



UK Terms

Crochet Along

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Shaped Hexagons

Carousel Blanket - Part 4

Part 4 – Shaped Hexagons

I had to take a chance on this hex; it's not straightforward as I had to shape it to accommodate the larger size of the blanket 7/8" out from the centre. I actually made a paper pattern to try to give me the shape and then added in stitches each side. But from paper to yarn was something else.

Making 3 or 4 of the generous hex motifs and joining them together and adding them to the pentagon round was the only way to be sure they would fit and not be too tight. YEEEEH! It worked, I'd got the correct number of stitches to make it just that bit bigger and still lie flat.

Colour combinations were becoming easier too...and I tried all sorts of formulas to combine the 16 colours in roughly equal amounts; important when designing to a set number of colours. I didn't want to run out of one or the other.

I'm sure you will find some colours that you're not as keen on as others. I love contrasts more than I like harmonious colour combinations and my motto is add lots of colours and then add 10 more.

But as a whole the carousel was turning into a beautiful blanket that I was very proud of....I do hope you are all still sticking with the project. We will be on the final border next session.

The next block will be available 1 November.



EQUIPMENT

4mm (UK 8/ US G/6) crochet hook
Stitch marker

MEASUREMENT

22cm at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain(s)	sp(s) space(s)
cm centimetre(s)	sl st slip stitch
dtr double treble	st(s) stitch(es)
dtrfp double treble front post	tr treble
mm millimetre(s)	yoh yarn over hook
rep repeat	

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 always recommend weaving in ends as you go or sewing them in; it's just easier when you get to the end as there's nothing more to do.

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Special DK colours used:

Batik colours used:

							
1823 Mustard	1711 Spice	1246 Lipstick	1068 Turquoise	1902 Old Gold	1903 Coral	1904 Cherry	1099 Teal
							
1820 Duck Egg	1003 Aster	1422 Aspen	1821 Grass Green	1913 Storm	1914 Indigo	1908 Sage	1911 Olive
							
1827 Fuchsia Purple	1822 Pistachio	1263 Citron	1390 Clematis	1905 Raspberry	1910 Pistachio	1901 Biscuit	1906 Heather
							
1084 Magenta	1724 Parma Violet	1188 Lavender		1907 Plum	1915 Graphite	1912 Violet	



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METHOD

Work the 16 hexagons in the following colours.

Each hexagon is 9 rounds; use the first 8 colours for rounds 1 to 8 and the highlighted round is the join-as-you-go round.

Special DK

- 1: Mustard, Spice, Lipstick, Turquoise, Duck Egg, Aster, Aspen, Turquoise, **Grass Green**
- 2: Spice, Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Grass Green, Pistachio, Citron, Clematis, Magenta, **Fuchsia Purple**
- 3: Magenta, Clematis, Parma Violet, Aspen, Grass Green, Magenta, Fuchsia Purple, Lipstick, **Aspen**
- 4: Clematis, Parma Violet, Lavender, Pistachio, Citron, Mustard, Lavender, Aster, **Pistachio**
- 5: Aster, Turquoise, Aspen, Spice, Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Grass Green, Pistachio, **Lipstick**
- 6: Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, Lavender, Aster, Turquoise, Duck Egg, Aspen, **Clematis**
- 7: Citron, Pistachio, Lavender, Spice, Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, Clematis, **Mustard**
- 8: Aspen, Grass Green, Pistachio, Magenta, Clematis, Aspen, Duck Egg, Parma Violet, **Magenta**
- 9: Duck Egg, Aspen, Grass Green, Fuchsia Purple, Lipstick, Spice, Mustard, Citron, **Grass Green**
- 10: Pistachio, Duck Egg, Clematis, Aspen, Turquoise, Aster, Lavender, Duck Egg, **Turquoise**
- 11: Grass Green, Citron, Parma Violet, Mustard, Spice, Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, **Parma Violet**
- 12: Parma Violet, Lavender, Aster, Citron, Mustard, Pistachio, Lipstick, Spice, **Citron**
- 13: Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, Clematis, Duck Egg, Aspen, Turquoise, Aster, Lavender, **Aster**
- 14: Cream, Duck Egg, Parma Violet, Lipstick, Spice, Mustard, Magenta, Fuchsia Purple, **Spice**
- 15: Lavender, Aster, Turquoise, Mustard, Aspen, Duck Egg, Pistachio, Grass Green, **Duck Egg**
- 16: Turquoise, Aspen, Duck egg, Lipstick, Pistachio, Grass Green, Citron, Mustard, **Lavender**

Batik DK

- 1: Old Gold, Coral, Cherry, Teal, Storm, Indigo, Sage, Teal, **Olive**
- 2: Coral, Cherry, Raspberry, Olive, Pistachio, Biscuit, Heather, Plum, **Raspberry**
- 3: Plum, Heather, Graphite, Sage, Olive, Plum, Raspberry, Cherry, **Sage**
- 4: Heather, Graphite, Violet, Pistachio, Biscuit, Old Gold, Violet, Indigo, **Pistachio**
- 5: Indigo, teal, Sage, Coral, Cherry, Raspberry, Olive, Pistachio, **Cherry**
- 6: Cherry, Raspberry, Plum, Violet, Indigo, Teal, Storm, Sage, **Heather**
- 7: Biscuit, Pistachio, Violet, Coral, Cherry, Raspberry, Plum, Heather, **Old Gold**
- 8: Sage, Olive, Pistachio, Plum, Heather, Sage, Storm, Graphite, **Plum**
- 9: Storm, Sage, Olive, Raspberry, Cherry, Coral, Old Gold, Biscuit, **Olive**

- 10: Pistachio, Storm, Heather, Sage, Teal, Indigo, Violet, Storm, **Teal**
- 11: Olive, Biscuit, Graphite, Old Gold, Coral, Cherry, Raspberry, Plum, **Graphite**
- 12: Graphite, Violet, Indigo, Biscuit, Old Gold, Pistachio, Cherry, Coral, **Biscuit**
- 13: Raspberry, Plum, Heather, Storm, Sage, Teal, Indigo, Violet, **Indigo**
- 14: Cream, Storm, Graphite, Cherry, Coral, Old Gold, Plum, Raspberry, **Coral**
- 15: Violet, Indigo, Teal, Old Gold, Sage, Storm, Pistachio, Olive, **Storm**
- 16: Teal, Sage, Storm, Cherry, Pistachio, Olive, Biscuit, Old Gold, **Violet**

FIRST HEXAGON

Using colour1, make a finger wrap of 5 wraps: simply wrap the yarn around your finger 5 times and slide off holding firmly. Insert 4mm hook through the ring and pull the working yarn through. Make 2ch to secure (counts as first tr).



Round 1: 11tr into the ring, sl st to 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off. [12tr]

Round 2: Join colour2 in any sp between tr by working 2ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same sp, 2tr in each sp to end, sl st in 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off. [24tr]



Note: Don't forget on this round, the stitches are done into the spaces not the stitches.

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Round 3: Join colour3 in any sp between two pairs of tr by working 3ch (counts as 1dtr), 2dtr in same sp, 3dtr in each sp between pairs of tr to end, sl st in 3rd of 3ch to join, fasten off. [36dtr]



Round 4: Join colour4 in the first stitch of any set of 3dtr by working 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 2dtr, dtrfp around the pair of tr in round 2, *1dc in each of next 3dtr, dtrfp around next pair of tr in round 2, rep from * 10 times more, sl st to first dc to join, fasten off. [12dtrfp, 36dc]



dtrfp: To do a dtrfp stitch, yarn over the hook twice,



insert the hook from front behind the pair of tr in round 2, yoh and pull a loop through to the front, (4 loops on hook),



(yoh and pull through 2 loops) 3 times, dtrfp completed.



Note: This is a shaped hexagon not an equal sided hexagon. The top two sides (sides 1 and 6) needed to be a little longer than the other four sides to allow for the bigger curve of the blanket at the outer point of the hexagons. Each round is slightly different, so I've divided the instructions up into sides 1 to 6.

Round 5:

Side 1: Join colour5 in any dtrfp by working 2ch (counts as 1tr) (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same dtrfp, 1tr in each of next 7 sts, place a stitch marker in this first 2ch sp, this will be the outer point of the hexagon and has more stitches in every round. There are also extra stitches at the 2 top side points on some rounds too.....so watch out for them.



Sides 2-5: *(1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next dtrfp, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, miss next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, rep from * for each of the four sides,



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Side 6: the last side will mirror the first side, (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next dtrfp, 1tr in each of next 7 sts, sl st in 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off. [8 sts on 4 bottom sides (2-5), 10 sts on 2 top sides (1 and 6)]



Round 6:

Side 1: Join colour6 in marked 2ch sp by working 2ch (counts as 1tr), (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same sp, move the st marker to this 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 10 sts,



Sides 2-5: *(1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 8 sts, rep from * for each of the four sides,



Side 6: finish with the last side of (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 10 sts, sl st in 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off. [10 sts on 4 bottom sides, 13 sts on 2 top sides]



Round 7:

Side 1: Join colour7 in marked 2ch sp by working 2ch (counts as 1tr), (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same sp, move the st marker to this 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 13 sts,

Side 2: the next point is different, (2tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 10 sts,

Sides 3-5: (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 10sts,

Side 6: finish with the last side of (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in last 2ch sp, 1tr in each of last 13 sts, sl st in 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off.

[12 sts on 4 bottom sides, 17sts on 2 top sides]



Round 8:

Side 1: Join colour8 in marked 2ch sp by working 2ch (counts as 1tr), (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same sp, move the st marker to this 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 17 sts,

Sides 2-5: (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in next 2ch sp, 1tr in each of next 12 sts,

Side 6: finish with the last side of (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in last 2ch sp, 1tr in each of last 17 sts, sl st in 2nd of 2ch to join, fasten off.

[14 sts on 4 bottom sides, 20 sts on 2 top sides]

Note: Round 9 is the join-as-you-go round. Sides 3 and 4 of each hexagon are joined to two pentagons below (Part 3). Each hexagon is also joined to the previous hexagon on side 2. Join First Hexagon to marked point of First Pentagon at start of Part 3. Where it says "matching tr" or "matching ch sp" in the pattern below, this means the corresponding adjacent stitch or space on the sides you are joining together. Remember to continue following the colour sequence for each hexagon.

1ST HEXAGON

Round 9:

Side 1: Join color9 in marked ch-2 sp by ch2 (counts as 1tr), (1tr, ch2, 2tr) in same sp, move the stitch marker to this ch-2 sp, 1tr in each of next 20 sts

Side 2: the next point is different, (2tr, ch2, 1tr) into next ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 14 sts

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Side 3: into next ch-2 sp, (1tr, ch1, slst into matching ch-3 sp of Pentagon 1, tr, slst into first tr of Pentagon 1, (tr, slst into matching tr of Pentagon 1) in the next 14 st

Side 4: into next ch-2 sp (1tr, slst into last matching tr of pentagon, (slst into next matching ch-3 sp) twice, 1tr, slst into matching tr of pentagon), (tr, slst into matching tr of pentagon) in the next 14 st

Side 5: (1tr, slst into last tr of pentagon, ch1, tr) into next ch-2 sp, 1tr in each of next 14st

Side 6: another difference here too... (1tr, ch2, 2tr) in last ch-2 sp, 1tr in each of next 20 sts, slst in 2nd of ch-2 to join, fasten off [16sts on 4 bottom sides, 24sts on 2 top sides]



2ND TO 15TH HEXAGONS

Work the same as First Hexagon to end of Round 8.

Round 9:

Side 1: same as First Hexagon

Side 2: into next ch-2 sp, (2tr, ch1, slst into matching ch-2 sp of previous Hexagon, tr, slst into first tr of previous hexagon), (tr, slst into matching tr of previous Hexagon) into next 14 sts

Side 3: into next ch-2 sp, (1tr, slst into last matching tr, slst into ch-2 space at the end of side 2 join, slst into first ch-3 sp of next Pentagon, 1tr, slst into matching tr of Pentagon), (tr, slst into matching tr of pentagon) in the next 14 st

Sides 4-6: same as First Hexagon

16TH HEXAGON

Work the same as First Hexagon to end of Round 8.

Round 9:

Sides 1-4: Same as 2nd-15th Hexagons

Side 5: Repeat Side 4 instructions as for 2nd-15th Hexagons (but you'll be joining to the first Hexagon instead of a pentagon)

Side 6: in next ch-2 sp, (tr, slst into last tr of hexagon, slst into matching ch-2 space on Hexagon 1, ch1, 2tr), 1tr in each of next 20 sts, slst in 2nd of ch-2 to join, fasten off.

