



US Terms

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Stylecraft



The Fruit Garden CAL

Part 4 | Purple Aster & Acanthus

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So, I will admit that this motif looks very little like an actual Aster flower! I started off trying to replicate the many thin leafs of an Aster in my crochet, but it became such a complicated process that I simplified the design so that the final round of the flower creates a frill. There are many stylised flowers in May Morris's work, so hopefully you will agree that I am echoing her design style by abstracting the motifs!

I really like this piece as I enjoy making picots. There is a bit of a knack to getting neat picots – the trick is to do the slip-stitch at the base of the stitch into more than one yarn loop. I use the top of the chain and part of the V stitch below it.

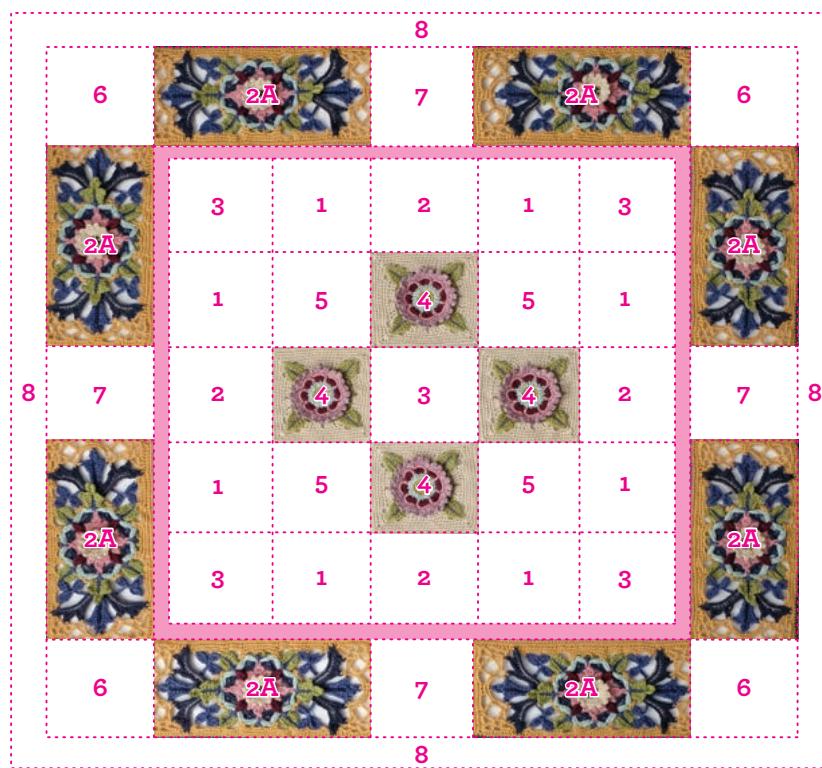
You need to make 4 of these motifs and you also need to complete 5 more rounds on the 8 Acanthus motifs.

All the square motifs within the project finish with the same stitch count around the outside edge, but they may measure slightly different sizes. Don't worry – the squares are designed to all match up and stretch nicely into place once the blanket is put together!

Once complete Purple Aster motifs measure 6in (15cm) square in the Life DK & Batik version. They measure 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ in (13.5cm) in the Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton version.

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The next part will be available June 23rd.



- 1 Pink Forget-Me-Not
- 2 Columbine
- 2A Acanthus
- 3 Clementine
- 4 Purple Aster
- 5 Hollyhock
- 5A First Edging
- 6 Dianthus
- 7 Chrysanthemum
- 8 Finishing

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YARN USAGE – COLOR RECIPE 1:

Life DK: 100g - 326yds (298m),
75% Premium Acrylic, 25% Wool.



Batik: 50g - 151yds (138m),
80% Premium Acrylic, 20% Wool.



Equipment

US G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers

YARN USAGE – COLOR RECIPE 2:

Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton: 100g - 273yds (250m),
60% Bamboo, 40% Cotton.



Equipment

US E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers

For Both Color Recipes.

(Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton version in brackets).

ABBREVIATIONS

US		UK	
Right Side	RS	Right Side	RS
Wrong Side	WS	Wrong Side	WS
chain	ch	chain	ch
chain space	ch-sp	chain space	ch-sp
slip stitch	ss	slip stitch	ss
stitch space	st-sp	stitch space	st-sp
stitch(es)	st(s)	stitch(es)	st(s)
single crochet	sc	double crochet	dc
half double crochet	hdc	half treble crochet	htr
double crochet	dc	treble crochet	tr
treble crochet	tr	double treble crochet	dtr
single crochet 2 together	sc2tog	double crochet 2 together	dc2tog
single crochet 3 together	sc3tog	double crochet 3 together	dc3tog
double crochet 2 together	dc2tog	treble crochet 2 together	tr2tog
double crochet 3 together	dc3tog	treble crochet 3 together	tr3tog
treble crochet 3 together	tr3tog	double treble crochet 3 together	dtr3tog
Make Bobble	MB	Make Bobble	MB
Spike single crochet	SPsc	Spike double crochet	SPdc
Make Popcorn	MP	Make Popcorn	MP

NOTES:

All rounds on this motif are worked with **RS facing**.

When working slip-stitches (ss) at the end of the rounds, work either into the top of the next stitch or into the 3rd ch of the 3ch made at the beginning of the round.

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 lose stitches or make errors with your tension.

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METHOD (make 4)

Using G/6 (E/4) hook and Fern (Thyme) ch4, join with a ss to form a ring.

Foundation Round: ch1 (does not count as a st), 8sc into ring, ss to join, fasten off. (8sts)

Round 1: Using Caramel (Peach) join yarn into any st by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 2sc into same st, 2sc into each st to end, ss to join, fasten off. (16sts)

Round 2: Using Mint (Seafoam) join yarn into any st by working ch1 + ch2 (counts as 1dc), * 2dc into next st, 1dc into next st; repeat from * to end, omitting 1dc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (24sts)

Approximate Measurement: 1½in (4cm) across widest point.
(Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 1¾in (3.5cm))



Round 3: Using Cranberry (Umber) join yarn into any st by working ch1 (does not count as a st), [1sc, 1hdc] into same st, * [1hdc, 1sc] into next st, ch1, skip next st, [1sc, 1hdc] into next st; repeat from * to end, omitting [1sc, 1hdc] on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (32sts & 8 ch-sps)



Round 4: Using Life DK Rose (Rose) and working over the top of the previous round join yarn into any skipped st made on Round 2 (Mint) (Seafoam) by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same st, * ch4, skip 4sts, working over the top of the previous round 1sc into next skipped st; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join (8sc & 8 ch-sps)



Round 5: sss into next ch-sp, ch1 (does not count as a st), 5sc into same ch-sp, * ch1, 5sc into next ch-sp; repeat from * to end, omitting 5sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (40sts & 8 ch-sps)

Approximate Measurement: 3in (7.5cm) across widest point.
(Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 2½in (6.5cm))



Round 6: Using Heather (Raisin) join yarn into any ch-sp by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same ch-sp, * 1sc into next st, ch3, ss into st at base of ch-3 to make picot, 1sc into each next 2sts, ch3, ss into st at base of ch-3 to make picot, 1sc into same st, 1sc into next st, ch3, ss into st at base of ch-3 to make picot, 1sc into next st, 1sc into next ch-sp; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (56sts & 24 picots made)



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Round 7: Using Graphite (Night) and working behind the previous round join yarn into any skipped dc made on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (Rose) by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same st, ch5, * 1sc into next skipped st on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (Rose), ch5; repeat from * 5 times, 1sc into next skipped st on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (Rose), ch2, 1dc into sc made at beginning of round to join (this leaves hook in correct position for the next round). (8sc, 1dc & 8 ch-sps)



Round 8: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into ch-sp made by ch-2 & 1dc at base of ch-1, * ch6, working back along ch-6 just made, skip next ch, 1sc into each next 5ch, 1sc into (same) ch-sp at base of ch-6, ch3, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch3, 1sc into same ch-sp, ch3, 1sc into next ch-sp; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (12 ch-sps & 4 leaf stems made)

Note: Don't worry if your leaf stems are curling – you can see from my image that this is what they do.



Round 9: Using Fern (Thyme) join yarn into ch-sp before any leaf stem made on previous round by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same ch-sp, * skip 1sc at base of stem, working along remaining side of foundation ch made on next leaf stem work 1dc into each next 3sts, 1hdc into next st, 1sc into next st, 3sc into skipped ch at top of stem, working along next side, 1sc into next st, 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 3sts, skip 1sc at base of stem, 2sc into next ch-sp, ch3, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch3, 2sc into next ch-sp; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (8 ch-sps & 4 leaves made)



Approximate Measurement: 6in (15cm) across widest point (diagonally). ([Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 5%in \(13.5cm\)](#))

Round 10: Using Parchment (Night) join yarn into ch-sp made before any leaf made on previous round by working ch1 + ch2 (counts as 1dc), 2dc into same ch-sp, * 1dc into each next 2sts, ch5 behind next leaf, 1dc into each next 2sts, 3dc into next ch-sp, ch1, 3dc into next ch-sp; repeat from * to end, omitting 3dc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (40dc & 8 ch-sps)



Round 11: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into each next 3sts, * 2sc into next st, ch3, [1dc, ch3, 1dc] into ch-sp behind next leaf, ch3, 2sc into next st, 1sc into each next 4sts, 1sc into next ch-sp, 1sc into each next 4sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 3sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (52sc, 8dc & 12 ch-sps)



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Round 12: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into each next 4sts, * 3sc into next ch-sp, 2sc into next ch-sp, 1sc into central st of 3sc group made at top of next long leaf made on Round 9 (Fern) (Thyme), 2sc into next (same) ch-sp, 3sc into next ch-sp, skip next st, 1sc into each next 12 sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 4sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (92sts)

Approximate Measurement: 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ in (13cm) across centre.
(Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in (11.5cm))



Round 13: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into each next 8sts, * [1hdc, 1dc, 1hdc] into next st, (this is the st made at top of the leaf on the previous round), 1sc into each next 22sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 8sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (100sts)

Round 14: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into each next 8sts, * 3sc into next st, 1sc into each next 24sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 8sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (108sts)

Round 15: ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into each next 8sts, * [1hdc, 1dc, 1hdc] into next st, 1sc into each next 26sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 8sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (116sts)

Approximate Measurement: 6in (15cm) square. (Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ in (13.5cm))



Place markers into each corner st counting 28sts between each marker.

Sew in yarn ends.

Make 3 more to match.

Note: I suggest you do not block the motifs at this point. Washing and blocking guidance is given at the end of pattern Part 8.

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Part 4 | Acanthus

YARN USAGE – COLOR RECIPE 1:

Life DK: 100g – 326yds (298m),
75% Premium Acrylic, 25% Wool.



2446
Caramel



2322
Denim



2311
Fern

Batik: 50g – 151yds (138m),
80% Premium Acrylic, 20% Wool.



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Mint

Equipment

US G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers

YARN USAGE – COLOR RECIPE 2:

Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton: 100g – 250m (273yds),
60% Bamboo, 40% Cotton.



7155
Celery



7159
Dusk



7143
Seafoam

Equipment

US E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers

For Both Color Recipes.

(Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton version in brackets).

NOTES:

All rounds on this motif are worked with **RS facing**.

When working slip-stitches (ss) at the end of the rounds, work either into the top of the next stitch or into the 3rd ch of the ch-3 made at the beginning of the round.

METHOD (make 8)

Working onto Acanthus motif pieces made in pattern Part 3, continue as follows:

Round 7: Using G/6 (E/4) hook and Mint (Seafoam) join yarn into central sc of 3sc made behind any thin leaf by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same st, * ch8, 1sc into ch-sp behind next picot made on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (Rose), ch8, 1sc into central st of next 3sc group made behind thin leaf; repeat from * to end, omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join. (8sc & 8ch-spss)



Round 8: ss into next ch-sp, ch1 (does not count as a st), 11sc into same ch-sp, ch1, * 11sc into next ch-sp, ch1; repeat from * to end, ss to join, fasten off. (88sts & 8 ch-spss)

Approximate Measurement: 5in (12.5cm) across widest point. (**Naturals – Bamboo + Cotton 4½in (11.5cm)**)

Place a stitch marker into each of the 8 skipped sc between each group of 11sc made on Round 7 (Mint) (Seafoam). These sts are used again on Round 11.



Note: On the next round you are asked to work into sts made on Round 6, Round 4 and those made on the previous round (Round 8). You are also asked to work into the center of picots or the skipped ch at the top of thin leaves and corresponding ch-spss at the same time.

Round 9: Using Denim (Dusk) and working behind previous 2 rounds, join yarn into 3rd st of 5sc group made into ch-sp before any tr3tog cluster made on Round 6 (Blue Haze) (Night) by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same st, * ch5, 1sc into center of picot made on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (Rose) and next ch-sp made on previous round (Mint) (Seafoam) at the same time, ch5, working behind previous 2 rounds 1sc into 3rd sc of next 5sc group made on Round 6 (Blue Haze) (Night), ch5,

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1sc into skipped ch at top of thin leaf made on Round 5 (Cranberry) (**Umber**) and next ch-sp made on the previous round (Mint) (**Seafoam**) at the same time, ch6, working back along ch-6 just made, skip next ch, 1sc into each next 5ch, ss into st at base of ch-6, (1 leaf stem made), ch5, 1sc into 3rd st of next 5sc group made on Round 6 (Blue Haze) (**Night**), ch5, 1sc into center of picot made on Round 4 (Life DK Rose) (**Rose**) and next ch-sp made on previous round (Mint) (**Seafoam**) at the same time, ch6, working back along ch-6 just made, skip next ch, 1sc into each next 5ch, ss into st at base of ch-6 (another leaf stem made), place marker into skipped ch at top of stem (this will be used later on), ch5, 1sc into 3rd st of next 5sc group made on Round 6 (Blue Haze) (**Night**), ch5, 1sc into skipped ch at top of thin leaf made on Round 5 (Cranberry) (**Umber**) and next ch-sp (Mint) (**Seafoam**) at the same time, ch6, working back along ch-6 just made, skip next ch, 1sc into each next 5ch, ss into st at base of ch-6 (3rd leaf stem of 3 stem group made), ch5, 1sc into 3rd st of next 5sc group made on Round 6 (Blue Haze) (**Night**); repeat from * omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (16 ch-sps & 6 leaf stems made)



Round 10: Using **Fern (Celery)** join yarn into ch-sp before first leaf stem of either set of 3 leaf stems by working ch1, 1sc into same ch-sp, * working along remaining side of foundation ch made on next leaf stem 1sc into next st, 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1hdc into next st, 3sc into skipped ch at top of leaf stem, working along next side 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1hdc into next st, 1sc into next st, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch5, 1sc into next ch-sp, working along remaining side of foundation ch made on next leaf stem 1sc into next st, 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, ch3, ss into st at base of ch-3 to make picot, ch3, ss into st at base of last dc, ss into next st, ch3, dc2tog over same st and next st (on next side of stem) missing marked skipped ch at top of stem – push marker to the reverse of the work, ch3, ss into top of st at base of ch-3 to make picot, ch3, ss into st at base of dc2tog, ss into next st, ch6, skip 3ch, ss into next ch to make picot, 1dc into same st, 1dc into next st,

1hdc into next st, 1sc into next st, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch5, 1sc into next ch-sp, working along remaining side of foundation ch made on next leaf stem, 1sc into next st, 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1hdc into next st, 3sc into skipped ch at top of leaf stem, working along next side 1hdc into next st, 1dc into each next 2sts, 1hdc into next st, 1sc into next st, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch5, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch3, 1sc into next ch-sp, ch5, 1sc into next ch-sp; repeat from * omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (10 ch-sps & 6 leaves made - 2 with picots)



Note: On the next round, when you are asked to work into marked sts ignore the markers placed at the tip of leaf stems made on Round 9 (Denim) (**Dusk**).

Round 11: Using **Caramel (Dusk)** and working behind previous 3 rounds join yarn into marked st made on Round 8 (Mint) (**Seafoam**) behind central leaf of either 3 leaf group by working ch1 (does not count as a st), 1sc into same st, * ch7, 1sc into same st to make loop, [ch5, working in front of previous 2 rounds, 3sc into 6th st of 11sc group made on Round 8 (Mint) (**Seafoam**), ch5, working behind previous 3 rounds 1sc into next marked st] 4 times; repeat from * omitting 1sc on final pattern repeat, ss to join, fasten off. (34sc, 16ch-sp & 2 7ch-sp loops made)

Approximate Measurement: 8in (20cm) across widest point – leaf tip to leaf tip. (**Naturals - Bamboo + Cotton 7 1/4in (18.5cm)**)



Make 7 more to match.

Note: I suggest you do not block the motifs at this point. Washing and blocking guidance is given at the end of pattern Part 8.