Crochet Guild of America
Square of the Month

Sampler Square
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About the Designer: Mary Rhodes began attending CGOA conferences in 1994, with the very first conference, and became a certified instructor at a later conference. Mary has been crocheting almost all her life. She made two crochet-oriented videos -- on basic crochet hints and on a top-down cardigan pattern -- a few years ago. Her favorite projects are garments - from hats to socks and slippers and anything in between. Playing with the technical structure of crochet and figuring how crocheted fabrics can fit into everyday life are what keep the craft exciting for her.

Size: 12" x 12"

Skill Level: Experienced+

Materials:
3 oz worsted weight yarn
Size G/6/4.0mm crochet hook

Model made: by

Gauge:
16 dc x 9 dc rows = 4" x 4"

Pattern Stitches
Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc): Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yo, pull lp through, [yo, draw through 2 lps] twice.
Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc): Yo, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yo, pull lp through, [yo, draw through 2 lps] twice.
Front Post Treble Crochet (FPtr): Yo twice, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yo, pull lp through, [yo, draw through 2 lps] 3 times.
Back Post Treble Crochet (FPtr): Yo twice, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yo, pull lp through, [yo, draw through 2 lps] 3 times.

Notes: Beg ch-2 does not count as a st; do not work in turning ch-2 at end of row. Designer recommends making basic square (see below) before completing sampler square.

Sampler Square Pattern Stitches

Note: Pattern sts replace dc in diamonds and should be centered. Dc are used in small triangles on bottom and top. Edge st should be a dc or the equivalent.

Wave Stitch (worked in half diamond at lower right)
Row 1 (RS): Dc in first st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st.
Row 2: Dc in first st after lattice cable, hdc in tr, sc in dtr, hdc in tr, dc in dc, ch 2, turn.
Follow Stitch Sequence: Dc in dc, hdc in tr, sc in dtr, hdc in tr, dc in dc, tr in hdc, dtr in sc, tr in hdc, dc in dc, etc.
Note: On RS start with dc, on WS end with dc. Number of sts goes from 4 to 7, then back to 1.

Single Crochet Net (right center diamond on bottom)
Row 1: Ch 1, sk next st of prev row, * sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, rep from * across, end with sc, ch 1.
Row 2: * Sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, rep from * across, end with sc, ch 1.
Note: After working 2 normal rows, work 2 short rows in this diamond only to even the height.

Cluster Stitch (cl-st) (left center diamond on bottom)
Row 1: Sk last st of prev row, ch 1, * hold last lp of each dc on hook, 3 dc in next st, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook (cl-st), ch 1, sk next st, rep from * across.
Row 2: Cl-st in first ch-1 sp, * ch 1, sk next cl-st, cl-st in next ch-1 sp, rep from * across.
Rep Row 2.

Knurled Double Crochet (left half diamond on bottom)
Row 1: Dc in each st across, DO NOT TURN, work reverse sc in front lp of each dc, DO NOT TURN.
Row 2: Ch 3, work dc in back lps of dc in Row 1, DO NOT TURN, work reverse sc in front lps of each dc, turn to complete row across square.
Rep Rows 1 and 2; on last row do not work reverse sc.

Lacet & Bar (diamond on right on middle row)
Row 8: Ch 2.
Row 9: Dc in last st of prev row, [ch 3, dc in next dc] rep as needed across, end with dc in last dc.
Row 10: Dc in last dc in prev row, [ch 2, sc in 2nd ch of ch-3, ch 2, dc in next dc] rep as needed across, end with dc in last st.
Rep Row 9 and 10 keeping in pattern.

Thistle (center diamond on middle row)
Work center diamond as for basic square through Row 11.
Row 12: Dc in first 5 sts, [ch 10, dc in same st] 3 times, dc in next 5 sts.
Row 13 (RS): With ch-10 lps in front, dc in each dc across.
Row 14: Sk first dc, dc in next 2 dc, yo, insert hook in next dc and first ch-10 lp, complete dc, dc in next 5 dc, sk 2nd ch-10 lp, dc in next dc and 3rd ch-10 lp, dc in next 2 dc, sk last dc.
Row 15: Sk first dc, dc in next 4 dc, work 6 tr in center ch-10 lp and next dc, dc in next 4 dc, sk last dc.
Row 16: Sk first dc, dc in next 3 dc, hold last lp of each dc on hook, dc in same dc and next dc (sk 6 tr), yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook, dc in same dc, dc in last 2 dc.
Rem rows of diamond are worked as for basic square.

V-st (left diamond on middle row): [dc, ch 1, dc] in indicated st or ch-1 sp.
Row 8: Dc in st, ch 1.
Row 9: V-st in ch-1 sp, sk next dc, dc in next st.

Row 10: Ch 1, dc in st, V-st in next V-st sp, dc in next st.
Continue to add 1 st on either side and work V-st in ch-1 sps until there are 13 sts in diamond; then dec 1 st on next row and 2 sts in following rows.

Single Crochet Mesh (top right half-diamond)
Row 16: Ch 1, turn, [sc in st, ch 1] rep as needed across, ch 1, turn.
Row 17: * [sc in sc, ch 1], turn, rep from * once, [sc in next sc, ch 1] (2 short rows made).
Rep Rows 16 and 17, repeating [to] as needed across.

Cable (top right center diamond)
Row 17: Dc in 2 sts
Row 18: Dc in first st, sk next dc, BPdc around next dc, dc in sk dc, dc in next st.
Row 19: Dc in st, FPdc around next 4 sts, dc in next st.
Row 20: Dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, dc in 2 sk sts, dc in last 2 sts.
Row 21: Sk next st, dc in next st, FPdc around sk st, dc in next st, FPdc around next 4 posts, dc in next st, sk next dc, FPdc around next st, work behind post, dc in sk st.
Row 22: Dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next st, BPdc in sk st, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, dc in 2 sk sts, dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next st, BPdc around sk st, dc in next st.
Row 23: Dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next st, FPdc around sk st, dc in next st, FPdc around next 4 sts, dc in next st, sk next st, FPdc around next st, dc in sk st, dc in next st.
Rows 24-27: Rep Rows 22-19 (working in reverse order).

Griddle Stitch (top left center diamond)
Row 17: Dc in first st, sc in next st.
Row 18: Sc in first st, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc], dc in next st.
Row 19: Work to diamond, dc in first st, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] twice, sc in next st, complete row.
Row 20: Rep Row 18, rep [to] 3 times, work 2 additional short rows to even height of work.
Rep Rows 18 and 19, rep from [to] as many times as needed; be sure to sc in dc, and dc in sc.
Row 26: Rep Row 20.

Loops (top left half diamond)
Row 16: Dc in first st.
Row 17: Ch 2, sc in last st, ch 5, turn.
Row 18: Sk ch-2, sc in next st.
Row 19: Ch 2, sc in ch-5 lp, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch of ch-5, ch 5, turn.
Row 20: Sk 2 sps, sc in next st, ch 5, turn, sc in ch-5 sp, ch 2, dc in first ch of ch-5, ch 5, turn, sk first sp, sc in next sp (2 short rows made).
Row 21: Ch 5, sc in next sp, ch 3, dc in first ch of ch-5, ch 5, turn.
Row 22: Sk first sp, sc in next sp, ch 3, dc in next st.
Row 23: Ch 1, sc in next sp, ch 5, sc in next sp, ch 3, dc in first ch of ch-5, ch 5, turn.
Row 24: Sk first sp, sc in next sp, ch 5, sc in next sp.
Row 25: Ch 1, sc in next sp, ch 5, sc in next sp, ch 2, dc in first ch of ch-5, ch 5, turn.
Row 26: Sk first sp, sc in next sp, ch 1.
Row 27: Ch 1, sk first sp, sc in next sp, ch 2, dc in first ch of ch-5.

Basic Square with Lattice Diamonds
Ch 52
Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, * sk next 2 ch, tr in next ch, work in front of tr, tr in 2 sk ch, dc in next 4 ch, sk next ch, tr in next 2 ch, work behind 2 tr just made, tr in sk ch, dc in next 6 ch, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 4 ch, ch 2, turn – 50 sts (do not count beg ch-2).

Row 2 (WS): Dc in first 5 sts, * sk next 2 sts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st, BPtr around next 2 sts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 8 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 5 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 3: Dc in first 6 sts, * sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, sk next st, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 10 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 6 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 4: Dc in first 7 sts, * sk next 2 posts, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in 2 sk posts, dc in next 12 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 7 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 5: Dc in first 7 sts, * FPdc around next 4 sts, dc in next 12 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 7 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 6: Rep Row 4.

Row 7: Dc in first 6 dc, * sk next st, FPtr around next 2 sts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 10 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 6 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 8: Dc in first 5 dc, * sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 8 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 5 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 9: Dc in first 4 dc, * sk next st, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 4 sts, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 6 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 4 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 10: Dc in first 3 dc, * sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 6 sts, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 4 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 3 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 11: Dc in first 2 dc, * sk next st, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 8 sts, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 2 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 2 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 12: Dc in first dc, * sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 10 sts, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 13: Sk first dc, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk dc, * dc in next 12 sts, sk next 2 posts, FPtr in next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in 2 sk posts, rep from * across, end with sk 2 posts, tr in last dc, work in front of tr, FPtr around last 2 sk posts, ch 2, turn.

Row 14: Sk first st, dc in next st, work behind dc, BPdc in sk post, dc in next 13 sts, BPdc around next 4 sts, dc in next 12 sts, BPdc around next 4 sts, dc in next 13 sts, sk next st, dc in last st, work behind dc, BPdc around sk st, ch 2, turn.

Row 15: Sk first 2 sts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk sts, * dc in next 12 sts, sk next 2 posts, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in 2 sk posts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in next 12 sts, sk next st, FPtr in next 2 sts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, ch 2, turn.

Row 16: Dc in first tr, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, * dc in next 10 sts, sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in next 10 sts, sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in last st, ch 2, turn.

Row 17: Dc in first 2 sts, * sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 8 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 2 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 2 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 18: Dc in first 3 sts, * sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work behind tr, BPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 6 sts, sk next st, BPtr around next 2 posts, work in front of 2 BPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 4 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 3 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 19: Dc in first 4 sts, * sk next 2 posts, tr in next st, work in front of tr, FPtr around 2 sk posts, dc in next 4 sts, sk next st, FPtr in next 2 posts, work behind 2 FPtr, tr in sk st, dc in next 6 sts, rep from * across, end last rep with dc in last 4 sts, ch 2, turn.
Rows 20-27: Rep Rows 2-9.

Edging: At end of Row 27, ch 1, turn to work 50 sc evenly along side, 3 sc in first ch of foundation ch, sc in each ch across, 3 sc in ch, 50 sc evenly along 2nd side, 3 sc in first dc on Row 27, sc in each st across, 3 sc in last dc, join with sl st in beg sc. Finish off.