

Spiro Star

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12 inch square
Using Aran weight yarn and
5.5mm hook
Approx. 95 metres yarn
needed

US terms are used
throughout.

Intermediate level.



Abbreviations

St, sts	Stitch, stitches	Sc	Single crochet	Fp	Front post
R	Round	Hdc	Half double crochet	Bp	Back post
Ch	Chain	Dc	Double crochet		
Sl-st	Slip stitch	Tr	Treble crochet	C	colour

[] Hints: Are typed in italics and coloured purple, they are to help and guide you and hopefully make life a little easier, especially for beginners.

* * Repeat instructions between asterisks the amount of times specified.

This is normally a repeat for a complete side and will consist of multiple instructions.

() Repeat instructions between parentheses the amount of times specified.

This is a lower level repeat.

1. Make a magic circle *or* ch 4 and sl-st into 1st chain to form a loop.

Ch3, [*counts as 1st dc*], 15 dc into ring.

Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: 16 dc.

2. Join with a standing dc in any st,

(ch 3, skip next st, dc in next st) 7 times, ch 3, skip next st.

Join to standing dc with a sl-st.

Stitch count: 8 dc, 8 ch-3 spaces.

Hint: This round is worked only in the ch3 spaces.

3 (In next ch-3 space (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc), skip next st) 8 times.

Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: 16 sc, 16 hdc, 8 dc.

Hint: Making the second tr and going back into the skipped stitch will mean a little bending of your work, just make sure you are always working in front of the previous round.

4. Join with standing sc in 1st hdc of any repeat,
*2 sc in next st, [*dc*], sc in next st, working in front of R3-4, tr in skipped st R2, tr in next skipped st R2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st. *
Repeat from * to * 7 more times, omit last sc.
Join to standing sc with sl-st.
Stitch count: 32 sc, 16 tr.

5. Ch 1 and 2 sc in same st,
*sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, fp^{sc} around both tr R4, [*this forms the point of your star*] 2 sc in next st. *
Repeat from * to * 7 more times, omit last 2 sc.
Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 48 sc, 8 fp^{sc}.

6. Join with a standing *bphdc in the first sc of any group, bphdc in the next 5 sts, fphdc around fp^{sc} R5. *
Repeat from * to * 7 more times.
Join to standing bphdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 48 bphdc, 8 fphdc.

7. Ch 1 and sc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in last st of group.
*Skip next st [*fphdc R6*], in next group of 6 sts (sc, hdc, 2xdc, 2xdc, hdc, sc) *
Repeat from * to * 6 more times,
Join to 1st sc with sl-st.
Stitch count: 16 sc, 16 hdc, 32 dc.

8. Ch 1 and sc in same st [*first st of group, as you move around this first sc of each group will be hidden by the fpdc you have just made, so make sure you don't miss it!*].
In each group of 8 sts (sc, hdc, dc, 2xdc, 2xdc, dc, hdc, sc) fpdc around fphdc R6.
repeat around and join with sl-st to 1st sc.
Stitch count: 16 sc, 16 hdc, 48 dc, 8 fpdc.

Hint: This round is expanding the petals further.

9. Ch 1 and sc in same st, [*counts as 1st sc of your first group*],
in each group/petal (sc, hdc, dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, dc, hdc, sc) skip next fpdc R8, repeat around and join to first sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 16 sc, 16 hdc, 80 dc, 14 sts per petal.

Hint: ensure your fp^{tr} is not too tight, if necessary add another yarn over before starting, or your star will pull too tightly.

10. Join with a standing bphdc in the 2nd st of any petal, bphdc in next 11 sts,
fp^{tr} into 3rd bphdc R6 of the petal you are working on, fp^{tr} into 3rd bphdc R6 in next petal, skip the 2 sc at the end and beginning of each petal, bphdc in the next 12 sts
Repeat from * to * 7 more times, omit last 12 bphdc.
Join to 1st bphdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 96 bphdc, 16 fp^{tr}.

Hint: As you move around, the first sc of each group will be hidden by the fpdc you have just made, so make sure you don't miss it!

11. Ch 1 and sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts,
fpdc around both fptr R10, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts
Repeat from * to * 7 more times, omit last 14 sc.
Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 112 sc, 8 fpdc.

12. Join with a standing fptr around any fpdc R11.
*bpdc in next 3 sts, bphdc in next 2 sts, bpsc in next 4 sts, bphdc in next 2 sts, bpdc in
next 3 sts, fptr around fpdc R11*
Repeat from * to * 7 more times, omit last fptr.
Join to 1st fptr with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 32 bpsc, 32 bphdc, 48 bpdc, 8 fptr

13. Forming first corner, chain 4 [*counts as 1st tr*], tr in same st, ch 3 and form picot, 2 tr
in next st, [*the 1st 2 tr will fall in the fpdc from R12*].
*dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 12 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts,
[*form next corner over next 2 sts*] (2 tr, ch 3 and form picot, 2 tr in next st). *
Repeat 3 more times omitting last corner.
Join to top of ch-4 with sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 12 sc, 6 hdc, 10 dc, 4 tr, 1 picot.

Hint: the corners in this round are made into the picot you may need to force your hook in at first but once you have the first st in there the other two will fit!!

14. Ch 3 [*counts as 1st dc*], dc in next st,
*3 dc into the picot [*new corner formed*], dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 18
sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts. *
Repeat from * to * 3 more times omitting the last 2 dc.
Join with a sl-st in top of ch-3.
Stitch count: per side: 18 sc, 6 hdc, 10 dc, plus 1 corner dc.

Hint: if you would like your square slightly larger, change this round to dc.

15. Ch 1 and hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts,
*in next st, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc), hdc in next 34 sts, *
Repeat 3 more times omitting the last 3 hdc.
Join to 1st hdc, fasten off, and secure ends, or sl-st if you are going to do the last round
with option 3.

Stitch count: per side: 38 hdc.

For the final round, you have options! In the main photo, you will see I have used a contrasting colour to frame the square, you may choose to do it in the same colour as your last 3 rounds! Or there is the option of the spike sts as you will see in the photo below.

16. Option 1. Join with a standing hdc in last st before any ch-2 corner space,
in ch-2 corner space (hdc, ch 2, hdc), hdc in next 38 sts
Repeat 3 more times from * to * omitting last hdc.
Fasten off and sew in ends.
Stitch count: per side: 40 hdc.

Option 2. Join colour 1 with a standing hdc in st before any corner ch2 space, *in corner ch2 space (hdc, ch 2, hdc), hdc in next 2 sts, *don't forget the 1st hidden st!* Make a long hdc 2 sts over and 2 rows down, skip 1, (hdc in next 2 sts, long hdc in same st as previous long hdc, skip next st), repeat 5 more times, hdc in last 2 sts. * Repeat 3 more times from * to * omitting final hdc. Join to standing hdc, fasten off, and secure ends.

To make a long hdc, yarn over and put your hook through the indicated st, from front to back, pull up a loop to level of current round, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops

Option 3. Ch 2, hdc in next 4 sts in corner ch-2 space (hdc, ch 2, hdc) hdc in all other sts and join to ch2 and fasten off to complete.

<p>Option 1 made with Stylecraft Aran and 5.5mm hook, 12 inches Colours used Parchment and Denim</p>	<p>Option 2 made with Stylecraft, double knitting and 4mm hook, 10 inches. Colours used, Saffron, Grey, Silver and Lemon</p>	<p>Option 3 made with Caron Simply Soft, medium weight/Aran, 5.5mm hook, 12 inches. Colours used, Robins Egg and Cool Green.</p>
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