Circle-in-a-Square

This is a simple square - or, to be more precise, a circle in a square. I've chosen to do mine with a restricted palette - cream as the main colour and three bands of colour (cream, cappuccino and sky blue) around the circle.

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- **SC [DC]** - single crochet [double crochet]
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- **DC [TR]** - double crochet [treble]
- **TR [DTR]** - treble [double treble]

Start with your main colour

Chain 4. Join with a sl st to form a loop.

Round 1: Chain 3. This counts as 1st DC [TR] here and throughout! 11 DC [TR] in loop. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. (Stitch count: 12 DC [TR] in loop.)

Round 2: Chain 3, 1 DC [TR] in same st. 2 DC [TR] in each st in the round. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. Ch 1, yank tight, cut yarn and weave in end. (Stitch count: 24 DC [TR]).

Change colour - colour 1

Round 3: 1 ch, 1 DC [TR] in same stitch, *2 DC [TR] in next stitch, 1 DC [TR] in next stitch. Repeat from * around, ending with 2 DC [TR]. Join with slip stitch.

Change colour - colour 2

Round 4: 1 ch, 1 DC [TR] in same stitch and 1 DC [TR] in next stitch, *2 DC [TR] in next stitch, 1 DC [TR] in next *two* stitches. Repeat from * around, ending with 2 DC [TR]. Join with slip stitch.
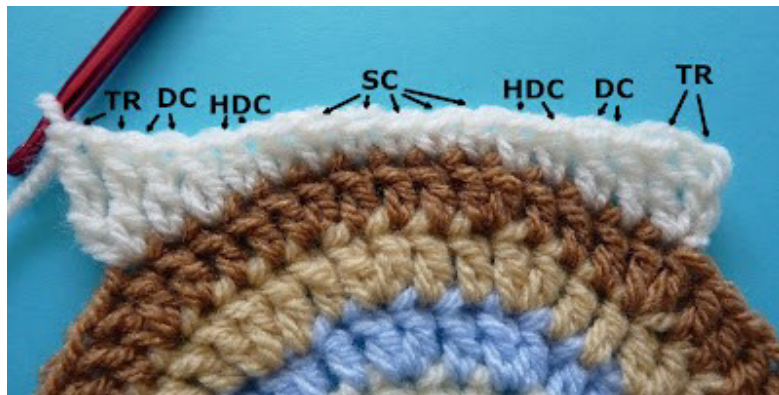
Change colour - colour 3
Round 5: 1 ch, 1 DC [TR] in same stitch and 1 DC [TR] in next two stitches, *2 DC [TR] in next stitch, **1** DC [TR] in next *three* stitches. Repeat from * around, ending with 2 DC [TR]. Join with slip stitch.
You should now have 60 DC [TR] around your circle.

Change colour back to your main colour
Round 6: 1 ch, *2 TR [DTR] in same stitch. 1 DC [TR] in the next two stitches, 1 HDC [HTR] in the next two stitches, 1 SC [DC] in the next five stitches, 1 HDC [HTR] in the next two stitches, 1 DC [TR] in the next two stitches, 2 TR [DTR] in same stitch, 2 chain **.

Repeat from * to ** three more times. Join with slip stitch to the top of the first TR [DTR].

Round 7: 1 ch, 1 DC [TR] in same stitch and *1 DC [TR] in each of the next stitches. In the corner space, crochet 2 DC [TR] + chain 2 + 2 DC [TR]**. Repeat from * to ** (i.e. crochet one DC [TR] in each stitch, and 2 DC [TR] + chain 2 + 2 DC [TR] in each corner.)

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