 shells. [Shell in ch2 sp of next shell, V in next dc made in sp between 2 shells] 11 times. Slst to first dc to join.

12 shells, 12 V stitches

Round 9: Slst into next 2 dc, slst into next ch2 sp of first shell, ch1 and sc in same ch2 sp [Color change option: standing sc in ch2 sp of any shell]. [Into ch1 sp of next V work (ch1, tr, [ch1, dc] 3 times, ch1, tr, ch1), sc in ch1 sp of next shell] 12 times omitting sc on last repeat.

144 stitches around including ch1 spaces

24 tr, 36 dc, 12 sc, 72 ch1 sp

Note: In this round and the next I will be very specific about which stitches and ch spaces to skip, so read the pattern carefully and reference the photo diagrams on my website if needed.

Round 10: Ch1 and sc in same sc as join [Color change option: standing sc in any sc]. [Sc in next ch1 sp, sc in next st] 3 times. *Ch2, sk next (ch1, dc), dc in next ch1 sp, ch1, sk next (tr, ch1, sc), [2tr in next ch1 sp, sk next st] twice, 3tr in next ch1 sp, ch3, sk next st, 3tr in next ch1 sp, [sk next st, 2tr in next ch1 sp] twice, ch1, sk next (sc, ch1, tr), dc in next ch1 sp, ch2, sk next (dc, ch1), sc in next st, [sc in next ch1 sp, sc in next st] 6 times.* Repeat from * to * three times, omitting last 7 sc. Slst to first sc to join.

35 st per side (counting ch1 spaces as 1 st and ch2 spaces as 2 st)

56 tr (14 per side), 8 dc (2 per side), 52 sc (13 per side), 8 ch1 sp (2 per side), 8 ch2 sp (2 per side), 4 ch3 corners

Round 11: Ch1 and sc in same sc as join [Color change option: standing sc in same sc as join]. Sc in next 6 sc. *2sc in next ch2 sp, sk next dc, 2hdc in next ch1 sp, sk next tr, 2dc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, 3dc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in corner ch3 sp, sk next 2 tr, 3 dc in net tr, sk next 2 tr, 2dc in next tr, sk next tr, 2hdc in next ch1 sp, sk next dc, 2sc in next ch2 sp, sc in each of next 13 sc.* Repeat from * to * 3 times, omitting last 7 sc. Slst to first sc to join.

37 st per side

24 tr (6 per side), 40 dc (10 per side), 16 hdc (4 per side), 68 sc (17 per side), 4 ch2 corners

Round 12: Ch1 and sc in same sc as join [Color change option: standing sc in same sc as join]. Sc in next 18 st. *(Sc, ch2, sc) in corner ch2 sp, sc in each st across to next corner.* Repeat from * to * 3 times, working last repeat until first sc. Slst to first sc to join.

39 st per side

156 sc (39 per side), 4 ch2 corners

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

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