

Denna

12 inch afghan block crochet pattern

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Pattern written in
US Crochet terms

SKILL LEVEL: Easy

FINISHED SIZE: 12" Square

GAUGE: First four rounds 4.5"

MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn
Crochet hook size H / 5.0mm
Yarn Needle

Abbreviations

st = stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
slst = slip stitch
ch = chain
yo = yarn over
r(#) = round number
sk = skip
sp = space



Notes

Denna is rather simple to make, using only basic stitches and a few post stitches.

I do recommend you use a magic circle and not a chain loop to begin so that you can get a very tight loop at the center. See my tutorial for doing a double magic circle, on everytrickonthehook.com or on my YouTube channel, Every Trick on the Hook.

You will notice that your work will curl. It will straighten out towards the end, but as you go you may gently pat and stretch with your hands to help it stay flat. By the end you may notice it doing the opposite and buckling slightly in the middle. Again, some light patting and stretching with your hands should take care of that. Curling and buckling will depend on your individual tension. Block when finished for a better result.

Special Stitches

Standing sc - to start a round, with slip knot on hook, insert hook into indicated stitch, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through two loops on hook

Standing dc - to start a round, with slip knot on hook, hold slip knot in place with thumb or finger, yo and hold that in place too, insert hook in indicated stitch, yo and pull up a loop, carefully yo and draw yarn through two loops on hook twice

fptr - (front post treble crochet) like normal tr, but instead of inserting hook at the top of indicated stitch, insert it from front to back around the post of stitch

Shell - (3dc, ch2, 3dc) in indicated space



Pattern

Round 1: Ch1. (Sc, ch3) 4 times into magic circle. Close magic circle and slst to first sc to join. Do not fasten off.
4 sc, 4 ch3 sp

Round 2: Slst into next ch3 sp, ch3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), (2dc, ch2, 3dc) in same ch3 space (counts as first shell), ch1. *Shell in next ch3 sp, ch1.* Repeat from * to * two times. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off.
4 shells, 4 ch1 sp

Round 3: (Standing dc, ch3, dc) in any ch1 space. ^Shell into ch2 sp of shell, ^ (dc, ch3, dc) in ch1 sp.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 8dc, 4 ch3 sp

Round 4: Standing dc in any ch3 sp (or with same color slst to ch3 sp, ch3), 6 dc into same space, ch6. (Sk next dc, shell, and dc. 7dc into next ch3 sp, ch6) 3 times. Sk next dc, shell, and dc. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
28 dc, 4 ch6 sp

Note: In round 5 you are going to fptr around the dcs from r3. These are the dcs that are made into the ch1 sp of r2 and NOT the dcs that make up the shells. When you make the shells you will work over the ch6 sp and into the ch2 sp of the shells from r3. This means your stitches will wrap around both. Do not work in front of or behind the ch6 sp. This will hold the ch6 sp in place. Keep this in mind for future rounds.

Round 5: Standing sc in first dc of any 7dc group (or with same color, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 6 dc. ^Fptr around dc from r3, shell over ch6 sp AND into ch2 sp of r3 shell, fptr around dc from r3, ^ sc in next 7 dc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 28 sc, 8 fptr

Round 6: Standing dc in the first sc of any 7sc group (or with same color, ch3), dc in same stitch, (dc in next sc, 2dc in next sc) 3 times, ch 6. *Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. (2dc in next sc, dc in next sc) 3 times, 2dc in last sc, ch6.* Repeat from * to * 2 times. Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
44 dc, 4 ch6 sp

Round 7: Standing sc in first dc of any 11dc group (or with same color, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 10 dc. ^Fptr around fptr from r5, shell over ch6 sp AND into ch2 sp of r5 shell, fptr around fptr from r5, ^ sc in next 11 dc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 44 sc, 8 fptr

Round 8: Standing dc in the first sc of any 11sc group (or with same color, ch3), dc in same stitch. Over next 10 sc: dc twice, 2dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc twice, 2dc. Ch6. *Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. Over next 11 sc: 2dc, dc twice, 2dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc twice, 2dc. Ch6.* Repeat from * to * 2 times. Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
60 dc, 4 ch6 sp

Round 9: Standing sc in first dc of any 15dc group (or with same color, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 14 dc. ^Fptr around fptr from r7, shell over ch6 sp AND into ch2 sp of r7 shell, fptr around fptr from r7, ^ sc in next 15 dc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 8 fptr, 60sc

Round 10: Standing dc in the first sc of any 15 sc group (or with same color, ch3), dc in same stitch. Over next 14 sc: dc twice, 2 dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc twice, 2dc. Ch6. *Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. Over next 15 sc: 2dc, dc twice, 2 dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc 3 times, 2dc, dc twice, 2dc. Ch6.* Repeat from * to * 2 times. Sk fptr, shell, and fptr. Slst to first dc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
80 dc, 4 ch6 sp

Round 11: Standing sc in first dc of any 20 dc group (or with same color, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 19 dc. ^Fptr around fptr from r9, shell over ch6 sp AND into ch2 sp of r9 shell, fptr around fptr from r9, ^ sc in next 20 dc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 8 fptr, 80 sc

Round 12: Standing sc in the SECOND sc of any 20 sc group (or with same color, slst to next sc, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 18 sc. ^Sk fptr, dc in next 3 dc of shell, shell in ch2 sp of shell, sk first dc of shell, dc in next two dc of shell, dc in fptr, sk next sc, ^ sc in next 19 sc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.
4 shells, 24 dc, 76 sc





Round 13: Standing sc in the THIRD sc of any 19 sc group (or with same color, slst into next 2 sc, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 15 sc. *^Sk next sc, dc in next 6 dc (including 3 dc of shell), (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ch2 sp of shell, sk first dc of shell, dc in next two dc of shell, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next sc, sk next sc, ^ sc in next 16 sc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.

64 dc, 64 sc, 4 ch2 sp

Round 14: Standing sc in SECOND sc of any 16 sc group (or with same color, slst to next sc, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 13 sc. *^Sk next sc, dc in next 8 dc, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ch2 sp, dc in next 8 dc, sk next sc, ^ sc in next 14 sc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.

80 dc, 56 sc, 4 ch2 sp

Round 15: Standing sc in SECOND sc of any 14 sc group (or with same color, slst to next sc, ch1, sc in same st), sc in next 11 sc. *^Sk next sc, dc in next 10 dc, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ch2 sp, dc in next 10 dc, sk next sc, ^ sc in next 12 sc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.

96 dc, 48 sc, 4 ch2 sp

Round 16: Standing dc in first sc of any 12 sc group (or with same color, ch3), dc in next 11 sc. *^Hdc in next 3 dc, sc in next 9 dc, (sc, ch2, sc) in corner ch2 sp, sc in next 9 dc, hdc in next 3 dc, ^ dc in next 12 sc.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off if changing colors.

48 dc, 24 hdc, 72 sc, 4 ch2 sp

Note: Before you do round 17, you may want to measure your work and adjust depending on what size you have. If the square measures about 11.5 inches proceed with r17 as is. If the square measures about 11.25 inches, you may want to use all hdc instead of sc for r17. If the square measures closer to 11 inches, you may want to use all dc instead of sc for r17.

Round 17: Standing sc in first dc of any 12 dc group (or with same color, ch1, sc in same stitch), sc in next 24 st. *^(Sc, ch2, sc) in corner ch2 sp, ^ sc in next 38 st.* Repeat from * to * 2 times and from ^ to ^ once more. Sc in the last 13 st. Slst to first sc to join. Fasten off.

160 sc, 4 ch2 sp

Weave in all ends and block.

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