

# suggestion square:

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## description:

- this clearly written crochet pattern creates an interesting 12 inch square
- as written there are four colours used; the colour changes at the beginning of each round – but it also looks superb worked in a single colour
- please read through the assumed knowledge and special instructions before beginning
- US terminology used throughout

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## materials:

- 8 ply yarn (DK) of your choice; four different colours; approx 50g in total
- 4.5mm crochet hook
- tape measure to check size
- wool needle for darning in ends

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### **assumed knowledge:**

This pattern assumes that you understand the following:

- when a round starts with a sc, work a ch1 BEFORE the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch
- when a round starts with a hdc, substitute the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch with ch2
- when a round starts with a dc, substitute the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch with ch3
- when a round starts with a tr, substitute the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch with ch4
- when a round starts with a v-stitch (explained in notes below) substitute the 1<sup>st</sup> dc of the stitch with ch3 (working ch4, dc)
- when a round starts with a w-stitch (explained in notes below) substitute the 1<sup>st</sup> dc of the stitch with ch3 (working ch4, dc, ch1, dc)
- unless otherwise indicated, join each round with a ss into the top of the beginning ch

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### **special instructions:**

#### **adjustable magic ring**

Make a loop of yarn by wrapping in a clockwise direction around two fingers on the left hand.

Pinch the point where the yarn meets, between the thumb and forefinger. Slide fingers out so that the ring can be used.

Place crochet hook into the centre of the ring, and pull a loop of the working yarn through. This is the starting point for the round.

Work as the pattern instructs for the remainder of the round. All stitches are worked around both the ring and the tail.

When completed, the beginning tail can be pulled tight thus closing the ring.

**v-stitch** - work [dc, ch1, dc] into the same st

**w-stitch** - work [dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc] into the same st

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begin	did you read the special instructions first??? okay... use C1 to make an adjustable magic ring
round 1	[dc, ch1] 12 times, pull tail to close ring join round and fasten off C1 (12 dc)
round 2	join C2 into any ch1 space 2sc into each ch1 space join round into the top of the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C2 (24 sc)
round 3	join C3 into the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc in any group of 2sc work <b>v-stitch</b> into the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc of each 2sc group join round and fasten off C3 (12 v-st)
round 4	join C1 into the ch1 space at the centre of any v-stitch 3sc into each ch1 space join round into the top of the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C1 (36 sc)
round 5	join C4 into the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc in any group of 3sc [v-stitch, ch1] into the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc of each group of 3sc join round and fasten off C4 (12 v-st, 12 ch1 spaces)
round 6	join C3 into the ch1 space at the centre of any v-st <b>w-stitch</b> into the ch1 space at the centre of each v-st join round and fasten off C3 (12 w-st)
round 7	join C1 into any ch1 space 3sc into each ch1 space join round into the top of the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C1 (72 sc)
round 8	join C2 into any sc hdc into every stitch join round and fasten off C2 (72 hdc)

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place marker	lay the square out flat on your work area, determine where you would like your first corner to be, place marker at this point
round 9	join C4 into next st <b>after</b> marker *2tr in next st, tr, 2dc, 2hdc, 6sc, 2hdc, 2dc, tr, 2tr in next st, ch3* repeat from * to * 3 times join round and fasten off C4 (20sts along each side, ch3 in corners)
round 10	join C1 into any corner space *5sc in ch3 space, sc into each of next 20 st* repeat from * to * 3 times join round into the top of the 1 <sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C1 (20sc along each side, 5sc in corners)
round 11	join C3 into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sc of any corner *[dc, ch2, dc] in corner, dc in each of next 24 sc* repeat from * to * 3 times join round and fasten off C3 (26sc along each side, ch2 in corners)
round 12	join C4 into any corner space, *[3dc, 2ch, 3dc] in corner, then [skip next 2sts, v-st] 8 times* repeat from * to * 3 times join round and fasten off C4 (8 v-st along each side, 3dc 2ch 3dc in corners)
round 13	join C2 into any corner space *[3dc, 2ch, 3dc] in corner, ch2 [v-st in each v-st] 8 times, ch2* repeat from * to * 3 times join round and fasten off C2 (8 v-st and 2 ch2 spaces along each side, 3dc 2ch 3dc in corners)
round 14	join C1 into any corner space *[3dc, 2ch, 3dc] in corner, 3dc in ch2 space [2dc in centre of each v-st, dc between each v-st] 7 times, 2dc in last v-st, 3dc in ch2 space* repeat from * to * 3 times join round and fasten off C1 (35dc along each side, ch2 in corners)

round 15	<p>join C3 in any corner space  *[2sc, ch1, 2sc] in corner, sc in between each dc to end*  repeat from * to * 3 times  join round into the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C3  (38sc along each side, ch1 in corners)</p>
round 16	<p>join C1 in any corner space  *[3sc in corner, sc in each st along side]*  repeat from * to * 3 times  join round into the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> sc and fasten off C1  (42sc along each side, 3sc in corners)</p>
check	that your square measures 30cm across
if necessary	repeat round 16 until the square reaches size, change colour for each round
finish	use the wool needle to securely weave all ends, block piece to 12 inches square