Whispers from the Past

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Part 8

Alana
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Make 4

US terms used throughout

Abbreviations

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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.

** 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 Dc 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 through all 3 loops.

Dc 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....

**Fptr3tog:** 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.

**Fpdtr3tog:** 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 dc cluster, (ch 2, dc cluster) 7 times, ch 2.
   Join to beginning dc cluster, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 8 dc clusters, 8 ch-2 spaces.
   *Hint: leave the centre slightly open.*

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

3. Join with a standing bldc in dc before any ch-2 corner space,
   *in ch-2 corner space (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc), bldc in next 3 sts, fpdtr3tog over next 3 sts, bldc in next 3 sts.*
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last bldc.
   Join to standing bldc with a sl-st.
   Stitch count: Per side: 4 dc, 6 bldc, 1 fpdtr3tog.
4. Ch 3 [*counts as dc], dc in next 2 sts, 
   * in ch-2 corner space (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc), dc in next 11 sts. * 
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 dc. 
   Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends. 
   Stitch count: Per side: 15 dc.

5. Make a beginning dc cluster in any ch-3 corner space, (ch 3, dc cluster) in same space, 
   *(ch 2, fptr3tog over next 3 sts) 5 times, ch 2, in ch-3 corner space (dc cluster, ch 3, dc 
   cluster).* 
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group. 
   Join to beginning dc cluster with a sl-st. 
   Stitch count: Per side: 2 dc cluster, 5 fptr3tog, 6 ch-2 spaces.

6. Ch 1 and fpsc around same cluster, 
   *in ch-3 corner space (sc, ch 3, sc), fpsc around next cluster, sc in next ch-2 space, 
   (fpsc around next fptr3tog, 2 sc in next ch-2 space) 4 times, fpsc around next fptr3tog, 
   sc in next ch-2 space, fpsc around next cluster.* 
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last fpsc. 
   Join to 1st fpsc, fasten off, and secure ends. 
   Stitch count: Per side: 12 sc, 7 fpsc.

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

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

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

11. Join with a standing dc in last st before any ch-2 corner space,  
   *in ch-2 corner space (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc), skip next st [hidden st],  
   (dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 space) 14 times, dc in next 2 sts.*  
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc.  
   Join to standing dc with a sl-st.  
   Stitch count: per side: 34 dc. 

12. Ch 3 [counts as dc], dc in next 2 sts, 
   *in ch-3 corner space (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), dc in next 34 sts  
   Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 dc.  
   Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.  
   Stitch count: per side: 38 dc. 

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  

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. 

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.  

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,
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.

*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.

End part 8

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