



UK Terms

Crochet Along

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Dahlia Bud

Frida's Flowers Blanket - Block 2

Block 2 – Dahlia Bud

Dahlias are a native flower to Mexico and they often featured in Frida's work and in traditional Mexican embroidery designs. The Dahlia flower's birthplace was the mountainous region of Mexico and Guatemala and the Dahlia Pinnata is the national flower of Mexico so you can see why they feature in the work of Frida and her husband Diego Rivera.

Dahlias are mostly large pom pom like flowers and so I felt the popcorn stitches would help capture the idea of a robust layered flower in this motif. Like Block One, this is quite a straightforward motif, but if you are using Special DK or Life DK instead of the cotton Classique yarn you may find you have to block the piece to achieve a true hexagon shape.

The popcorn stitch will be used again later on at the centre of another motif.

The next block will be available 3 May.



Block 2 – Dahlia Bud (make 4)

Yarns used:



3662
Sunflower



3665
Ivory



3669
Nocturne

EQUIPMENT

3.5mm (UK 9 / US E/4), 4mm (UK 8 / US G/6), crochet hooks
Sewing needle

MEASUREMENT

Pre blocked – 20cm wide at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain

cm centimetre(s)

dc double crochet

htr half treble

mm millimetre(s)

RS right side

sp(s) space(s)

ss slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

tch turning chain

tr treble

WS wrong side

NOTES:

Fastening Off and rejoining Yarn

You will achieve a much neater colour change if you complete rounds and fasten off the yarn, rather than joining mid stitch. When fastening off a yarn at the end of a round, the slip stitch that you have made to join can look like a stitch when you are working the following round. Make sure you count correctly and do not count the slip stitch as a stitch when working subsequent rounds.

Dealing with yarn ends

I tend to sew yarn ends in as I go along – doing this makes the finishing process much easier as you will have less to do. Sewing yarn ends in as you go along also means that you are less likely to lose stitches or make errors with your tension.

Pattern Note

MP: Make Popcorn

Make 5tr, remove hook from last loop.

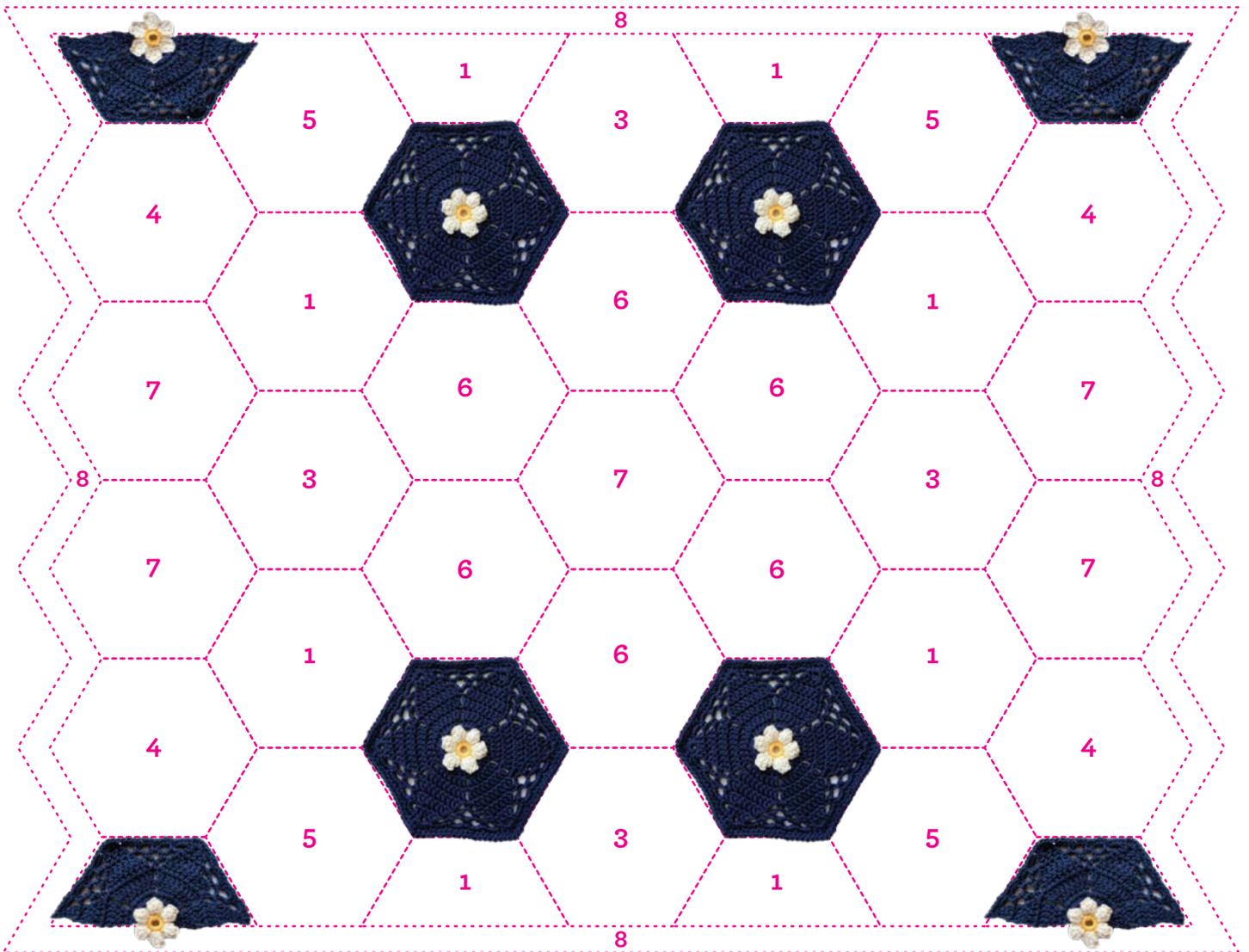
Making sure that the stitch does not unravel, insert hook into top of 1st treble of 5tr group from the front.

Place the yarn loop from the top of the 5th treble back onto the hook so that there are 2 'sts' on the hook.

Wrap yarn round hook and draw through to form a popcorn.

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METHOD

Using Sunflower & 4mm hook make 5ch, join with a ss to form a ring

Foundation Round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 12dc into ring, ss to join, fasten off (12sts)

Round 1: Using Ivory, join yarn into any st by working 1ch + 2ch (counts as 1st tr of popcorn), MP into same st, 3ch, skip next st, * MP into next st, 3ch, skip next st; repeat from * to end, ss to join, fasten off (6 popcorns made)



Round 2: Using Nocturne & 3.5mm hook join yarn into any 3ch sp by working 1ch + 1ch (counts as 1tr), 4htr into same ch sp, 1ch, * 5htr into next ch sp, 1ch; repeat from * to end, ss to 2nd ch of 2ch made at beginning of round to join, (30sts & 6 ch sps)



Round 3: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into st at base of 3ch, 1tr into next st, (this is the ch that sits on top of the 1st true htr made on the previous round) 1tr into each next 2sts, 2tr into next st,

1ch, skip 1ch, * 2tr into next st (this st is the ch that leads into the top of the next htr - it looks like it sits before the post of the htr), 1tr into each next 3sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch; repeat from * to end, ss to join (42sts & 6ch sps)



Round 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into st at base of 3ch, 1tr into next st (this is the ch that sits on the 1st true tr made on the previous round), 1tr into each next 4sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch, * 2tr into next st, 1tr into each next 5sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch; repeat from * to end, ss to join (54sts & 6ch sps)



Round 5: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into next st (this is the ch that sits on the 1st true tr made on the previous round), * 1tr into each next 5sts, tr2tog over next 2sts, 3ch, 1dc into next ch sp, 3ch, tr2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting tr2tog over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch, ss to top of next tr to join (42sts & 12 ch sps with 1dc in between)



Round 6: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into next st, * 1tr into each next 3sts, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp] twice, 3ch, tr2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting tr2tog

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over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch made at beginning of round, ss to top of next tr to join (30sts & 18 ch sps)



Round 7: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into next st, * 1tr into next st, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp] 3 times, 3ch, tr2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting tr2tog over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch made at beginning of round, ss to top of next tr to join (18sts & 24 ch sps)



Round 8: Using 4mm hook 1ch (does not count as a st), skip st at base of 1ch, * 5htr into next st (this is the central tr of group made at tip of petal shape), skip next st, [3dc into next ch sp] twice, 1dc into next dc, [3dc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st; repeat from * to end, ss to join (108sts)



Round 9: 1ch, (does not count as a st) 1dc into next st, * 3dc into next st, 1dc into each next 17sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 1dc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off (120sts)



Sew in yarn ends

Place stitch marker into corner sts (central st of 3dc) if required

Pre Blocked Measurement: 20cm at widest point

Joining your pieces as you work

If you want to join your motifs as you make them, do not fasten off at the end of the last round

Using 4mm hook, ss into each next 2sts so that your hook is in the central dc of 3dc group



Using the layout diagram as your reference, 1ch, holding the correct block in front, with RS facing inwards, 1dc into central dc of 3dc group made at corner of block & the corresponding st on the other block so that your hook is through 2 sts, 1dc into the sts, work 1dc into all corresponding pairs of sts on both pieces all the way along to the central dcs at next corners, working the final dc into the central sts, at corner, fasten off



Repeat for all 4 motifs

Half Dahlia Bud

Using Sunflower & 4mm hook make 5ch, join with a ss to form a ring

Foundation Round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 12dc into ring, ss to join, fasten off (12sts)

Round 1: Using Ivory, join yarn into any st by working 1ch + 2ch (counts as 1st tr of popcorn), MP into same st, 3ch, skip next st, * MP into next st, 3ch, skip next st; repeat from * to end, ss to join, fasten off (6 popcorns made)

From this point you are going to work in rows rather than in rounds, this means you need to turn at the end of each row. Check that you have the correct side facing you at all times. (WS) means wrong side facing (RS) means right side facing

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Row 1: (RS facing) Using Nocturne & **3.5mm** hook join yarn into any 3ch sp by working 1ch + 1ch (counts as 1tr), 2htr into same ch sp, 1ch, [5htr into next ch sp, 1ch] twice, 3htr into next ch sp, turn (16sts & 3 ch sps)



Row 2: (WS facing) 3ch (counts as 1tr), skip st at base of 3ch, 1tr into next st, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch, [2tr into next st, 1tr into each next 3sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch] twice, 2tr into next st, 1tr into next st, 1tr into 2nd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (22sts & 3ch sps)



Row 3: (RS facing) 3ch (counts as 1tr), skip st at base of 3ch, 1tr into each next 2sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch, [2tr into next st, 1tr into each next 5sts, 2tr into next st, 1ch, skip 1ch] twice, 2tr into next st, 1tr into each next 2sts, 1tr into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (28sts & 3ch sps)



Row 4: (WS facing) 3ch (counts as 1tr), skip st at base of 3ch, 1tr into each next 2sts, tr2tog over next 2sts, 3ch, 1dc into next ch sp, 3ch, [tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into each next 5sts, tr2tog over next 2sts, 3ch, 1dc into next ch sp, 3ch] twice, tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into each next 2sts, 1tr into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (22sts & 6 ch sps)



Row 5: (RS facing) 3ch (counts as 1tr), skip st at base of 3ch, 1tr into next st, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp] twice, 3ch, * tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into each next 3sts, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp.] twice, 3ch; repeat from *, tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into next st, 1tr into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (16sts & 9ch sps)



Row 6: (WS facing) 3ch (counts as 1tr), skip st at base of 3ch, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp] 3 times, 3ch, * tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into next st, tr2tog over next 2sts, [3ch, 1dc into next ch sp.] 3 times, 3ch; repeat from *, tr2tog over next 2sts, 1tr into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (10sts & 12ch sps)



Row 7: Using **4mm** hook 2ch (counts as 1tr), 2htr into st at base of 2ch, * [3dc into next ch sp] twice, 1dc into next dc, [3dc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st, 5htr into next st (this is the central tr of group made at tip of petal shape); repeat from *, [3dc into next ch sp] twice, 1dc into next dc, [3dc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st, 3htr into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, fasten off, do not turn (55sts)



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Row 8: (RS facing) Using **4mm** hook, join yarn into 2nd ch of 2ch made at beginning of last row by working 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc into same st, * 1dc into each next 17sts, 3dc into next st; repeat from * to end, omitting 1dc (of 3dc group) on final pattern repeat, fasten off (61sts)



Sew in yarn ends

Place stitch marker into corner sts if required

Pre Blocked Measurement: 20cm at widest point



Joining your pieces

Using Nocturne & **4mm** hook & using the layout diagram as your reference, & holding the correct block in front, with RS facing inwards, join yarn into pair of corresponding corner sts on both blocks by working 1ch, work 1dc into all corresponding pairs of sts on both pieces all the way along to the central dcs at next corners, working the final dc into the central sts, at corner, fasten off