

Colorful Floral Squares

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Size: 63" x 70"

Materials:

Size 10 (bedspread weight) crochet thread

16 balls (350 yds each) or 5,600 yds white

4 balls (350 yds each) or 1,400 yds red
Size 5 (1.90 mm)

steel crochet hook (or size required for gauge)

Gauge:

Motif = 7" square

Instructions:

Motif (make 90)

First Motif

With red, ch 6; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 23 dc in ring: 24 dc; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Working in back lps only, sl st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, ch 12; *dc in same dc as last dc made, dc in next 3 dc, ch 12; rep from * 6 times more; dc in same dc as joining: 32 dc and 8 ch-12 lps; join as before.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in sp before next dc; *20 dc in next ch-12 lp, sc in sp between 2nd and 3rd dc of next 4 dc; rep from * 6 times more; 20 dc in next ch-12 lp; join with sl st in beg sc: 160 dc and 8 sc. Finish off; weave in ends.

Rnd 4: With right side facing, join white with sl st in sp bet 10th and 11th dc of any 20 dc group; ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same sp; *ch 10, sc in sp bet 10th and 11th dc of next 20 dc group, ch 10**;; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in sp bet 10th and 11th dc of next 20 dc group; rep from * 2 times more; rep from * to ** once: 32 dc, 4 sc, 4 ch-3 sps and 8 ch-10 lps; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next 3 dc and in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same ch sp; *(ch 5, sc) twice in next ch-10 lp; rep from * once; ch 5**;; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp; rep from * 2 times more; rep from * to ** once: 32 dc, 16 sc, 4 ch-3 sps and 20 ch-5 lps; join as before.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next 3 dc and in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same ch sp; *(ch 5, sc in next ch-5 lp) 5 times, ch 5**;; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp; rep from * 2 times more; rep from * to ** once: 32 dc, 20 sc, 4 ch-3 sps and 24 ch-5 lps; join.

Rnds 7 through 11: Rep Rnd 6 five times more, increasing underlined number by one in each rnd. At end of Rnd 11: 32 dc, 40 sc, 4 ch-3 sps and 44 ch-5 lps.

Rnd 12: Sl st in next 3 dc and in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1; * sc in next ch-5 lp, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 lp; rep from * 4 times more; sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1**;; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 times more; rep from * to ** once: 232 dc, 24 sc and 24 ch-3 sps; join. Finish off; weave in ends.

Work remaining motifs same as First Motif through Rnd 11. Join motifs into 10 rows of 9 motifs each along one or two sides of Rnd 12 of each motif as follows:

Motif with One Side Joining

Rnd 12: Sl st in next 3 dc and in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1; *sc in next ch-5 lp, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 lp; rep from * 4 times more; sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1**; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp; rep from * to ** once; 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in corresponding corner ch-3 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 4 dc in same ch-3 sp on current motif, ch 1; ***sc in next ch-5 lp, 5 dc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1, sc in corresponding ch-3 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 5 dc in same ch-5 lp on current motif; rep from *** 4 times more; sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in corresponding corner ch-3 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 4 dc in same ch-3 sp on current motif, ch 1; rep from * to ** once: 232 dc, 24 sc, 17 ch-3 sps and 7 joined ch-3 sps; join. Finish off; weave in ends.

Motif with Two Side Joinings

Rnd 12: Sl st in next 3 dc and in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1; *sc in next ch-5 lp, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 lp; rep from * 4 times more; sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1**; 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in corresponding corner ch-3 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 4 dc in same ch-3 sp on current motif, ch 1; ***sc in next ch-5 lp, 5 dc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1, sc in corresponding ch-3 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 5 dc in same ch-5 lp on current motif; rep from *** 4 times more; sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 1****; 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in corresponding joined corner ch-3 sp on adjacent motifs, ch 1, 4 dc in same ch-3 sp on current motif, ch 1; rep from *** to **** once; (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1; rep from * to ** once: 232 dc, 24 sc, 11 ch-3 sps and 13 joined ch-3 sps; join. Finish off; weave in ends.

From Crochet Lace by Jean Leinhauser and Rita Weiss, published by Sterling Publishing. There are over 20 more magnificent lace projects in this book.