

Mexican Sun Mandala



Crochet Pattern by Jo Creates

I always have lots of scrap ends of yarn that I'm not sure what to do with. Earlier this week, I looked at my desk at work and decided that it was VERY dull and needed brightening up with a nice coaster for my mug.

This is what I ended up creating!

Introduction

Suggested Yarn: I used Scheepjes Catona, which is considered a “fingering” weight yarn but really any scrap fingering, sport or DK yarn will do.

You will need 4 colours, I used Red, Green, Purple and Orange.

Other Notions: tapestry needle for weaving in ends, stitch marker for marking start of row

Gauge: isn't crucial, you should make sure its fairly tight though.

Hook Size: 3.5mm

Finished Size: 8.5cm diameter

Suitable for: Advanced Beginner



Notes: Please read all of the instructions through before you start


Some of the rows require working into a row one or two below the one you are working on.

I've included a photo-tutorial on my blog, feel free to have a look. You can find them here: <https://jo-creates.com/2017/07/16/mexican-sun-mandala-pattern/>

I've included a version of the pattern in both US and UK terms. In this updated version 3, I've also included a chart on the last page.

UK Crochet Terms

Abbreviations:

- ◆ Chain (ch) 
- ◆ Double Crochet (dc)
- ◆ Double Treble Crochet (dtr)
- ◆ Half Treble Crochet (htr)
- ◆ Treble Crochet (tr)
- ◆ Slip Stitch (sl st)
- ◆ Repeat instructions between * * as directed

US Crochet Terms

Abbreviations:

- ◆ Chain (ch)
- ◆ Single Crochet (sc)
- ◆ Triple Crochet (tr)
- ◆ Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- ◆ Double Crochet (dr)
- ◆ Slip Stitch (sl st)
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The Pattern (UK Terms)

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Notes: Join each new colour in the top of the first stitch of the last round (use a stitch marker to help)

At the end of each round, join with a sl st into top of first stitch and pull through to cast-off.

Sl st counts as a stitch throughout



To start - make Magic Loop, then Ch3

Row 1: In colour 1 (red), 10tr into the magic loop. [11sts]

Row 2: In colour 2 (green), ch1, 2dc in same stitch as you joined the new colour, 1dc in next, then *2dc in same stitch, 1dc in next, repeat from *until there is one stitch remaining, 2dc in same stitch. Join with sl st into 1st stitch of round and pull through [18 sts]

Row 3: In colour 3 (purple), ch3, 2tr in same stitch as you joined the new colour, *ch1, sk1, 3tr in same stitch, repeat from * to end of round, ch1, join with sl st into 1st stitch of round and pull through [36 sts]

Row 4: In colour 4 (orange) ch2, 1dc in same stitch as you joined new colour, 1dc in next stitch, *2dc in same stitch, then hold row 3 to the front and 1dtr in skipped stitch of row 2 (skip corresponding stitch in this row), 2dc repeat from * to 2 stitches from the end of round, 2dc in same stitch then 1dtr in final skipped stitch of row 2. Join with sl st into 1st stitch of round and pull through [46 sts]

Row 5: In colour 1 (red), ch2, 1 htr in next 4 stitches (first htr goes into stitch that you joined the new colour), *hold row 4 behind and 1tr into ch-sp of row 3 (skip corresponding stitch in this row), 4htr, repeat from * until end of round, ending with 1tr in ch-sp of row 3. Join with sl st into 1st stitch of round and pull through [46 sts]

Row 6: In colour 2 (green) ch1, 1dc in each stitch of round. Join with sl st into 1st stitch of round and pull through [47 sts]

Weave in ends... .block...

...then go make yourself a well deserved cup of tea / glass of something lovely and try it out as a coaster!!

The Pattern (US Terms)



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- ◆ Double Crochet (dr)
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Notes: Join each new colour in the top of the first stitch of the last round (use a stitch marker to help)

At the end of each round, join with a sl st into top of starting chain and pull through to cast-off.

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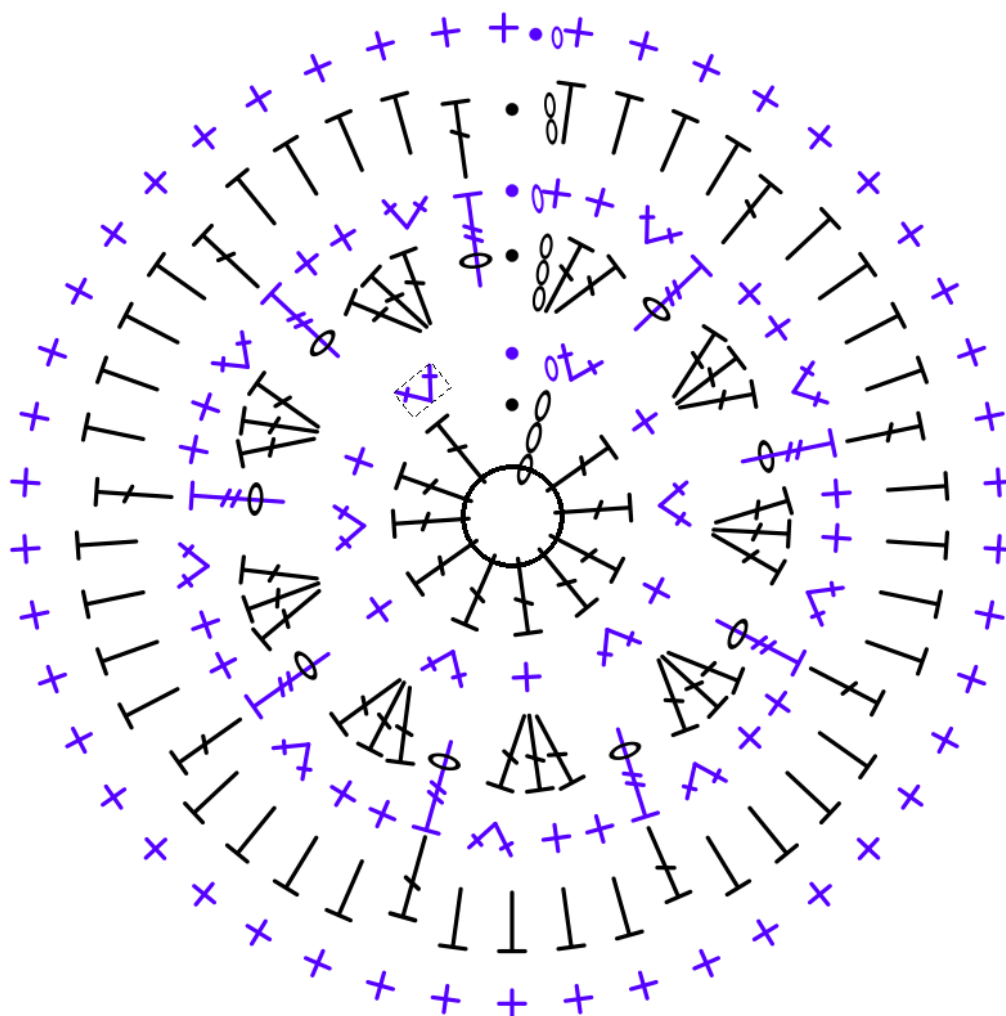
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Just in case it's helpful, here is a chart for this Mandala.

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Treble Crochet (tr)	T	Double Crochet (dc)
Double Treble Crochet (dtr)	T	Triple Crochet (tr)
Slip Stitch (sl st)	•	Slip Stitch (sl st)
Chain (ch)	o	Chain (ch)



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