Whispers from the Past

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Part 8
Alana
Corner squares
Make 4

UK terms used throughout

Abbreviations
St, sts  Stitch, stitches  Dc  Double crochet  Quad tr  Quadruple treble crochet
R  Round  Htr  Half treble crochet  Bl  Back Loop
Ch  Chain  Tr  Treble crochet  Fp  Front Post
Sl-st  Slip stitch  Dtr  Double treble crochet  Bp  Back Post
Trtr  Triple Treble crochet

[] 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.

Special Stitches

Beginning Tr Cluster: Chain 2, yarn over, place hook in st/sp to be worked, and pull up a loop, yarn over
and pull through two loops, 2 loops on hook.
Yarn over, place hook in same st/sp, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, 3 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull
t hrough all 3 loops.

Tr Cluster: Yarn over, place hook in stitch or space to be worked, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, 2
loops on hook. Yarn over, place hook in same st/sp, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, 3 loops on hook.
Yarn over, place hook in same st/sp, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, 4 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull
through all 4 loops.

Special Stitches cont….
Fpdtr3tog: 2 times around your hook, hook around front post of next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops twice, leaving 2 loops on hook, repeat for other 2 legs of st and then yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

Fptrtr3tog: 3 times around your hook, hook around front post of next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops 3 times, leaving 2 loops on hook, repeat for other 2 legs of st and then yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

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1. Starting with a magic ring, make a beginning tr cluster, [P1] (ch 2, tr cluster[P2]) 7 times, ch 2. Join to beginning tr cluster, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 8 tr clusters, 8 ch-2 spaces. 
   Hint: leave the centre slightly open.

2. Join with a standing dc in any ch-2 space, [P1]
*fpdc around next cluster, in next ch-2 space (3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr), fpdc around next cluster, dc in next ch-2 space[P2]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc.
Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 4 dc, 8 fpdc, 24 tr.

3. Join with a standing bltr in tr before any ch-2 corner space, [P1]
*in ch-2 corner space (2 tr, ch 3, 2 tr) [P2], bltr in next 3 sts, fptrtr3tog over next 3 sts, bltr in next 3 sts[P3,4]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last bltr.
Join to standing bltr with a sl-st.
Stitch count: Per side: 4 tr, 6 bltr, 1 fptrtr3tog.

4. Ch 3 [counts as tr] [P1], tr in next 2 sts,
* in ch-2 corner space (2 tr, ch 3, 2 tr) [P2], tr in next 11 sts[P3]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 tr.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: Per side: 15 tr.

5. Make a beginning dtr cluster in any ch-3 corner space, (ch 3, dtr cluster) in same space, [P1,2,3,4] *(ch 2, fpdtr3tog over next 3 sts) 5 times[P5,6], ch 2, in ch-3 corner space (tr cluster, ch 3, tr cluster). *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to beginning tr cluster with a sl-st.
Stitch count: Per side: 2 tr cluster, 5 fpdtr3tog, 6 ch-2 spaces.

6. Ch 1 and fpdc around same cluster, [P1]
*in ch-3 corner space (dc, ch 3, dc) [P2], fpdc around next cluster, dc in next ch-2 space, (fpdc around next fpdtr3tog, 2 dc in next ch-2 space) 4 times, fpdc around next fpdtr3tog, dc in next ch-2 space[P3,4], fpdc around next cluster. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last fpdc.
Join to 1st fpdc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: Per side: 12 dc, 7 fpdc.

7. Join with a standing dtr in any ch-3 corner space, (ch 3, dtr) in same space, [P1,2]
*(ch 2, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 2, skip next st, dtr in next st[P3]) 4 times, ch 2, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 2, skip next st, in ch-3 corner space (dtr, ch 3, dtr) [P4]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.
Join to standing dtr with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 5 dc, 6 dtr, 10 ch-2 spaces.

8. Ch 1, and dc in same st, [P1]
*in ch-3 corner space (dc, ch 2, dc) [P2], (dc in next tr, ch 1, dtr in next dc, ch 1[P3]) 5 times, dc in next dtr[P4]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc.
Join to 1st dc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 8 dc, 5 dtr, 10 ch-1 spaces.
*Hint: your work will curl up at this point.*

9. Ch 6 [counts as dtr plus ch-2] [P1], dc in next dc[P2], ch 2,
*in ch-2 corner space (dtr, ch 3, dtr) [P3], ch 2, dc in next dc, (ch 2, dtr in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dtr) 5 times, ch 2, dtr in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2[P4]. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dtr, ch-2, dc, ch-2.
Join to 4th ch with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 7 dc, 8 dtr, 14 ch-2 spaces.
10. Ch 1 and dc in same st[P1], ch 1, dtr in next dc, ch 1, dc in next dtr, *in ch-3 corner space (dc, ch 2, dc) [P2], (dc in next dtr, ch 1, dtr in next dc, ch 1[P3]) 7 times, dc in next dtr. * 
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc, ch-2, dtr, ch-2. 
Join to 1* dc, fasten off, and secure ends. 
Stitch count: per side: 10 dc, 7 dtr, 14 ch-1 spaces. 
*Hint: your square will curl up at the corners.*

11. Join with a standing tr in last st before any ch-2 corner space, [P1] 
*in ch-2 corner space (2 tr, ch 3, 2 tr) [P2], skip next st [hidden st] [P3], 
(tr in next st, tr in next ch-1 space) 14 times, tr in next 2 sts. * 
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last tr. 
Join to standing tr with a sl-st. 
Stitch count: per side: 34 tr.
12. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] [P1], tr in next 2 sts,
*in ch-3 corner space (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) [P2], tr in next 34 sts
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 tr.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: per side: 38 tr.

Block all squares using same method as with Winnie’s Flower square, start by pinning the centre square,
then the mesh area, then the outer edge. Do not over stretch!
Approx. size:
Double knit with 4mm hook – 9 inches/23cm
Aran with 5.5mm hook – 11 inches/28cm

Continue for joining…….
Join 1 square to each end of short side panels, using whip stitch as before. Join long side panels using same method to form a rectangle. 

*Hint: make sure as you join the panels together ROW 1 of panels is right side up and facing centre/inside of rectangle.*

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**Joining panels to main piece.**

This join will be a surface slip stich join.

*Hint: Although I am normally a pencil hold girl... I find it much easier to switch to knife hold to do this join.*

Ensure your yarn is under your work at all times.

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Continue.....

With right sides up, start in any corner, working in back loops only, place hook through back loop of corner ch space of Alana square and back loop of ch-2 corner space of main piece, pick up loop and pull through both loops, [P1,2,3,4]
Place hook through back loops only of next 2 sts, yarn over and pull through all 3 sts, making a sl-st. Continue working through matching sts on both pieces across to next corner, do not make a st through corner spaces of middle Eileen square or in join. \([P5,6]\)

**Hint: make sure you do not skip the 1st and last st of panels [marked sts].**

At corner the last st will match with marked st of panel, match corner to corner and 1st sts will match on panel and next side. \([P7,8,9]\)

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End part 8

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