Oriental Bloom Square

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Materials:

Hook: 3.0 mm for a firm square, or 3.5 mm for a softer square.

Markers: 1 pcs.

Yarn: 4 colors of Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton, 50g/125 m).

Color distribution:

Color **A** is for the center of the flower and the framing.
Color **B** is for the inner petals of the flower.
Color **C** is for the outer petals of the flower.
Color **D** is for the background of the square.

For my square I used Scheepjes Catona in the following colors:

A: 383 Ginger Gold
B: 413 Cherry
C: 517 Ruby
D: 391 Deep Ocean

Abbreviations, UK terms:

St(s) – stitch(es)
Ss – slip stitch
BPss – back post slip stitch *
Ch(s) - chain(s)
Ch-sp(s) – chain space(s)
Dc – double crochet
Htr – half treble
Tr – treble
BPtr – back post treble *
Dtr – Double treble
Puff – Described below
Beg - beginning
RS – right side
WS – wrong side

Stitches marked with an * are described in my Stitch Guide, always available on my blog, mijocrochet.se.

Puffs in this pattern:

(Yarn over, insert the hook into the specified stitch, yarn over and pull through) 4 times (9 loops on your hook), yarn over and pull through **8** loops, yarn over and pull through **2** loops.

Pattern notes:

- ✓ Ch3 in the beg of a round counts as 1tr if nothing else is stated.
- ✓ Ch2 in the beg of a round counts as 1 htr.
- ✓ Stitches between { } are made in the same st or ch-sp.
- ✓ Sts between ( ) are repeated as many times as indicated after the parentheses.
- ✓ Sts between [ ] are repeated as many times as indicated after the square brackets.
- ✓ Stitches between | | shows how many stitches you should have after completing the row.

Pattern:

Round 1: (RS), color A

In a magic circle; ch3 (counts as a tr here and throughout),

11tr,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round, **turn**.
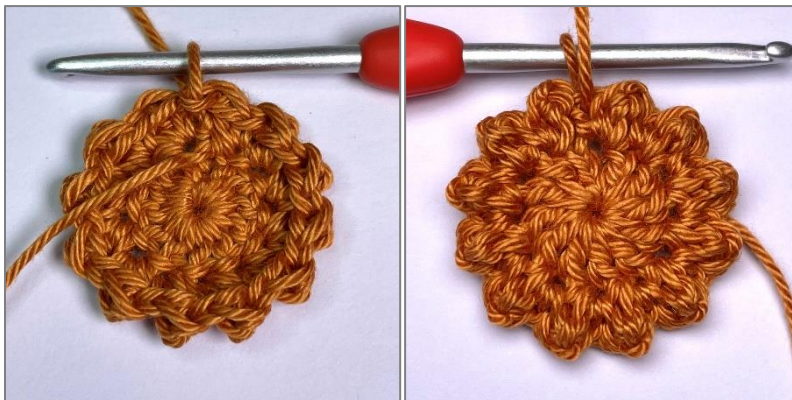
|12 tr|

Round 2: (WS), color A

Note: You are now working from the wrong side of your work and the dtr should bulge to the back of your work, which is the right side.

Ch1 (does not count as a stitch), {1dc, 1dtr} into st at base of ch,

({1dc, 1dtr} in next tr) 11 times,

ss in the first dc at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends, **turn**.

|12 dc, 12 dtr|

| WS | RS |

Round 3: (RS), color B

All remaining rounds are crochet from the RS.

Join your new color in any dc, ch3, 1tr into st at base of ch, ch1,

(skip 1 dtr, 2tr in next dc, ch1) 11 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round.

|24 tr, 12 ch-1 sps|

Round 4: (RS), color B

Ch 2 (count as a htr here and throughout), 1tr **between** the two tr's, 1htr in next tr, ss in next ch-1 sp,

(1htr in next tr, 1tr **between** the two tr's, 1htr in next tr, ss in next ch-1 sp) 11 times,

ss in the second ch at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends.

|12 ss, 24 htr, 12 tr|

Round 5: color C

Note: This round is crochet in the **tr's in round 3**.

Join your new color with a BPss in the **first of two tr's in round 3**, ch3, 1BPtr in next tr, ch2, skip ch-1 sp,

(1BPtr in next 2 tr, ch2, skip ch-1 sp) 11 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round.

|24 BPtr, 12 ch-2 sps|

RS   WS

Round 6: color C

Ch2, 1tr into st at base of ch, {1tr, 1htr} in next BPtr, ss in next ch-2 sp,

({1htr, 1tr} in next BPtr, {1tr, 1htr} in next BPtr, ss in next ch-2 sp) 11 times,

ss in the second ch at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends.

|12 ss, 24 htr, 24 tr|

Round 7: color D

Note: This round is crocheted in the **BPtr's in round 5**.

Join your new color with a BPss in the **first of two tr's in round 5**, ch3, 1BPtr in next BPtr, ch4, skip ch-2 sp, (1BPtr in next 2 BPtr, ch1, skip ch-2 sp) 2 times,

[1BPtr in next 2 BPtr, ch4, skip ch-2 sp, (1BPtr in next 2 BPtr, ch1, skip ch-2 sp) 2 times] 3 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round.

|24 BPtr, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-4 sps|

RS   WR

Round 8: color D

Ss in next BPtr, ss in next ch-4 sp, ch3, {2tr, ch2, 3tr} in the same ch-4 sp, skip 1 BPtr, 1dc in next BPtr, 1dc in next ch-1 sp, 1dc in next 2 BPtr, 1dc in next ch-1 sp, 1dc in next BPtr, skip 1 BPtr,

({3tr, ch2, 3tr} in next ch-4 sp, skip 1 BPtr, 1dc in next BPtr, 1dc in next ch-1 sp, 1dc in next 2 BPtr, 1dc in next ch-1 sp, 1dc in next BPtr, skip 1 BPtr) 3 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round.

|24 dc, 24 tr|

Round 9: color D

Ss in next 2 tr, ss in next ch-2 sp, ch3 (counts as 1 dc + ch-2 sp), 1dc in the same ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 12 sts,

({1dc, ch2, 1dc} in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 12 sts) 3 times,

ss in the first ch at the beginning of the round.

|56 dc, 4 ch-2 sps|

Round 10: color D

Ss in next ch-2 sp, ch3, {1tr, ch2, 2tr} in the same ch-2 sp, 1tr in next 14 dc,

({2tr, ch2, 2tr} in next ch-2 sp, 1tr in next 14 dc) 3 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round, ss in next tr, ss in next ch-2 sp, take off the hook and place a marker in the loop (do **not** cut the yarn).

|72 tr, 4 ch-2 sps|

Round 11: color A

Note: All puffs in this row are made in the **ch-2 sps in round 8**. All the dc's are made in the previous round (round 10). How the puffs are made is described at the beginning of this pattern.

Join your new color in the first tr on any side, ch1 (counts as 1 dc), 1dc in next 17 tr, ch2, 1puff in the **ch-2 sp in round 8**, ch2, skip ch-2 sp,

(1dc in next 18 tr, ch2, 1puff in the ch-2 sp in round 8, ch2, skip ch-2 sp) 3 times,

ss in the first ch at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends.

|72 dc, 4 puffs, 8 ch-2 sps|

Round 12: color D

Note: This round is crocheted in **round 10**.

Remove the marker and continue with color D, ch3, {1tr, ch2, 2 tr} in the same ch-2 sp, 1BPtr in next 18 tr,

({2tr, ch2, 2tr} in next ch-2 sp, 1BPtr in next 18 tr) 3 times,

ss in the third ch at the beg of the round.

|16 tr, 72 BPtr, 4 ch-2 sps|

Round 13: color D

Ss in next tr, ss in next ch-2 sp, ch3 (counts as 1 dc + ch-2 sp), 1dc in the same ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 22 sts,

({1dc, ch2, 1dc} in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 22 sts) 3 times,

ss in the first ch at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends.

|96 dc, 4 ch-2 sps|

Round 14: Color A

Note: The dtr's in this round are made in the **dc in round 11**.

Join your new color in any ch-2 sp, ch3 (counts as 1 dc + ch-2 sp), 1dc in the same ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 4 dc, 1dtr in the **first dc on the side in row 11**, skip 1 dc, 1dc in next 14 dc, 1dtr in the **last dc on the side in row 11**, skip 1 dc, 1dc in next 4 dc,

({1dc, ch2, 1dc} in next ch-2 sp, 1dc in next 4 dc, 1dtr in the **first dc on the side in row 11**, skip 1 dc, 1dc in next 14 dc, 1dtr in the **last dc on the side in row 11**, skip 1 dc, 1dc in next 4 dc) 3 times,

ss in the first ch at the beg of the round, cut yarn and fasten ends.

|96 dc, 8 dtr, 4 ch-2 sps|