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Shaped Hexagons

Carousel Blanket – Part 4

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

MEASUREMENT
22cm at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS
ch chain(s)	**st(s)** stitch(es)
dc double crochet	**tr** treble
mm millimetre(s)	**trfp** treble front post
rep repeat	**yoh** yarn over hook
sp(s) space(s)	
sl st slip stitch	

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.
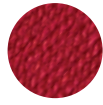
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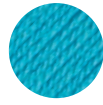## Part 4 – Shaped Hexagons (make 16)
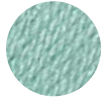
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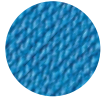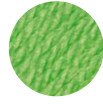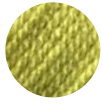|			
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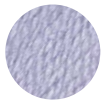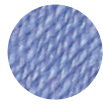
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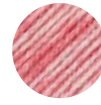
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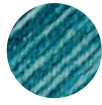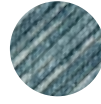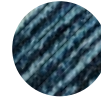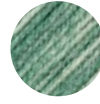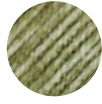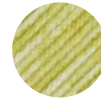
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METHOD
Work the 16 hexagons in the following colors.

Each hexagon is 9 rounds; use the first 8 colors 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**
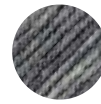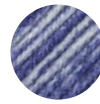6: Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, Lavender, Aster, Turquoise, Duck Egg, Aspen, **Clematis**
7: Citron, Pistachio, Lavender, Spice, Lipstick, Fuchsia Purple, Magenta, Clematis, **Mustard**
8: Aspen, Grass Green, Pistachio, Magenta, Clematis, Aspen, Duck Egg, Parma Violet, **Magenta**
9: Duck Egg, 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 color1, make a finger wrap of 5 wraps: simply wrap the yarn around your finger 5 times and slide off holding firmly. Insert G/6 hook through the ring and pull the working yarn through. Ch2 to secure (counts as first dc).

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

Round 2: Join color2 in any sp between dc by ch2 (counts as 1dc), 1dc in same sp, 2dc in each sp to end, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to join, fasten off. [24dc]

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

Round 3: Join color3 in any sp between two pairs of dc by working ch3 (counts as 1tr), 2tr in same sp, 3tr in each sp between pairs of dc to end, sl st in 3rd of ch-3 to join, fasten off. [36tr]

Round 4: Join color4 in the first stitch of any set of 3tr by working ch1 (counts as 1sc), 1sc in each of next 2tr, trfp around the pair of dc in round 2, *1sc in each of next 3tr, trfp around next pair of dc in round 2, rep from * 10 times more, sl st to first sc to join, fasten off. [12trfp, 36sc]

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

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

(yoh and pull through 2 loops) 3 times, trfp 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 that 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 color5 in any trfp by working ch2 (counts as 1dc) (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in same trfp, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, place a stitch marker in this first ch-2 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: *(1dc, ch2, 1dc) in next trfp, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, skip next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * for each of the four sides,

Side 6: the last side will mirror the first side, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in next trfp, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 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 color6 in marked ch-2 sp by ch2 (counts as 1dc), (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in same sp, move the st marker to this ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 10 sts,

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

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

Round 7:
Side 1: Join color7 in marked ch-2 sp by ch2 (counts as 1dc), (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in same sp, move the st marker to this ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 13 sts,
Side 2: the next point is different, (2dc, ch2, 1dc) in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 10 sts,
Sides 3–5: (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 10sts,
Side 6: finish with the last side of (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in last ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of last 13 sts, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 to join, fasten off. [12 sts on 4 bottom sides, 17 sts on 2 top sides]

Round 8:
Side 1: Join color8 in marked ch-2 sp by ch2 (counts as 1dc), (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in same sp, move the st marker to this ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 17 sts,
Sides 2–5: (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 12 sts,
Side 6: finish with the last side of (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in last ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of last 17 sts, sl st in 2nd of ch-2 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 dc" 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 1dc), (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in same sp, move the stitch marker to this ch-2 sp, 1dc in each of next 20 sts

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

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

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

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

Side 6: another difference here too... (1dc, ch2, 2dc) in last ch-2 sp, 1dc 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, (2dc, ch1, slst into matching ch-2 sp of previous Hexagon, dc, slst into first dc of previous hexagon), (dc, slst into matching dc of previous Hexagon) into next 14 sts
Side 3: into next ch-2 sp, (1dc, slst into last matching dc, slst into ch-2 space at the end of side 2 join, slst into first ch-3 sp of next Pentagon, 1dc, slst into matching dc of Pentagon), (dc, slst into matching dc 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, (dc, slst into last dc of hexagon, slst into matching ch-2 space on Hexagon 1, ch1, 2dc), 1dc in each of next 20 sts, slst in 2nd of ch-2 to join, fasten off.