

# Bláithin Blanket CAL - Square 4 (US terms)

## Hydrangea



### Special Stitches

- **Beg Popcorn (beg PC):** Ch 3, work 4 dc sts in space indicated in pattern, remove hook from the last loop and insert into the top of the beg ch3. Now insert hook back into the last loop and pull this loop through. Pull tight.
- **Popcorn (PC):** Work 5 dc sts in space indicated in pattern, remove hook from the last loop and insert into the top of the first st. Now insert hook back into the last loop and pull this loop through. Pull tight.
- **Double crochet 2 together (dc2tog) cluster:** In indicated space or st, work (yo, insert hook in space/st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook) twice, yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook.
- **Treble crochet 2 together (tr2tog) cluster:** In indicated space or st, work (yo hook twice, insert hook into space/st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through 2 loops) twice, yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook.
- **Long single crochet (long sc) sometimes called a spike stitch** - Insert hook in ch-1 sp indicated and in st below from previous row (in PC), pull up long loop on hook, yo, pull through 2 loops on hook.
- **Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc)** Yo, insert hook from back to front around post of stitch indicated, yo and pull up loop (yo and pull through 2 loops) twice. 1 dc made.

## Instructions (US Crochet Terms)

Using first colour, make a magic ring.

**Round 1:** Ch4 (counts as 1dc, ch1), [1dc, ch1] 11 times more into ring, join with a sl st to 3rd ch of beginning ch3. Fasten off yarn. *12dc, 12 ch-1*

**Round 2:** Join next colour in any ch-1 space, make a **beg PC** (see *special stitches*), ch2, \*PC in next ch-1 space, ch2; repeat from \* 10 more times. Join with a sl st to 1<sup>st</sup> ch-2 sp. Fasten off yarn - *12 PC, 12 ch-2*



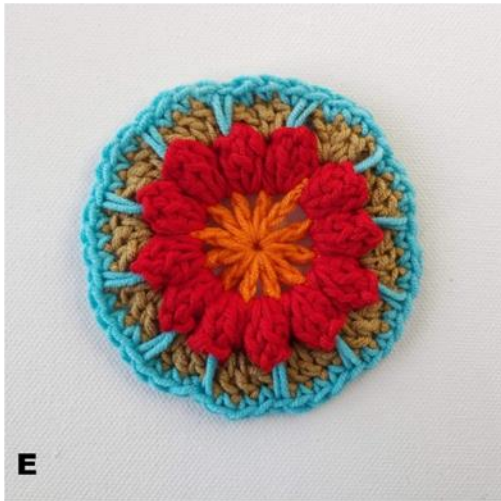
**Round 3:** Join in any ch-2 sp, ch3 (counts as 1dc), 2dc in same sp, ch1, \*3dc, ch1 in next ch-2 sp; repeat from \* 10 more times. Join with a sl st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beg ch3. Fasten off yarn – *36dc, 12 ch-1*

**Round 4:** Join in any dc before ch-1 sp, ch1, 1sc in same st, \* 1 **long sc** (see *special stitches*) in next ch-1 sp, inserting hook into PC from previous row, 1sc in next 3 sts; rep from \* around, ending with 1sc in last 2 sts. Join with a sl st to beg sc. Fasten off yarn – *36sc, 12 long sc*

*Tip – insert your long sc into the back of the PC*



**Round 5:** Join in any sc before long sc, ch1, 1sc in same st, \* **FPdc** (see special stitches) around next long sc, 1sc in next 3 sts; rep from \* around, ending with 1sc in last 2 sts. Join with a sl st to beg sc. Fasten off yarn – 36sc, 12 FPdc



**Round 6:** Join in top of any FPdc, ch1, 1sc, ch3, \* [dc2tog, ch2, tr2tog, ch2, dc2tog] in next FPdc, ch3, 1sc in next FPdc, ch4, \*\* 1sc in next FPdc, ch3; rep from \* 2 more times, and from \* to \*\* once more. Join with a sl st to beg sc. Fasten off yarn.

**Round 7:** Join in any sc before a corner, ch3 (counts as 1dc), \* 3dc in next ch-3 sp, 1dc in next dc2tog, 2dc in next ch-2 sp, [1dc, ch2, 1dc] in next tr2tog, 2dc in next ch-2 sp, 1 dc in next dc2tog, 3dc in next ch-3 sp, 1dc in next sc, 4dc in next ch-4 sp, 1dc in next sc; rep from \* around, leaving out last dc in repeat. Join with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beg ch3. Fasten off yarn – 20dc in each side

**Round 8:** With grey, join in any ch-2 sp. Ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc, ch2, 2dc (corner made), 1dc in each st around, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in corner ch-2 sp. Join with a sl st to beg ch3. Fasten off yarn - 24 dc in each side

