

ROTARY STAR CROCHETED AFGHAN SQUARE

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Entire afghan uses:

2 lbs. Lion Brand Pound of Love #100 White
2 skeins Red Heart Royal Blue, #E300
2 skeins Caron Perfect Match Sunflower 7723
Crochet Hook Size H or hook necessary for gauge
Yarn needle
Stitch markers

For each sc round, ch 2 at beg of round (counts as first sc); for each dc round, ch . 3 at beg. of round (counts as first dc); at end of each round, join with sl. st to top ch. of chain at beginning of round.

Stitches and abbreviations used:

ch = chain
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
tc= treble stitch
btcl = beginning treble cluster
tcl = treble cluster
pic = picot
sl st = slip stitch
yo = yarn over

Special stitches used:

Beginning treble cluster: ch, 4, yo 2x, insert hook into next sc, yo and pull yarn through 2 loops, yo and pull yarn through 2 loops (2 loops left on hook); yo twice, insert hook into next sc, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through remaining 3 loops on hook.

Treble cluster: yo 2x, insert hook into next sc, yo and pull yarn through 2 loops 2x, (2 loops left on hook); yo twice, insert hook into next sc, yo and pull through 2 loops 2x, (3 loops left on hook); yo 2x, insert hook into next sc, yo and pull through 2 loops 2x, yo and pull through and pull through remaining 4 loops on hook.

Picot: At conclusion of dc on Rotary points row, ch3, insert hook into first chain of ch 3, yo and pull through loop (picot made).

Gauge: For sc rounds, four rows = 1 inch; 4 sc = 1 inch; each dc round = 1/2", 4 dc = 1 inch. Adjust the hook you use to obtain this gauge. **Each square is 10' x 10". Finished project is 51" x 71".**

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING EACH SQUARE

Make 35 squares.

With Sunflower, ch. 4, sl. st. in first chain to make loop.

Round 1: 12 sc in loop, join w. sl st. of top of ch. 2. (12 sc)

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around (24 dc)

Round 3: (spokes) Join white, and carry sunflower and white together throughout this round., being careful to stitch over color not being used. Keep yarn taut to hide color not being used. Switch to opposite color for last yo of each stitch in that color.

With sunflower, make beginning treble cluster over initial stitch plus next 2 sc of previous row (covers 3 sc altogether); switch to white for the last yo. With white, 4 tc in next sc. (Switch to sunflower on last yo, treble cluster over next 3sc. Switch to white on last yo. 4 tc in next sc) five times around, sl st. to top of first ch 4 (6 treble crochet clusters in sunflower and 6 white background triangles). Fasten off white; *do not fasten off sunflower*. Using tapestry needles, weave ends of white so that they are invisible. .

Round 4: With sunflower, ch.2 (counts as first sc) , 2 sc in top of final stitch in first treble cluster. Sc in each of next 4 white tc. (3 sc in top stitch of each treble cluster, sc in each of 4 white tc) 5 more times around, 42 sc, sl st to top of first

Round 5: Continuing w/ sunflower, ch 2 (counts as first sc), sc in each of next five sc, 2 sc in next sc. (Sc in next 6 sc, 2 dc in next dc) five times around, join with sl st to top of ch. 2. (48 sc). Fasten off sunflower; use tapestry needle to weave in ends.

Round 6: Join royal blue w slip knot above ch. 2 of previous round. Ch. 2, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) (sc in each of next 7 dc, 2 sc in next sc) five more times around (54 sc)

Rounds 7, 8 and 9: For each round, using royal blue, increase the number of sc into which you crochet 1 sc by 1, 2 sc in next sc.) Round 7: will have 60 sc; Round 7 will have 60 sc; round 8 will have 66 sc; round 9 will have 72 sc. Be sure to put double stitch between the 2 sc in stitch in previous row. Fasten off blue and weave in ends.

Round 10 front: (points on Rotary wheel) Using sl knot, join sunflower. *Working in front loops only* of previous round, ch. 2, dc in next sc, picot, dc in same stitch, sc in next sc. (sc in next sc, dc in next sc, picot, dc in same stitch, sc in next st) 23 more times (24 points made).

Round 10 back: Working behind gold points into back loops of last blue round, *join white* using slip knot, ch.3. Dc into each *back loops* of next 10 sc, 2 dc in back loop of next sc.(Dc into each of back loops of next 12 sc, 2 dc in next sc) 5 more times around, join w. slip stitch to top of ch. 3. (78 dc).

Round 11: Ch. 3, stitching into *both loops* of previous row, dc into next 11 sc, 2dc in next dc). (Dc in each of next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 5 more times around , join w/ sl st to top of ch. 3/ (84 dc).

Round 12: ch. 5, skip next dc, dc in next dc. (ch 3, skip next dc, dc in next dc, ch 3) 41 more times, join w/ slip stitch to 3rd chain of chain 5 (42 loops).

Round 13: (*Converting the circle into a square; this is tricky*). Continuing with white, sl. st. into first loop, ch. 1, sc in same loop, [2 sc in next loop, (sc, hdc) in next loop, 2 hdc in next loop, (hdc, dc) in next loop. (2 dc, tc) in next loop, ch. 3; (tc, 2 dc) in next loop) (corner made). (Dc, hdc) in next loop; 2 hdc in next loop; (hdc, sc) in next loop; 2 sc in next loop; 1 sc in next loop.] Repeat from brackets three more times to make square, but instead of sc into first loop at end of round, join w. slip stitch to top of first sc.

Round 14: ch. 3, dc into each dc. In each of ch 3 corner loops, make 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc). Continue with dc into each dc around, w 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in each ch 3 corner loop. (108 stitches, 4 corner loops.) Fasten off white and weave in ends.

Round 15: Join blue with slip knot into any corner loop, ch. 3. Dc in same loop, dc in each dc around to next corner. 2 dc, ch. 2, 2 dc in next corner loop. Continue around to first loop started. 2 dc, ch. 2 and join to top of ch. 3 at beginning of row. (124 stitches). Fasten off blue.

Finishing: Using royal blue, with right sides facing one another,, sew squares together to make five rows of seven squares. Be careful to match corners accurately. Sew five rows of seven squares together.

Border: Using sunflower, going around entire afghan, repeat Round 10 to make gold points all around the afghan, but working into dc's instead of sc's. Join w. sl st to first sc.

Blocking: Using a steam iron over a towel, adjust each square so that it is even all around and points of Rotary wheel lie flat. Press down each point on border so that it, too, lies flat. . (Illustration of square is before blocking)

