

Hosanna

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I asked my husband to name this square, and he chose the name Hosanna. He said it was particularly significant given the current crisis we face with COVID-19. The word Hosanna as most Christians would know is a shout of praise. The word, however, originates from the Old Testament and was actually a cry for help and over time this changed to Praise God. I think it's a beautiful name and very apt. Interestingly he didn't see the square when he chose the name and the creation of a cross was not intentional, in fact I only really noticed it when the square was done in a single colour.

Materials:



Any DK yarn of your choice in as many or as few colours as you wish. I've used 2 colours and have written the pattern accordingly. Colour A is lilac, and Colour B is cream. It looks great in a single colour too.
4mm crochet hook or hook size dependant on your yarn requirements.
Sewing needle for working in the ends

Notes:

- This Square was meant to be a revision of the Anja square created for the Anja Blokkies Trooskombers group, so you will see some similarities, however, it took a life of its own and hence has a completely different name.



- Your completed square should measure 20cm. If you find that your square is too small or too large, you can adjust your hook size to achieve the desired size. The last two rounds are also optional to help to make your square bigger or keep it smaller.
- If you are wondering what a hidden stitch is – Dedri Uys has an awesome tutorial that explains it, you will find it here: <http://www.lookatwhatimade.net/crafts/yarn/crochet/crochet-tutorials/crochet-corners-elusive-hidden-stitch/>
- At the end of each round/row, I say “sl st into the beg...”, if you are familiar with an invisible join, this is a much neater way of ending your round/row and you don’t have work away all the ends in later. Haven’t heard of the invisible join? Read more here: <http://www.lookatwhatimade.net/crafts/yarn/crochet/crochet-tutorials/crochet-invisible-join-vs-slip-stitch-join/>

List of stitches used in this design & Abbreviations

Note this pattern uses **US terminology**

beg	Beginning	
bpdc	back post double crochet	Yo, insert your hook from back to front around the post of the stitch from the previous round and work a dc
bphdc	back post half double crochet	Yo, insert your hook from back to front around the post of the stitch from the previous round and work a hdc
bpsc	back post single crochet	Yo, insert your hook from back to front around the post of the stitch from the previous round and work a sc
ch	Chain	
dc	double crochet	Yo, insert the hook into the indicated st/sp and pull up a loop – 3 loops on hook, (yo pull through 2 loop) twice
hdc	Half double crochet	This is essentially half of a dc. Yo, insert the hook into the indicated st/sp and pull up a loop – 3 loops on hook, yo and pull through all loops
fpdc	front post double crochet	Yo once, insert your hook from front to back around the post of the stitch from the previous round and work a double crochet
fphdc	front post half double crochet	Yo once, insert your hook from front to back around the post of the stitch from the previous round and work a hdc
sc	Single crochet	Insert the hook into the indicated st/sp and pull up a loop – 2 loops on hook, yo and pull through the 2 loops
sl st	slip stitch	A slip stitch is used to join stitches that are worked in rounds. Insert hook into the indicated st and draw yarn through the st and the loop on your hook in one motion
sp	Space	
sk st	skip	Skip or miss the next stitch
st/sts	stitch/stitches	
st dc	standing double crochet	I start with a standing stitch with a slip knot on my hook, yo the hook, insert into the indicated st/sp and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through 2 loops – as you would work a dc – keep the tail taut whilst doing this st
st hdc	standing half double crochet	I start with a standing stitch with a slip knot on my hook, yo the hook, insert into the indicated st/sp and pull up a loop, yo and pull through all loops on the hook – as you would work a hdc – keep the tail taut whilst doing this st
yo	yarn over	

To get started

Make 4ch using Colour A and sl st into the 1st ch to form a ring. Alternatively you can start with a magic ring or a double magic ring. If using the magic ring method, I always prefer a double magic ring, as I feel that this is much stronger. Please remember to work away the initial tail very securely. You do not want your work to unravel.

Round 1: Colour A

Ch2 (this counts as the 1st hdc), 11hdc into the ring. Sl st into the beg ch2. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

12 hdc

Round 2: Colour A

Ch8 (this counts as the beg hdc and ch6),
[sk 2sts, (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) in the next st, ch6] 3times, sk 2sts, 1hdc in the next st, ch1, sl st in the 2nd ch from the beg ch8. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 4 ch-6 spaces

Per corner: 1hdc, ch1, 1hdc



Round 3: Colour B

Join in any ch-1 corner sp, ch2 (to count as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp,

[Now working behind the ch6, (ch1, dc3tog) in each of the next 2 sts, ch1, (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) in the ch-1 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) and work 1hdc, 1sc in the beg ch2 or st-hdc. DO NOT FASTEN OFF. Working the 1sc into the ch2 or st-hdc allows you to begin the next round from the same corner.

Per side: 2 dc3tog, 3ch-1 spaces

Per corner: 1hdc, ch1, 1hdc



Round 4: Colour B

Ch2 (to count as the 1st st),

[(1hdc in the ch-1 sp, fpdc around the dc3tog) twice, 1hdc in the ch-1 sp), (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) in the ch-1 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) and work 1hdc, ch1, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 2 fp hdc, 3 hdc

Per corner: 1hdc, ch1, 1hdc



Round 5: Colour A

Join in any ch-1 corner sp, ch2 to count as the 1st st OR st-hdc in this st, [do not sk the 1st hidden st, 1hdc in each of the next 3 sts, working over the ch-6 loop, 1hdc in the next st, i.e. you are securing the ch-6 loop in this st, 1hdc in each of the next 3 sts, (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) in the ch-1 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (1hdc, ch1, 1hdc) and work 1hdc, 1sc in the beg ch2 or st-hdc. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

Per side: 7hdc

Per corner: 1hdc, ch1, 1hdc



Round 6: Colour A

Ch2 (this counts as the 1st st), 1hdc in the same sp, [Sk the 1st hidden st, 1hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sk st, 1hdc Vst in the next st (this is the centre st from the previous round and the same st that you worked over the ch-6 loop), sk st, 1hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sk st, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-1 corner sp] 4 times, On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

You may find this starting to curl slightly, but you can gently ease into shape. This is deliberate to ensure that the edges don't become too wavy.

Per side: 4hdc, 1hdc V stitch

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc

Round 7: Colour B

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 to count as the 1st st OR st-hdc in this st, 1hdc in the same sp, {fptr around the corner hdc from Round 4 (see pic), sk the 1st hidden st and the next st, 1hdc in the next st, sk st, , 7hdc in the hdc V st, sk st, 1hdc in the next st, fptr around the corner hdc from Round 4, sk 2 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 2 fptr, 9 hdc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc



Round 8: Colour A

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (to count as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [fpdc around each of the next 2 sts, fpdc around the fptr from the previous round, 1hdc in the next st, bphdc around each of the next 3 sts, bpsc around the next st, bphdc around each of the next 3 sts, 1hdc in the next st, fpdc around the fptr from the previous round, fpdc around each of the next 2 corner sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 6 fpdc, 2 hdc, 6bphdc, 1 bpsc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc

Round 9: Colour B

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (this counts as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [fpdc around each of the next 5 sts, 1hdc in each of the next 3 sts, 1sc in each of the next 3 sts, 1hdc in each of the next 3 sts, fpdc around each of the next 5 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 10 fpdc, 6 hdc, 3sc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc

Round 10: Colour A

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (this counts as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [fpdc around each of the next 7 sts ch1, sk 2sts (1hdc, ch1, sk st) twice, 1hdc, ch1, sk 2 sts, fpdc around each of the next 7 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 14 fpdc, 3hdc, 4 ch-1 spaces

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc

Round 11: Colour B

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (this counts as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [fpdc around each of the next 9 sts, now working in front of the ch-1 sp (not over) – 3hdc in each of the next 4 sk sts from the previous round (*note this st is actually on Round 10 – you will also have 2 sk sts at the beg and end, choose the st closest to the hdc*), fpdc around each of the next 9 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 18 fpdc, 12hdc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc



Round 12: Colour A

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (this counts as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [sk the 1st hidden st, 1hdc in each of the next 10 sts, (bpdc in the centre hdc from the group of 3hdc, 1dc in the ch-1 sp from Round 11 – *note the ch-1 sp is behind the group of hdc*) 4 times, sk st, 1hdc in each of the next 10 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, ch2, sl st in the beg ch2. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Per side: 20 hdc, 4dc, 4 bpdc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc





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Round 13: Colour B – optional round

Join in any ch-2 corner sp, ch2 (this counts as the 1st st) OR st-hdc in this sp, 1hdc in the same sp, [sk the 1st hidden st, 1hdc in each of the next 31 sts, (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the (2hdc, ch2, 2hdc) and work 2hdc, 1hdc in the beg ch2. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

Per side: 31 hdc

Per corner: 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc

Round 14: Colour B – optional round

Ch1 (this does not count as a st), 3sc in the ch-2 sp

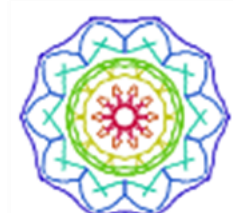
[1sc in each of the next 35 sts, (3sc) in the ch-2 corner sp] 4 times. On the last repeat omit the 3sc, and sl st in the 1st sc. Fasten off and weave in your end.

Per side: 35 sc

Per corner: 3sc

I hope you have had as much fun making this square, as I have had creating it...

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