



Wheel Spoke Square

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A wheel-style centre adds an interesting focal point to this solid crochet square.



Materials and Equipment

- Worsted weight yarn (American)/ DK (UK)/ 8ply (Aust)
- 4.5 mm/US 7 Hook

Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

American	British
slip stitch (sl st)	single crochet (sc)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
half double crochet (hdc)	half treble crochet (htc)
double crochet (dc)	treble (tr)

Special stitch:FPdc: front post double crochet (yarn over, insert hook around post of stitch from right to left, yarn over, complete DC as usual)

Instructions

Note: *The pattern is for the single-coloured wheel spoke square (see photos below). It is recommended that one square be made using the single-coloured pattern before attempting the multi-coloured pattern. The instructions for the multi-coloured square are found in the Variations section at the end of the single-colour pattern instructions.*



Chain(ch) 4. Join with sl st to form circle.

Round 1: Ch 3. 11 dc in the circle Join with sl st to top of ch (12 sts).

Round 2: Ch 2, FPdc around the post of the same st; *dc in next st, FPdc around the post of the same st*; repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch. (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 2, dc in next st, FPdc around the post of the same st;* dc in next 2 sts; FPdc around the post of the same st as second dc;* repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch (36 sts)

Round 4: Starting the square: Ch 2, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st (1st corner);* hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st* (2nd corner); repeat * to * 2 more times, Join with sl st in top of ch. (44 sts)

Note: On the square, the ch 2 does not start at the corner

Round 5: Square: Ch 2, hdc in next 8 sts, (2hdc, ch1, 2hdc) in next st(corner);* hdc in next 10 sts, (2hdc,ch1,2hdc) in next st*; repeat from * to * 2 more times, hdc in next st; Join with sl st in top of ch (56 hdc , 4 ch st)

Round 6: Ch 2, *hdc in each st up to ch sp, (2hdc, ch1, 2hdc) in ch space*; *repeat * to * 3 more times. Join with sl st in top of ch (68 sts)

Next rounds: Repeat round 6 until square measures 20 cm (8") across.

Weave in yarn end.

Leave a 50 cm/20" tail (for sewing the squares together). Butterfly* the tail to the square.

**How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3 . Use contrasting yarn and follow the directions:*





Variations



Changing colours in round 2 make the spokes of the wheel show even more prominently.

With Colour A, ch 4. Join with sl st to form circle.

Round 1: Ch 3. 11 dc in the circle. Change to colour B. Join with sl st to top of ch (12 sts).

Round 2: With colour B, ch 3, Change to colour A and FPdc in same st; *change to B, dc in next st, Change to A, FPdc in same st *. Repeat * to * around. In last FPDC change to colour B. Join with sl st in top of ch (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 2, dc in next st, Change to colour A and FPdc in same st, change to Colour B;* dc in next 2 sts; change to Colour A and FPdc in same st as second hdc, change to Colour B;* repeat * to * around. Join with sl st in top of ch (36 sts)

Next rounds: To finish the square, follow the solid colour pattern for **round 4 onwards**.

Change or add colours as often as you like.

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