



Wheel Spoke Square

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A wheel-style centre adds an interesting focal point to this solid crochet square.



Materials and Equipment

- Worsted weight yarn (American)/ DK (UK)/ 8ply (Aust)
- 4.5 mm/US 7 Hook

Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

| American | British |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| slip stitch (sl st) | single crochet (sc) |
| single crochet (sc) | double crochet (dc) |
| half double crochet (hdc) | half treble crochet (htc) |
| double crochet (dc) | treble (tr) |

Special stitch:FPdc: front post double crochet (yarn over, insert hook around post of stitch from right to left, yarn over, complete DC as usual)

Instructions

Note: *The pattern is for the single-coloured wheel spoke square (see photos below). It is recommended that one square be made using the single-coloured pattern before attempting the multi-coloured pattern. The instructions for the multi-coloured square are found in the Variations section at the end of the single-colour pattern instructions.*



Chain(ch) 4. Join with sl st to form circle.

Round 1: Ch 3. 11 dc in the circle Join with sl st to top of ch (12 sts).

Round 2: Ch 2, FPdc around the post of the same st; *dc in next st, FPdc around the post of the same st*; repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch. (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 2, dc in next st, FPdc around the post of the same st;* dc in next 2 sts; FPdc around the post of the same st as second dc;* repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch (36 sts)

Round 4: Starting the square: Ch 2, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st (1st corner);* hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st* (2nd corner); repeat * to * 2 more times, Join with sl st in top of ch. (44 sts)

Note: On the square, the ch 2 does not start at the corner

Round 5: Square: Ch 2, hdc in next 8 sts, (2hdc, ch1, 2hdc) in next st(corner);* hdc in next 10 sts, (2hdc,ch1,2hdc) in next st*; repeat from * to * 2 more times, hdc in next st; Join with sl st in top of ch (56 hdc , 4 ch st)

Round 6: Ch 2, *hdc in each st up to ch sp, (2hdc, ch1, 2hdc) in ch space*; *repeat * to * 3 more times. Join with sl st in top of ch (68 sts)

Next rounds: Repeat round 6 until square measures 20 cm (8") across.

Weave in yarn end.

Leave a 50 cm/20" tail (for sewing the squares together). Butterfly* the tail to the square.

**How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3 . Use contrasting yarn and follow the directions:*





Variations



Changing colours in round 2 make the spokes of the wheel show even more prominently.

With Colour A, ch 4. Join with sl st to form circle.

Round 1: Ch 3. 11 dc in the circle. Change to colour B. Join with sl st to top of ch (12 sts).

Round 2: With colour B, ch 3, Change to colour A and FPdc in same st; *change to B, dc in next st, Change to A, FPdc in same st *. Repeat * to * around. In last FPDC change to colour B. Join with sl st in top of ch (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 2, dc in next st, Change to colour A and FPdc in same st, change to Colour B;* dc in next 2 sts; change to Colour A and FPdc in same st as second hdc, change to Colour B;* repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch (36 sts)

Next rounds: To finish the square, follow the solid colour pattern for **round 4 onwards**.

Change or add colours as often as you like.

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