



US Terms

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Dahlia Bud

Frida's Flowers Blanket - Block 2

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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

Size E/4 & G/6 (3.5mm & 4mm) hook
Sewing needle

MEASUREMENT

Pre blocked – 8in (20cm) wide at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS

- ch(s)** chain(s)
- cm** centimeter(s)
- dc** double crochet
- dc2tog** work double crochet sts together (1 st decreased)
- hdc** half double crochet
- in** inch(es)
- RS** right side
- sc** single crochet
- sp(s)** space(s)
- ss** slip stitch
- st(s)** stitch(es)
- tch** turning chain
- WS** wrong side

NOTES:

Fastening Off and rejoining Yarn

You will achieve a much neater color 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

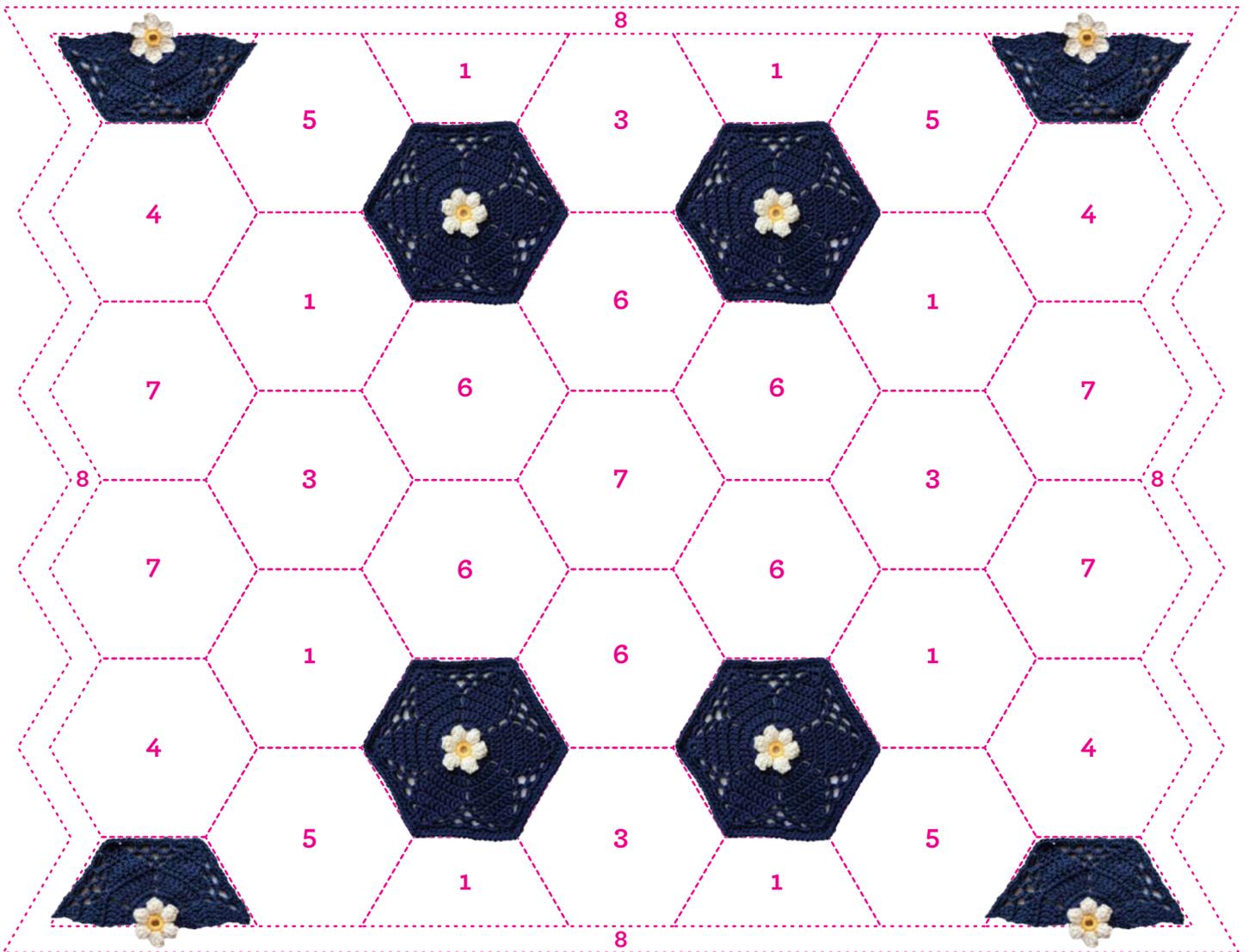
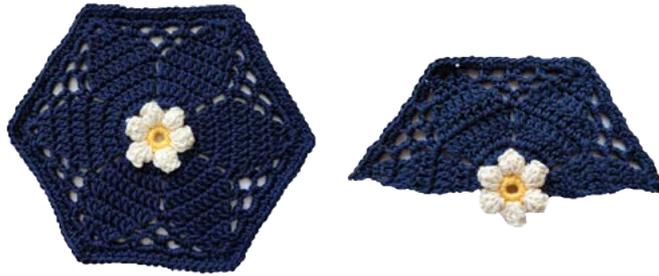
I tend to sew yarn ends in as I go along—doing this makes the finishing process much easier as you will have less to do. Sewing yarn ends in as you go along also means that you are less likely to loose stitches or make errors with your tension.

Pattern Note

MP: Make Popcorn
Make 5dc, remove hook from last loop.
Making sure that the stitch does not unravel, insert hook into top of 1st double crochet of 5dc group from the front.
Place the yarn loop from the top of the 5th double crochet 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 & size **G/6 (4mm)** hook ch5, join with a ss to form a ring

Foundation Round: Ch1 (does not count as a st), 12sc into ring, ss to join, fasten off (12sts)

Round 1: Using Ivory, join yarn into any st by working ch1 + ch2 (counts as 1st dc of popcorn), MP into same st, ch3, skip next st, * MP into next st, ch3, skip next st; repeat from * to end, ss to join, fasten off (6 popcorns made)



Round 2: Using Nocturne & size **E/4 (3.5mm)** hook join yarn into any ch-3 sp by working ch1 + ch1 (counts as 1hdc), 4hdc into same ch sp, ch1, * 5hdc into next ch sp, ch1; repeat from * to end, ss to 2nd ch of ch-2 made at beginning of round to join, (30sts & 6 ch sps)



Round 3: Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc into st at base of ch-3, 1dc into next st, (the 1st true hdc made on the previous round), 1dc into each next 2sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch, * 2dc

into next st (this st is the ch that leads into the top of the next hdc—it looks like it sits before the post of the hdc), 1dc into each next 3sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch; repeat from * to end, ss to join (42sts & 6ch sps)



Round 4: Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc into st at base of ch-3, 1dc into next st (the 1st true dc made on the previous round), 1dc into each next 4sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch, * 2dc into next st, 1dc into each next 5sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch; repeat from * to end, ss to join (54sts & 6ch sps)



Round 5: Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc into next st (the 1st true dc made on the previous round), * 1dc into each next 5sts, dc2tog over next 2sts, ch3, 1sc into next ch sp, ch3, dc2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting dc2tog over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch, ss to top of next dc to join (42sts & 12 ch sps with 1sc in between)



Round 6: Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc into next st, * 1dc into each next 3sts, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp] twice, 3ch, dc2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting dc2tog over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch

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made at beginning of round, ss to top of next dc to join (30sts & 18 ch sps)



Round 7: Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc into next st, * 1dc into next st, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp] 3 times, ch3, dc2tog over next 2sts; repeat from * to end, omitting dc2tog over 2sts on final pattern repeat, skip 3ch made at beginning of round, ss to top of next dc to join (18sts & 24 ch sps)



Round 8: Using size **G/6 (4mm)** hook ch1 (does not count as a st), skip st at base of ch-1, * 5hdc into next st (this is the central dc of group made at tip of petal shape), skip next st, [3sc into next ch sp] twice, 1sc into next sc, [3sc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st; repeat from * to end, ss to join (108sts)



Round 9: Ch1, (does not count as a st) 1sc into next st, * 3sc into next st, 1sc into each next 17sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off (120sts)



Sew in yarn ends

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

Pre Blocked Measurement: 8in (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 size **G/6 (4mm)** hook, ss into each next 2sts so that your hook is in the central sc of 3sc group



Using the layout diagram as your reference, ch1, holding the correct block in front, with RS facing inwards, 1sc into central sc of 3sc group made at corner of block & the corresponding st on the other block so that your hook is through 2 sts, 1sc into the sts, work 1sc into all corresponding pairs of sts on both pieces all the way along to the central scs at next corners, working the final sc into the central sts, at corner, fasten off



Repeat for all 4 motifs

Half Dahlia Bud

Using Sunflower & size **G/6 (4mm)** hook ch 5, join with a ss to form a ring

Foundation Round: Ch1 (does not count as a st), 12sc into ring, ss to join, fasten off (12sts)

Round 1: Using Ivory, join yarn into any st by working ch1 + ch2 (counts as 1st dc of popcorn), MP into same st, ch3, skip next st, * MP into next st, ch3, 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 & size **E/4 (3.5mm)** hook join yarn into any ch-3 sp by working ch1 + ch1 (counts as 1hdc), 2hdc into same ch sp, ch1, [5hdc into next ch sp, ch1] twice, 3hdc into next ch sp, turn (16sts & 3 ch sps)



Row 2: (WS facing) Ch3 (counts as 1dc), skip st at base of ch-3, 1dc into next st, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch, [2dc into next st, 1dc into each next 3sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch] twice, 2dc into next st, 1dc into next st, 1dc into 2nd ch of 2tch made at beginning of last row, turn (22sts & 3ch sps)



Row 3: (RS facing) Ch3 (counts as 1dc), skip st at base of ch-3, 1dc into each next 2sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch, [2dc into next st, 1dc into each next 5sts, 2dc into next st, ch1, skip 1ch] twice, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1dc into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (28sts & 3ch sps)



Row 4: (WS facing) Ch3 (counts as 1dc), skip st at base of ch-3, 1dc into each next 2sts, dc2tog over next 2sts, ch3, 1sc into next ch sp, ch3, [dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into each next 5sts, dc2tog over next 2sts, ch3, 1sc into next ch sp, ch3] twice, dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1dc into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (22sts & 6 ch sps)



Row 5: (RS facing) Ch3 (counts as 1dc), skip st at base of ch-3, 1dc into next st, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp] twice, ch3, * dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into each next 3sts, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp,] twice, ch3; repeat from *, dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into next st, 1dc into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (16sts & 9ch sps)



Row 6: (WS facing) Ch3 (counts as 1dc), skip st at base of ch-3, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp] 3 times, ch3, * dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into next st, dc2tog over next 2sts, [ch3, 1sc into next ch sp,] 3 times, ch3; repeat from *, dc2tog over next 2sts, 1dc into 3rd ch of tch made at beginning of last row, turn (10sts & 12ch sps)



Row 7: Using size **G/6 (4mm)** hook ch2 (counts as 1hdc), 2hdc into st at base of ch-2, * [3sc into next ch sp] twice, 1sc into next sc, [3sc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st, 5hdc into next st (this is the central dc of group made at tip of petal shape); repeat from *, [3sc into next ch sp] twice, 1sc into next sc, [3sc into next ch sp] twice, skip next st, 3hdc 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 size **G/6 (4mm)** hook, join yarn into 2nd ch of ch-2 made at beginning of last row by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 2sc into same st, * 1sc into each next 17sts, 3sc into next st; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc (of 3sc group) on final pattern repeat, fasten off (61sts)



Sew in yarn ends

Place stitch marker into corner sts if required

Pre Blocked Measurement: 8in (20cm) at widest point



Joining your pieces

Using Nocturne & size **G/6 (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 ch1, work 1sc into all corresponding pairs of sts on both pieces all the way along to the central scs at next corners, working the final sc into the central sts, at corner, fasten off