Whispers from the Past

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Part 1.
Winnie’s Flower

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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.

Reference to photos is [P] with the relevant photo number

** 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.

Hint: corner chain spaces are not included in any stitch count.

1. Starting with a magic ring or ch 4 and make a loop, ch 4 [counts as dc plus ch-1], dc, (ch 2 [corner space], dc, ch 1, dc) 3 times, ch 2. [P1]
Join to 3rd ch, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 8 dc, 4 ch 1 spaces.

2. Join with a standing sc in any ch-1 space, [P1]

*skip next st, in next ch-2 space ((tr, ch 1) 4 times, tr), skip next st, sc in next ch-1 space. * [P2]
Repeat from *to * 4 times, omit last sc.
Join to standing sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 4 sc, 4 shells of 5 tr plus 4 ch-1 spaces.
3. Join with a standing **blsc** in 3\textsuperscript{rd} tr of any shell, *[P1]*  
*in next sc ((tr, ch 1) 6 times, tr), **blsc** in 3\textsuperscript{rd} tr of next shell. * *[P2]*  
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last **blsc**.  
Join to standing **blsc** with a sl-st.  
Stitch count: 4 **blsc**, 4 shells of 7 tr plus 6 ch-1 spaces.

4. Ch 1 and **fpdc** around same st [**blsc**], *[P1]*  
*(**fpdc** around next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space) 6 times, **fpdc** around next 2 sts.* *[P2]*  
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last **fpdc**.  
Join to 1\textsuperscript{st} **fpdc**, fasten off, and secure ends.  
5. Join with a standing dc in 4th tr of any shell, (ch 2, dc) in same st, [P1]
*(hdc in next ch-1 space R4, dc in next st R3) 3 times, [P2,3] fphdc around next st R4
[fphdc made around sc], (dc in next st R3, hdc in next ch-1 space R4) 3 times, in next st R3 [4th tr] (dc, ch 2, dc). * [P4]
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to standing dc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 6 hdc, 1 fphdc, 8 dc.

6. Ch 3 [counts as dc], [P1]
*in ch-2 corner space (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) [P2], dc in next 15 sts [not forgetting the 1st hidden st]. * [P3]
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off and secure ends.
Stitch count: per side: 19 dc.
7. Join with a standing sc in any ch-2 corner space [P1], (ch 2, sc) in same space, [P2]
   *sc in next 19 sts, in ch-2 corner space (sc, ch 2, sc). * [P3]
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
   Join to standing sc with a sl-st.
   Stitch count: per side: 21 sc.

8. Sl-st into ch-2 corner space, ch 1 and sc, (ch 4, sc) in same space, [P1]
   *(ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st) 7 times [P2], in ch-2 corner space (sc, ch 4, sc). * [P3]
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
   Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
   Stitch count: per side: 9 sc, 7 ch-3 spaces.
**Hint: the next 3 rounds are worked into the chain spaces only.**

9. Sl-st into ch-4 corner space, ch 1 and (sc, ch 4, sc) in same ch-4 corner space, [P1] *(ch-3, sc in next ch-3 space) 7 times [P2], ch 3, in ch-4 corner space (sc, ch 4, sc)*. [P3] Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 9 sc, 8 ch-3 spaces.

10. Sl-st into ch-4 corner space, ch 1 and (sc, ch 4, sc) in ch-4 corner space, [P1] *(ch 3, sc in next ch-3 space) 8 times, ch 3, in ch-4 corner space (sc, ch 4, sc)*. [P2] Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 10 sc, 9 ch-3 spaces.
11. Sl-st into ch-4 corner space, ch 1 and (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-4 corner space, [P1]
*(ch 2, sc in next ch-3 space) 9 times [P2], ch 2, in ch-4 corner space (sc, ch 2, sc). *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 11 sc, 10 ch-2 spaces.

Hint: the corners in this round are not symmetrical.

12. Ch 1 and sc in same st, [P1]
*in ch-2 corner space (sc, ch 2, 2 sc), (sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 space[P2]) 10 times,
sc in next st. *[P3]
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last sc.
Join to 1st sc, fasten off and secure ends.
Stitch count: per side: 34 sc.
13. Join with a standing dc in 2nd to last sc before any ch-2 corner space, dc in next st, *[P1]*
in ch-2 corner space (dc, ch 3, dc) *[P2]*, dc in next 34 sts. * *[P3]*
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 2 dc.
Join to standing dc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 36 dc.

14. Ch 3 *[counts as dc]*, dc in next 2 sts, *[P1,2]*
in ch-2 corner space (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) *[P3]*, dc in next 36 sts. * *[P4]*
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 dc.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: per side: 40 dc.
Work away all ends. 
Your squares will need blocking at this point, to open up the mesh, and to make joining easier. **DO NOT JOIN!**

Depending on the yarn you are using, you may prefer to either wet block or steam block.

**Important:** do not over stretch the solid parts of your square, they should remain neat and compact.

1. Start by pinning the centre/solid part of your square, making sure each side measures the same.  
   Approx. 4 ½ inches *Dk* with 4mm hook, or 5 ½ inches with *Aran* and 5.5mm hook.

2. Gently stretch the corners to open up the mesh area, but not stretching the last 2 solid rounds, again work around your square ensuring even measurement on each side.  
   Approx. 10 inches *Double Knitting* with 4mm hook, or 12 inches with *Aran/Worsted* and 5.5mm hook.

Spray with water, or blast with steam (ensuring you do not touch the yarn), leave to thoroughly dry.
Part 1 is now complete.
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