Crochet Along

Stylecraft

Pentagons

Carousel Blanket – Part 3

Part 3 – Pentagons

A round of 16 pentagons....perfect for a gentle curve.

This is where the Carousel became more difficult to design. On paper I tried several different shapes, flowers, circles, hexagons and played around with several crochet motifs...I have a box full to prove it. But the pentagon is an underused motif. Because it curves perfectly when joined together, it turned out to be just right.

I also wanted to get some texture into this section and have designed a little mystery element which I will be sharing with you at the end of the CAL. Or I look forward to sharing this with you sooner if you are coming to the workshop that I am running at Stylecraft HQ on the 13th October.

The next block will be available 18 October.

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

MEASUREMENT
16cm at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain(s)	**sc** single crochet
dc double crochet	**sp(s)** space(s)
dcbp double crochet back post	**sl st** slip stitch
	st(s) stitch(es)
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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Part 3 – Pentagons (make 16)

Special DK colours used:

1003 Aster	1711 Spice	1263 Citron	1246 Lipstick
1068 Turquoise	1084 Magenta	1422 Aspen	1827 Fuchsia Purple
1822 Pistachio	1390 Clematis	1188 Lavender	1823 Mustard
1724 Parma Violet	1821 Grass Green	1005 Cream	1820 Duck Egg

Batik colours used:

1914 Indigo	1903 Coral	1901 Biscuit	1904 Cherry
1099 Teal	1907 Plum	1908 Sage	1905 Raspberry
1910 Pistachio	1906 Heather	1912 Violet	1902 Old Gold
1915 Graphite	1911 Olive	1900 Cream	1913 Storm

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METHOD

Work the 16 pentagons in the following colors.
Each pentagon is 6 rounds; use the first 5 colors for rounds 1 to 5 and the highlighted round is the join-as-you-go round.

Special DK

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

Batik DK

1: Indigo, Coral, Biscuit, Cherry, Teal, **Plum**
2: Sage, Biscuit, Raspberry, Pistachio, Plum, **Heather**
3: Violet, Old Gold, Sage, Coral, Raspberry, **Violet**
4: Heather, Plum, Coral, Raspberry, Pistachio, **Graphite**
5: Coral, Raspberry, Pistachio, Old Gold, Sage, **Indigo**
6: Biscuit, Violet, Plum, Olive, Heather, **Cream**
7: Old Gold, Pistachio, Teal, Biscuit, Coral, **Storm**
8: Storm, Heather, Graphite, Indigo, Olive, **Sage**
9: Olive, Sage, Old Gold, Raspberry, Biscuit, **Teal**
10: Teal, Graphite, Violet, Plum, Storm, **Olive**
11: Pistachio, Olive, Sage, Teal, Cherry, **Pistachio**
12: Cherry, Teal, Sage, Olive, Coral, **Old Gold**
13: Cream, Indigo, Storm, Heather, Violet, **Biscuit**
14: Heather, Cherry, Olive, Sage, Old Gold, **Coral**
15: Raspberry, Cream, Pistachio, Graphite, Indigo, **Cherry**
16: Graphite, Storm, Heather, Violet, Pistachio, **Raspberry**

FIRST PENTAGON

Using color1, make a finger wrap of 10 wraps: simply wrap the yarn around your finger 10 times and slide off holding firmly. Insert G/6 hook through the ring and pull the working yarn through. Ch1 to secure.

Round 1: 15sc into the ring, then work a second round of 15sc over the top of the first, sl st to join, fasten off. [15sc]
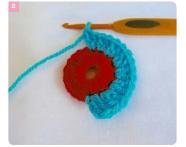Use a st marker to mark the first of the 15 sts in the top round.

Note: Again, if you struggle to cover the base round, do two less stitches on the first round [13sc] and do the 2nd round of 15sc to cover the first. Use a st marker if it helps when counting the top row of stitches.

Round 2: Join color2 in any st by ch2 (counts as 1dc), 1dc in same st, 2dc in each st to end, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to complete. [30dc]

Round 3: Using color3, dcbp from a standing start....yoh twice, insert hook from the back into the sp between two pairs of dc and then through the space at the other side of the pair out to the back again, yoh and pull a loop through both sps (3 loops on hook), yoh and pull through 2 loops on hook, yoh and pull through last 2 loops on hook, creating the dcbp around the first pair of dc of round 2, *ch2, dcbp around next pair of dc, ch2, dcbp around next pair of dc, ch3 (forms a corner), dcbp around next pair of dc, rep from * 4 times more omitting last dcbp and finishing with ch3, sl st in top of first dcbp to complete, fasten off. [5 corner sps, 2 sps on each side]

Notes: When doing the back post stitch, don't pull it too tight or make it too loose; a little practise will help with this stitch.

Round 4: Join color4 in any ch-3 corner sp by ch2 (counts as 1dc), (2dc, ch3, 3dc) in same sp (forms a corner), 2dc in each of next 2 side sps, *(3dc, ch3, 3dc) in next ch-3 sp (forms a corner), 2dc in each of next 2 side sps, rep from * 3 times more, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to complete, fasten off. [10dc on each side]

Round 5: Join color5 in any ch-3 corner sp by ch2 (counts as 1dc), (1dc, ch3, 2dc) in same sp (forms a corner), 1dc in each of next 10 sts, *(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in next ch-3 corner sp (forms a corner), 1dc in each of next 10 sts, rep from * 3 times more, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to complete. [14dc on each side]

Note: Round 6 is the join-as-you-go round. One side of each pentagon is joined to the top edge of one band in the banding circle (Part 2). Each pentagon is also joined to the previous pentagon on side 2.

Start in any ch-3 corner sp; this will become the top point of the pentagon. Add a stitch marker to the First Pentagon in the first ch-3 sp. Marking this pentagon will give you the starting point for the following rounds and color sequences.

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Round 6:

Side 1: Join color6 in any ch-3 corner sp by ch5 (counts as 1dc and ch-3), 1dc in same sp (forms a corner), 1dc in each of next 14 sts,

Side 2: (1dc, ch3, 1dc) in next ch-3 corner sp (forms a corner), 1dc in each of next 14 sts,

Side 3: 1dc in next ch-3 corner sp, ch1, sl st into first st of banding (this is the Mustard ribbing st), (ch1, 1dc) into same ch-3 corner sp of pentagon, 1dc into each of next 14 sts of pentagon working a sl st between each dc into the matching st of the band,

Side 4: 1dc in next ch-3 corner sp, ch1, sl st into next st of banding (this is the Mustard ribbing st), (ch1, 1dc) into same ch-3 corner sp of pentagon, 1dc in each of next 14 sts,

Side 5: (1dc, ch3, 1dc) in next ch-3 corner sp (forms a corner), 1dc in each of next 14 sts, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to complete, fasten off. [16dc on each side]

Note: Follow the color sequence for each pentagon.
The 2nd to 15th Pentagons are joined together on side 2 and joined to the banding on side 3.

2ND PENTAGON
Work the same as First Pentagon to end of Round 5.
Round 6: Work the same as First Pentagon, joining to band below on side 3 BUT ALSO joining to the First Pentagon on side 2.

3RD TO 15TH PENTAGONS
Work the same as 2nd Pentagon, joining to band and previous pentagon.

16TH PENTAGON
Work the same as 2nd Pentagon, joining to previous pentagon on side 2, to banding on side 3 BUT ALSO to First Pentagon on side 4.

It's starting to take shape...I hope everyone is managing to keep up and enjoying the Carousel so far?