

Star of the Forest



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Abbreviations:

Stitch: st

Chain: ch

Chain space: ch sp

Single crochet: sc

Halfdouble crochet: hdc

Double crochet: dc

Treble crochet: tr

Treble-two-together: tr2tog

Frontpost single crochet: fpSC

Frontpost halfdouble crochet: fpHDC

Frontpost double crochet: fpDC

Frontpost double crochet two-together: fpDC2tog

Frontpost treble: fpTR

Popcorn: popcorn (made with 4 dc)

Back loop: bl

Front loop: fl

Picot: pc

A double or halfdouble crochet in the beginning of a round is made of a chain two. A single crochet in the beginning of a round is made of a chain one. If you want to, you can of course start each round with a standing stitch.

Finish each round with an "invisible join". Repeat the instructions in (...) until the round is finished, or the number of times stated after.

You can choose as many colours as you like for your mandala. In the beginning of each round I have a letter to indicate a colour for a version with five colours. Recommended yarn: Cotton with a suitable hook. I have made mine in cotton 8/4 with hook 2,5 mm, which gives a diameter about 34 cm.

Start with a magic ring or chain 4 and join with a slipstitch to form a ring.

- 1) (Colour A): 16 dc in the ring. (16 dc)
- 2) (Colour B): (1dc + 1 ch) in each dc. (16 dc, 16 ch)
- 3) (Colour C): (1 dc + 2 ch) in each dc. (16 dc, 32 ch)
- 4) (Colour A): (1 dc in each dc, 3 dc in each ch sp). (64 dc)
- 5) (Colour C): Start in the 1:st dc in a group of 3. (3 sc in bl, 1 fptr around the underlying dc of round 4.) (16 fptr, 48 sc)



- 6) (Colour D): Start in the 2:nd sc in a group of 3. (2 hdc in the same sc, 1hdc, 1 popcorn around the fptr, 1 hdc) (16 popcorns, 64 hdc)

At this point your work may be a little bowl shaped. Don't worry! It will sort itself out in a couple of rounds.

- 7) (Colour C): Start with a standing fpssc around a popcorn. 3 dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 5, (1 fpssc around the popcorn, 3dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 5) (16 fpssc, 48 dc)



- 8) (Colour E): Make all your stitches in the bl in this round. Start in a fpssc made in one of the popcorns, (2 dc in the same st , 1 dc) (96 dc)
- 9) (Colour C): Start in the 2:nd dc in an increase that is *not* made above a popcorn, (1sc, 1 tr in the fl of the fpssc made around the popcorn, do *not* skip any stitch on round 8, 4 sc in the bl of the dc:s in round 8, 1 tr in the same stitch as the previous tr, skip a stich on round 8) (32 tr, 64 sc)



- 10) (Colour E): Start in the tr on the right side of a "V", (1 hdc in the bl of the tr of round 9, 3 dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 8, 1 hdc in the bl of the tr of round 9, 2 dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 8 that are in the space between two "V:s") (32 hdc, 80 dc)



- 11) (Colour C): You do *not* skip any stitches of round 10 in this round. Start in the 1:st dc in a group of 3, (3 sc in the bl, 1 fptr around the underlying tr of round 9, 2 sc in the bl, 1 fptr around the underlying tr of round 9) (32 fptr, 80 sc)



- 12) (Colour E): Start in a fptr that is on the right side of a "V". (1 hdc in the bl of the fptr, 3 dc in the fl of the dc's of round 10, 1 hdc in the bl of the fptr, 2 dc in the fl of the dc's of round 10) (32 hdc, 80 dc)



- 13) (Colour C): You do not skip any stitches of round 12 in this round. Start in the 2:nd dc in a group of 3 (7 sc in the bl, 1 tr2tog around the underlying fptr of round 11) (16 tr2tog, 112 sc)



- 14) (Colour E): Start in a tr2tog (2 hdc in the same st in the bl, 6 dc in the fl of the dc's of round 12) (32 hdc, 96 dc)



15) (Colour A): You do not skip any stitches of round 14 in this round. Start in the 2:nd hdc of an increase. (8 hdc in the bl, 1 popcorn around the underlying tr2tog of round 13) (16 popcorns, 128 hdc)



16) (Colour E): Start with a standing fphdc around a popcorn, 8 dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 14, (1 fphdc around the popcorn, 8 dc in the fl of the dc:s of round 14) (16 fphdc, 128 dc)



17) (Colour B): Start in a fphdc (2 sc in the bl of the same st, 8 sc in the bl) (160 sc)

18) (Colour A): 1 sc in the bl of every st in round 17 (160 sc)

19) (Colour E): Make all st in the bl in this round. Start in an sc made in the 2:nd sc of an increase made in round 17, 4 dc, 2 dc in the same st, (9 dc, 2 dc in the same st) 15 times, 5 dc (176 dc)

20) (Colour A): Start in a st *before* the one that is directly above a popcorn, 1 sc in the bl, (1 tr in the fl of the underlying sc of round 18, skip a st on round 19, 5 sc in the bl of the dc:s of round 19, 1 tr in the fl of the underlying sc of round 18, do *not* skip a stich on round 19, 5 sc in the bl of the dc:s of round 19) The last repeat gives 4 sc in the end, as you already made 1 when you started the round. Make sure that you have 4 skipped sc:s on round 18 between the tr and that every other tr is directly above a popcorn. (32 tr, 160 sc)



21) (Colour B): 1 sc in the bl of every st on round 20. (192 sc)

22) (Colour C): 1 sc in the bl of every st on round 20. (192 sc)

23) (Colour A): Start in a st that is *before* a tr directly above a popcorn, 1 sc in the bl, (1 tr in the fl of the underlying tr in round 20, skip a st on round 22, 4 sc in the bl of the sc:s of round 22, 1 tr in the fl *to the right* of the tr of round 20, do *not* skip a st on round 22, 2 sc in the bl of the sc:s of round 22, 1 tr in the fl *to the left* of the tr on round 20, skip a st on round 22, 4 sc in the bl of the sc:s of round 22) The last repeat gives 3 sc in the and, as you already made 1 when you started the round. (160 sc, 48 tr)



24) (Colour B): Start in a tr directly above a popcorn, 4 sc in the bl of the stitches of round 23, (1 tr in the fl of the underlying sc o round 21 to *the right* of the tr you made in the previous round, skip a st on round 23, 4 sc in the bl of the stitches of round 23, 1 tr in the fl of the sc on round 21 to the right of the tr made in the previous round, skip a st on round 23, 7 sc in the bl of the stiches in round)15 times, 3 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 23 (176 sc, 32 tr)



25) (Colour C): Start in a st directly above 2 tr above a popcorn, 3 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 24, (1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 22 *to the right* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 24, 6 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 24, 1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 22 *to the left* of the tr made in previous round, do *not* skip a st on round 24, 6 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 24) The last repeat gives 3 sc in the end, as you already made 3 when you started the round. (192 sc, 32 tr)



- 26) (Colour A): Start in a tr that is to the right of the "V-formation" (8 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 25, 1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 23 *to the left* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 25, 2 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 25, 1 tr in the fl of the tr in round 23, do *not* skip a st in round 25, 2 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 25, 1 tr in the sc of round 23 *to the right* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 25) (192 sc, 48 tr)
- 27) (Colour B): Start in a tr that is to the right of the "V-formation" (10 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 26, 1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 24 *to the left* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 26, 3 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 26, 1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 24 *to the right* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 26) (208 sc, 32 tr)
- 28) (Colour C): Start in a tr that is to the right of the "V-formation" (12 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 27, 1 tr in the fl of the sc of round 25 *to the left* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 27, 1 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 27, 1 tr in the fl of the sc in round 25 *to the right* of the tr made in previous round, skip a st in round 27) (208 sc, 32 tr)
- 29) (Colour A): Start in a tr that is to the right of the "V-formation" (14 sc in the bl of the stitches in round 28, 1 tr in the fl of the tr in round 26, skip a st in round 28) (224 sc, 16 tr)
- 30) (Colour D): Start in the st *after* a tr (6 sc in the bl, 2 sc in the bl of the same st, 7 sc in the bl, 1 popcorn around the tr of round 29, do *not* skip a st in round 29) (16 popcorns, 240 sc)
- 31) (Colour A): Start with a standing fpdc around a popcorn, 14 hdc in the fl of the sc:s of round 29, (1 fpdc around the popcorn, 14 hdc in the fl of the sc:s in round 29) (16 fpdc, 224 hdc)
- 32) (Colour C): Start in a fpdc, 7 hdc in the bl, (2 hdc in the bl of the same st, 14 hdc in the bl) The last repeat gives 7 hdc, as you already made 7 when you started the round. (256 hdc)
- 33) (Colour E): Start in a st directly above a popcorn (3 dc + 2 ch + 3 dc in the same st, skip 2 stitches, 11 sc in the bl, skip 2 stitches) (96 dc, 32 ch, 176 sc)
- 34) (Colour A): Start in a chain space (3 dc + 2 ch + 3 dc in the ch sp 3 fpdc around the dc:s, skip 2 stitches, 7 sc in the bl, skip 2 stitches, 3 fpdc around the dc:s) (96 dc, 32 ch, 96 fpdc)

- 35) (Colour B): Start in a chain space (3 dc + 2ch + 3 dc in the ch sp, 6 fpdc around the dc:s, skip 1 st, 5 sc in the bl, skip 1 st, 6 fpdc around the dc:s) (96 dc, 192 fpdc, 80 sc)



- 36) (Color C): Start in a chain space (2 dc + 2 ch + 2 dc in the ch sp, 9 fpdc around the dc:s, skip 1 st, 3 sc in the bl, skip 1 st, 9 fpdc around the dc:s) (64 dc, 299 fpdc, 32 ch, 48 sc)
- 37) (Colour D): Start in a chain space (2 dc + 2 ch + 2 dc in the ch sp, 11 fpdc around the dc:s, skip 1 st, 1 sc in the bl, skip 1 st, 11 fpdc around the dc:s) (64 dc, 352 fpdc, 32 ch, 16 sc)
- 38) (Colour A): Start in a chain space (2 sc + 3 pc + 2 sc in the ch sp, 12 sc in the bl, 1 fpdc2tog around the underlying fpdc:s of the previous round, 12 sc in the bl) (448 sc, 48 pc, 16 fpdc2tog)
- 39) Block your mandala! (One pin in each picot)

Congratulations on finishing your mandala!

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