



Crochet Guild of America Square of the Month

Cross Border Square

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About the Designer: Evelyn Shallenberger

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Size: 12 by 12 inches

Materials

Worsted weight yarn: 2 oz blue (MC), 1 oz off-white (CC)

Crochet hook size I/9 (5.5 mm) or size needed for gauge

Gauge: 7 sc and 8 rows sc – 2”
Center square 6 ½” x 7”



Pattern Stitch:

Dttd cluster (dttd-cl): Hold last lp of each st on hook, [dc, 2 tr, dc] in indicated st, yo and through all 5 lps on hook.

Main Square:

Row 1: With MC, ch 38, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each rem ch across, ch 1, turn. (37 sc)

Rows 2 – 9: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Note: At end of Row 9, do not fasten off, pin lp to fabric to secure while center of square is being made.

Center:

Row 1 (RS): Attach CC in 9th sc from right edge in Row 9, ch 3, dc in each of next 20 sc, ch 3, turn. (21 dc counting beg ch-3)

Row 2: Dc in next dc, dttd-cl in each of next 3 dc, dc in each of next 11 dc, dttd-cl in each of next 3 dc, dc in last 2 dc, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Dc in each of next 4 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of next 9 dc, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 5 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Dc in each of next 5 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of next 7 dc, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 6 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Dc in each of next 6 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 7 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 6: Dc in each of next 7 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 8 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 7: Dc in each of next 8 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in next dc, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 9 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 8: Dc in each of next 9 sts, dttd-cl in next dc, dc in each of last 10 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 9: Rep Row 7

Row 10: Rep Row 6

Row 11: Rep Row 5

Row 12: Rep Row 4

Row 13: Rep Row 3

Row 14: Rep Row 2

Row 15: Dc across, fasten off.

Main Square:

Row 10: Pick up MC lp, ch 1, turn, sc in first 8 sc, ch 1, turn.

Rows 11 – 34: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn. At end of Row 34 fasten off. Side should measure same length as center square.

Second side:

Row 10: With WS facing, attach MC in first free sc in Row 9 (after center), ch 1, sc in same sc and in each rem sc across, ch 1, turn.

Rows 11 – 34: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 35: Sc in each of 8 sc, sc in each of next 21 dc, sc in each of last 8 sc, ch 1, turn. (37 sc)

Rows 36 – 42: Sc across, ch 1, turn.

Border: Sc across to last sc, 3 sc in last sc, sc in each row-end along side, 3 sc in first foundation ch, sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc in each row-end along 2nd side, 2 more sc in same place as first sc of rnd, join with sl st in first sc, fasten off.

Finishing:

With MC, sew edges of center square to edge of adjacent sides. Weave all ends.