

Clarissa

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The name Clarissa means bright and clear.
The central mandala shines like a sun at the centre of this square.

12" square

Aran/worsted yarn 5mm hook.

Approx. 155m/170yds.

10" square

Double Knit yarn 4mm hook

Approx. 136m/149yds.

US terms used throughout

Abbreviations

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

[] 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

Popcorn: Make 5 dc in same st, remove hook from loop and insert from front to back of 1st dc and then into dropped loop and pull through. Ch 1 to close. This closing chain is not counted in any chains you are asked to make after the popcorn.

To make a **beginning popcorn**, simply start with a standing dc or ch 3 as your 1st st.

Puff Stitch: Yo, insert hook in stitch or space yo and pull up a loop [*to height of adjacent sts*], 4 times (9 loops on hook), yo and pull through all 9 loops, and ch 1 to close. This closing chain is not counted as a stitch.

Double V stitch: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same st/sp.

Video tutorials for most special stitches can be found on my YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZfC7I_0gaZ6aoC6TD-4pXw/playlists

1. Starting with a magic ring, ch 4 [*counts as dc plus ch-1*],
(dc, ch 1) 5 times.

Join to 3rd ch, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: 6 dc, 6 ch-1 spaces.

2. Join with a beginning popcorn in any ch-1 space,
(ch 3, skip next st, popcorn in next ch-1 space) 5 times, ch 3.

Join to beginning popcorn, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: 6 popcorns, 6 ch-3 spaces.

3. Join with a standing sc in any ch-3 space,
(in next popcorn ((dc, ch-1) 4 times, dc), sc in next ch-3 space) 6 times, omit last sc.
Join to standing sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 6 sc, 6 shells of 5 dc, 4 ch-1 spaces each.

4. Join with a standing **bpdc** around last dc of any shell,
(skip next sc, (**bpdc** around next st, hdc in next ch-1 space) 4 times, **bpdc** around next st) 6 times, omit last bpdc.
Join to standing bpdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 6 shells of 5 bpdc, 4 hdc each.

5. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*],
(2 dc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times, omit last dc.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 30 hdc, 30 dc.

6. Join with a standing **bpdc** around any st,
(**fpdc** around next st, **bpdc** around next st) 30 times, omit last bpdc.
Join to standing bpdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 30 fpdc, 30 bpdc.

7. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*], (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same st [*forming double V-st*],
(skip next 2 sts, double V-st in next st) 19 times.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 20 double V-sts.

8. Join with a standing dc in any double V-st, 3 dc in same st,
(puff st between double V-sts, 4 dc in next double V-st) 20 times, omit last 4 dc.
Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 80 dc, 20 puff sts.
Hint: Your work will be wobbly.

9. Join with a standing **fpdc** around any puff st,
(**bphdc** around next 4 sts, **fpdc** around next puff st) 20 times, omit last fpdc.
Join to standing fpdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 20 fpdc, 80 bpdc.

10. Ch 1 and sc in same st, sc in next st,
*hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, tr in next 2 sts, 5 tr in next st [*place marker in 3rd tr*],
tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 2 sc.
Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: per side: 8 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 1 corner tr.

11. Ch 1 and sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts,

*hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, tr in next 3 sts, 3 tr in corner tr [*place marker in 2nd tr*], tr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts. *

Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 sc.

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

Stitch count: per side: 10 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 1 corner tr.

12. Join with a standing dc in any corner tr, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same st [*forming double V-st*],

*skip next 2 sts, (double V-st in next st, skip next 3 sts) 7 times, double V-st in corner tr.
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Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner double V-st.

Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: per side: 7 double V-sts, 1 corner double V-st.

13. Join with a standing dc in any corner double V-st, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same st, *(puff st between double V-sts, 3 dc in next double V-st) 7 times, puff st between double V-sts, in corner double V-st (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc). *

Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group.

Join to top of standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: per side: 27 dc, 8 puff sts, 1 ch-2 corner space.

14. Join with a standing bphdc around last st of any side,

*6 sc in ch-2 corner space, [*place marker in 4th sc and leave in place to aid joining*], (bphdc around next 3 sts, fpdc around next st) 8 times, bphdc around next 3 sts. *

Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last bphdc.

Join to standing bphdc, fasten off, and secure ends.

Stitch count: per side: 5 sc, 27 bphdc, 8 fpdc, 1 corner sc.

Work away all remaining ends.

Gently block to achieve a perfect 10/12 inch square, and a polished look to your work.

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