

Prince Protea Square

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Size

12"

Materials

- 5 mm crochet hook (US H/8 UK 6)
- Worsted weight yarn

Abbreviations

US Terminology Used (see [this comparative chart](#) for US/UK conversion)

- **Bpdc** Back post double crochet
- **Bphdc** Back post half-double crochet
- **BLO** Back loop only
- **Bpsc** Back post single crochet
- **Ch** Chain
- **Dc** Double crochet
- **Fpdc** Front post double crochet
- **Fptr** Front post treble crochet
- **Hdc** Half-double crochet
- **Sc** Single crochet
- **Tr** Treble crochet
- **Sl st** Slip stitch
- **St** Stitch
- ***** Repeat
- **()** Repeat



Special Stitches

5-tr cluster (tr5tog)

These clusters are worked around the **back post**. See [this tutorial](#) if you need help making these stitches.

Beginning 5-tr cluster: Ch 3 (counts as first partial tr). *Yarn over twice and insert hook around the post of the **next** stitch (from back to front). Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**. There should now be one loop of this treble left on your hook.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. There should now be 5 loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

5-tr clusters: *Yarn over twice and insert hook around the post of the **next** stitch (from back to front). Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**. There should now be one loop of this treble left on your hook.* Repeat from * to * 4 more times. There should now be 6 loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

Notes

*For the first 5 rounds it is important that you make your fptr's quite tight. If you know that you struggle to keep your tension when making treble crochet stitches, consider using fpdc's for **Round 5** instead of fptr's.*

You can find the photo tutorial for this square [HERE](#).

Instructions

Round 1

Into a magic ring: ch 3 (this counts as your first dc). Make 11 dc's into the ring. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 with a sl st.

If you are not familiar with working into a magic ring, [this video tutorial](#) by Tamara from Moogly is very good. Please remember, when working into a magic ring you HAVE to work away your initial tail very well. If you just cut it, your whole project might unravel!

Stitch count: 12 dc's

Round 2

- If you are using the same colour, ch 3 (this counts as your first dc) and make a **fpdc** around the beginning ch-3 of the previous round.
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in the same st as the sl st join and then make a **fpdc** around the beginning ch-3 of the previous round.

(Dc in the blo of the next dc, make a fpdc around the post of the same stitch) in every stitch around. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 24 st's {12 dc's and 12 fpdc's}

Round 3

- If you are using the same colour, ch 3 (this counts as your first dc).
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in the same st as the sl st join.

*Dc in the next st (which will be the fpdc from the previous round) and make a **fptr** around the post of the same stitch. Dc in the next st.* Repeat from * to * 11 times. Omit the last dc on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 36 st's {24 dc's and 12 fptr's}

Round 4

- If you are using the same colour, ch 3 (this counts as your first dc) and then make a **fptr** around the beginning ch-3 of the previous round (or the post of the standing double crochet).
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in the same st as the sl st join and then make a fptr around the beginning ch-3 of the previous round (or the post of the same standing double crochet).

Dc in the next dc, **fptr** around the post of the next fptr. *Dc in the next dc, **fptr** around the post of the same stitch, dc in the next dc, **fptr** around the post of the next fptr.* Repeat from * to * 10 times. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 48 st's {24 dc's and 24 fptr's}

Round 5

- If you are using the same colour, ch 3 (this counts as your first dc).
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in the same st as the sl st join.

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*Dc in the next st (which will be the fptr from the previous round) and make a **fptr** around the post of the same stitch. Dc in the next dc, **fptr** around the post of the next fptr, dc in the next dc.* Repeat from * to * 11 times. Omit the last dc on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Count your stitches at the end of this round! You are going to be mightily annoyed if you realize later that you've goofed up (like I did).

Stitch count: 60 st's {36 dc's and 24 fptr's}

Round 6

Remember that all the clusters are made around the back posts of the stitches, not into the top of the stitches.

- If you are using the same colour, ch 1 and make a sl st around the back post of the same st as the sl st join.
- If you are using a new colour, join your new yarn by making a sl st around the back post of any stitch around.

Make a [beginning 5-tr cluster](#). Ch 6. (Make a [5-tr cluster](#), ch 6) 11 times. Join to the top of the first 5-tr cluster with a sl st.

Stitch count: 12 5-tr clusters and 12 ch-6 spaces

Round 7

- If you are going to use the same colour, sl st into the next ch-6 space. Ch 1. Make 6 sc's into the same ch-6 space.
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing single crochet](#) in any ch-6 space around. Make 5 more sc's into the same ch-6 space.

Sc in the top of the next cluster. (Make 6 sc's in the next ch-6 space, sc in the top of the next cluster) 11 times. Join to the top of the first sc with a sl st.

Stitch count: 84 sc's

Round 8

Note: *The increases in this round are made by working around the back post of **each st** from Round 7 AND around the top of the 12 clusters from Round 6.*

- If you are going to use the same colour, make a sl st around the back of the same st as the sl st join. To do this, insert your hook from back to front around the post of the sc that contains the sl st and complete a sl st. Ch 3 (this counts as your first bpdC)
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) around the back post of the same st as the sl st join. This counts as your first bpdC.

Make a bpdC around the post of the next 6 st's. The last bpdC should fall in the sc you made into the top of the cluster. Make a fptr around the top of the cluster from Round 6.

BpdC around the post of the next 7 sc's. The last bpdC should fall in the sc you made into the top of the cluster. Make a fptr around the top of the cluster from Round 6. Repeat from * to * 10 more times. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 96 st's {84 bpdC's and 12 fptr's}

Round 9

- If you are using the same colour, sl st into the next 3 st's. You want to end up in the fourth bpdC after the fptr. Ch 4 (counts as your first tr) and then (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) into the same stitch. This is your first corner made.

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- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a standing treble crochet (*which is the same as a standing double crochet, but with one more yarn over*) in the fourth bpdC after any fpTr around. (Tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in the same stitch. This is your first corner made.

*Dc in the next 3 st's. *The last dc should fall in the last bpdC before the fpTr.* Hdc in the next 3 st's and sc in the next 11 st's. Hdc in the next 3 st's. *The last hdc should fall in the fpTr.* Dc in the next 3 st's. *The last st should fall in the third bpdC after the fpTr.* (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in the next st. *This is your corner made.** Repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-4 (or the standing treble crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch counts:

- **Total:** 108 st's and 4 ch-2 corner spaces {16 tr's, 24 dc's, 24 hdc's, and 44 sc's}
- **Per Side:** 27 st's {4 tr's, 6 dc's, 6 hdc's, and 11 sc's}

Round 10

- If you are using the same colour, sl st into the next st and into the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3 (counts as your first dc) and then (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) into the same space. *This is your first corner made.*
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in any corner space around. (Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same space. *This is your first corner made.*

*BpdC in the next 5 st's. Bphdc in the next 3 hdc's. Bpsc in the next 11 sc's. Bphdc in the next 3 hdc's. BpdC in the next 5 st's. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the ch-2 corner space. *This is your corner made.** Repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch counts:

- **Total:** 124 st's and 4 ch-2 corner spaces {16 dc's, 40 bpdC's, 24 bphdc's, and 44 bpsc's}
- **Per Side:** 31 st's {4 dc's, 10 bpdC's, 6 hdc's, and 11 sc's}

Round 11

- If you are using the same colour, sl st into the next st and into the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3 (counts as your first dc) and then (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) into the same space. *This is your first corner made.*
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in any corner space around. (Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same space. *This is your first corner made.*

*(Ch 1, skip the next st and dc in the next st) 15 times. Ch 1 and skip the last stitch. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the ch-2 corner space. *This is your corner made.** Repeat from * to * 3 times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 76 dc's, 64 ch-1 spaces, and 4 ch-2 corner spaces {19 dc's and 16 ch-1 spaces per side}

Round 12

- If you are using the same colour, sl st into the next st and into the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3 (counts as your first dc) and then (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) into the same space. *This is your first corner made.*
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in any corner space around. (Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same space. *This is your first corner made.*

*Dc in the next stitch. This stitch will be [slightly hidden](#). (Ch 1 and skip the next dc. Dc in the next ch-1 space) 16 times. Ch 1 and skip the next dc. Dc in the next dc, which will be the last dc before the ch-2 corner space. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the corner ch-2 space. *This is your corner made.** Repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 88 dc's, 68 ch-1 spaces, and 4 ch-2 corner spaces {22 dc's and 17 ch-1 spaces per side}

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Round 13

- If you are using the same colour, sl st into the next st and into the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3 (counts as your first dc) and then (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) into the same space. *This is your first corner made.*
- If you are using a new colour, join your yarn by making a [standing double crochet](#) in any corner space around. (Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same space. *This is your first corner made.*

*Skip the first stitch (the [hidden stitch](#)). Dc in the next 2 st's. (Dc in the next ch-1 space, dc in the next dc) 17 times. Dc in the last 2 dc's. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the corner ch-2 space. *This is your corner made.** Repeat from * to * 3 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the top of the beginning ch-3 (or the standing double crochet) with a sl st.

Stitch count: 168 dc's and 4 ch-2 corner spaces {42 dc's per side}