## Talking to mother square



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## The story behind the pattern.

My inspiration comes when I least expect it. This time I talked to my mother on the phone. I picked up the yarn that was lying next to me and started crocheting, without really thinking about what I was doing, like doodling while talking on the phone.

## Introduction

First you crochet the flower (round 1-7). Next step is to make the square around the flower (round 8-17).
The stitches in the pictures are the stitches I crocheted (not what they count as).

## Facts



## Symbols

*...* Repeat stitches
**...** Repeat stitches within repetition
<...》 Crocheted in the same or given stitch

## Alternatives

The pattern below can be adjusted, depending on your own preferences. For example:

- The initial ch on round 1 can be made with a magic ring.
- You can start each round with a standing stitch wherever possible, instead of ch.
- You can end each round with an invisible join wherever possible, instead of a sl st.

Crochet Chart


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## The flower (round 1-7)

## R. 1

Ch 4 (counts as ch 1, 1 dc), 11 dc in the first ch. Tighten the ring by pulling the short yarn thread. Finish with 1 sl st in the first dc (the beginning chain). Do not cut the yarn. (Total $1 \mathrm{ch}, 12 \mathrm{dc}$ ).


Photo 1 - Round 1.


Photo 2 - Round 2.

## R. 3

Change color. Start the round in any dc. *1 sc (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, skip 1 dc, 1 FPdc around next dc, ch 2, skip $1 d c$, 1 sc in next $d c$ * 6 times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Cut the yarn. (Total $12 \mathrm{ch}-2$ sp, 12 sc, 6 FPdc)


Photo 3 - Round 3.


Photo 4 - Round 4.

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## R． 5

Change color．Start the round in ch－3 sp after 1 dc3tog． ${ }^{*} 1$ sc（ch 1 in first repetition）in ch－3 sp，skip $1 \mathrm{sc}, \ll 1 d c$ ，ch 1， 1 dc＞＞in ch－3 sp，skip 1 sc， 1 sc in ch－3 sp，ch 2，skip 1 dc3tog， 1 BPsc around FPdc r．4，ch 2，skip 1 dc3tog＊ 6 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc（the beginning chain）． Cut the yarn．（Total $12 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 6 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 12 \mathrm{sc}, 6 \mathrm{BPsc}, 12$ dc）


Photo 5 －Round 5.

## R． 6

Change color．Start the round in ch－2 sp before BPsc．
＊《＜1 sc（ch 1 in first repetition）， 1 hdc， 1 dc＞＞in ch－2 sp， 1 FPdc around BPsc r．5，＜1 dc， $1 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}>$ in ch－2 sp， 1 sc in sc，skip 1 dc ，《1 sc， $1 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{dc}, 1 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{sc} \gg$ in ch－1 sp，skip 1 $d c, 1 \mathrm{sc}$ in sc＊ 6 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc（the beginning chain）．Cut the yarn．（Total $36 \mathrm{sc}, 24 \mathrm{hdc}, 18 \mathrm{dc}, 6$ FPdc）


Photo 6 －Round 6.

## R． 7

Change color．Start the round in a FPdc．＊《1 sc（ch 1 in first repetition），ch 3， 1 sc＞＞in FPdc， 3 sc BLO， 1 FPsc around sc r．5，skip 1 sc， 1 FPdc around dc r．5， 2 sc BLO，＜＜1 sc，ch $3,1 \mathrm{sc} \gg$ in $\mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}$ BLO， 1 FPdc around dc r．5，skip $1 \mathrm{sc}, 1$ FPsc around sc r．5， 3 sc BLO＊ 6 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc（the beginning chain）．Cut the yarn．（Total 12 ch－3 sp， $24 \mathrm{sc}, 60 \mathrm{sc}$ BLO， 12 FPsc， 12 FPdc）


Photo 7 －First repetition round 7.


Photo 8 －Round 7.

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## The square（round 8－17）

R． 8 Change color．Start the round in sc r． 6 before FPdc r．7，（behind FPsc and FPdc r．7）．
＊《1 dc（ch 3 in first repetition），ch 1， 1 dc，ch 1， 1 dc» in sc r．6，ch 1，skip（1 FPdc， 2 sc BLO， 1 sc ）， 1 sc in ch－3 sp r．7，ch 1，skip（1 sc， 2 sc BLO， 1 FPdc），《1 dc，ch 1， 1 dc，ch 1， 1 dc 》in sc r．6， ch 1，skip（1 FPsc， 3 sc BLO， 1 sc）， 1 sc in ch－3 sp r．7，ch 1，skip（1 sc， 3 sc BLO， 1 FPsc）＊ 6 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first dc（the beginning chain）．Cut the yarn．（Total $48 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}$ ， $12 \mathrm{sc}, 36 \mathrm{dc})$


Photo 9 －First repetition round 8


Photo 10 －Round 8.

R． 9 Change color．Start the round in ch -1 sp which comes after sl st on the previous round．＊1 hdc（ch 2 in first repetition）in ch－1 sp，ch 1，skip 1 st＊ 48 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first hdc（the beginning chain）．Do not cut the yarn．（Total $48 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 48 \mathrm{hdc}$ ）


Photo 11 －First repetition round 9.


Photo 12 －Round 9.

R． 10 Continue with the same color． 1 sl st to ch－1 sp．＊1 sc（ch 1 in first repetition）in ch－1 sp， ch 1，skip 1 hdc，＊＊${ }^{*}$ hc in ch－1 sp，ch 1，skip 1 hdc＊＊ 2 times，《1 dc，ch 1， 1 dc» in ch－1 sp，ch 1， skip 1 hdc，《1 tr，ch 1， 1 tr＞＞in ch－1 sp，ch 1，skip 1 hdc，《1 $d c$ ，ch 1， 1 dc＞＞in ch－1 sp，＊＊ch 1，skip 1 hdc， 1 hdc in ch－1 sp＊＊ 2 times，＊＊ch 1，skip 1 hdc， 1 sc in ch－1 sp＊＊ 4 times ch 1，skip 1 hdc＊ 4 times．Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc（the beginning chain）．Cut the yarn．（Total $60 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}$ ， $20 \mathrm{sc}, 16 \mathrm{hdc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 8 \mathrm{tr})$


Photo 13 - First repetition round 10.


Photo 14 - Round 10.

## R. 11

Change color. Start the round in ch-1 sp between $2 \operatorname{tr}$ (the corner). *《1 sc (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, 1 sc>> in ch-1 sp, **ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 sc in ch-1 sp** 14 times, ch 1* 4 times.
Finish with 1 sl st in first sc (the beginning chain). Cut the yarn. (Totalt $60 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}$, 64 sc )


Photo 15 - First repetition round 11.


Photo 16 - Round 11.

## R. 12

Change color. Start the round in ch-2 sp (the corner). *《1 sc (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, 1 sc>> in ch-2 sp, **ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 sc in ch-1 sp** 15 times, ch 1 * 4 times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Cut the yarn. (Total $64 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 68 \mathrm{sc}$ )


Photo 17 - First repetition round 12.


Photo 18-Round 12.

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## R. 13

Change color. Start the round in ch-2 sp (the corner). *«1 sc (ch 1 in first repetition), ch $2,1 \mathrm{sc} \gg$ in ch-2 sp, **ch 1, skip $1 \mathrm{st}, 1 \mathrm{sc}$ in ch-1 sp** 16 times, ch $1 * 4$ times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Cut the yarn. (Total $68 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2$ $\mathrm{sp}, 72 \mathrm{sc}$ )


Photo 19 - First repetition round 13.


Photo 20-Round 13.

## R. 14

Change color. Start the round in ch-2 sp (the corner). *<<1 sc (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, 1 sc>> in ch-2 sp, **ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 sc in ch-1 sp** 17 times, ch $1 * 4$ times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Do not cut the yarn. (Total $72 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 76 \mathrm{sc}$ )


Photo 21 - First repetition round 14.


Photo 22-Round 14.

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## R. 15

Continue with the same color. 1 sl st to $\mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp},{ }^{*} \ll 1 \mathrm{sc}$ (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, 1 sc 》in ch-2 sp, **ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 sc in ch-1 sp** 18 times, ch $7^{*} 4$ times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Do not cut the yarn. (Total $76 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 80 \mathrm{sc}$ )


Photo 23 - First repetition round 15.


Photo 24-Round 15.

## R. 16

Continue with the same color. 1 sl st to ch -2 sp , *<<1 hdc (ch 2 in first repetition), ch 2, 1 $h d c \gg$ in ch-2 sp, **ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 hdc in ch-1 sp** 19 times, ch* 4 times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first hdc (the beginning chain). Do not cut the yarn. (Total $80 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sp}, 4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 84 \mathrm{hdc}$ )


Photo 25 - First repetition round 16.


Photo 26-Round 16.

## R. 17

Continue with the same color. 1 sl st to $\mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, *<1 \mathrm{sc}$ (ch 1 in first repetition), ch 2, $1 \mathrm{sc}>$ in ch-2 sp, **skip 1st, 2 sc in ch-1 sp** 20 times, skip 1 st* 4 times. Finish with 1 sl st in the first sc (the beginning chain). Cut the yarn. (Total $4 \mathrm{ch}-2 \mathrm{sp}, 168 \mathrm{sc}$ )


The Talking to mother square is now done! I hope you enjoyed making it!// Micmarmik

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## Symbols explained (US terms):

| *...*... times | Repeat the instructions, for example: <br> "*ch 1, 2 sc* 5 times" <br> would mean <br> "ch 1 followed by 2 sc, repeated five times" |
| :---: | :---: |
| **... **... times | Short repeats within a longer ones, for example: <br> "*ch 1, ** 1 sc** 2 times* 5 times" <br> would mean <br> "ch 1 and a repeat of 2 sc ; all repeated 5 times" |
| <...> in... | Stitches to be crocheted in the same stitch, for example: "«<3dc, ch 3, 3 dc » in the next stitch" |
| (counts as...) | Replacement for first stitch on a round, for example: <br> "ch 3 (counts as 1 dc)" <br> would mean <br> "ch 3 used instead of 1 dc as the initial stitch" |
| (Total...) | Sums up number of used stitches, for example: <br> "ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), ch 2. (Total 2 ch, 1 sc)" would mean <br> "used as $2 \mathrm{ch}+1 \mathrm{sc}$, in total" |
| st | Stitch |
| $1 p$ | Loop |
| ch sp | Chain space |
| BLO | Back loop only |
| FLO | Front loop only |
| slst | Slip stitch |
| ch | Chain |
| SC | Single crochet |
| hdc | Half double crochet |
| lhdc | Long half double crochet |
| dc | Double crochet |
| $l d c$ | Long double crochet |
| tr | Treble crochet |


| $d t r$ | $\neq$ | Double treble crochet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FPsc | K | Front post single crochet |
| BPsc | $\underbrace{X}$ | Back post single crochet |
| FPhdc | $5$ | Front post halfdouble crochet |
| BPhdc | J | Back post half double crochet |
| FPdc | $F$ | Front post double crochet |
| $\overline{\mathrm{BPd}}$ | $\mp$ | Back post double crochet |
| FPtr | $\mp$ | Front post treble crochet |
| BPtr | $\neq$ | Back post treble crochet |
| 2 FPdc | Fx | 2 front post double crochet around same stitch |
| $3 F P d c$ | 幵 | 3 front post double crochet around same stitch |
| FPdc3tog | $\sqrt{F 5}$ | Front post double crochet 3 together |
| Pic | 0.0 | Picot made with ch 3, 1 sl st in first ch |
| ch4pic | 8.8 | Picot made with ch 4, 1 sl st in first ch |

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