

Week 7: Joining Motifs and Border part 1



"Ubuntu: I am because we are."

The belief that we are defined by our compassion and kindness towards others.





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If you need help with any of the stitches or techniques, you can find photo tutorials here: http://www.lookatwhati-made.net/crafts/yarn/crochet/ubuntu/ubuntu-cal-2018-information/



Esther from It's all in a Nutshell has created video tutorials for the Ubuntu CAL. You can find the videos on her Youtube channel:

Right-handed video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFKgwtfHUKc Left-handed video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sc-RS_3IIQ

Pattern

When joining, use Hook B and MC yarn. Using a slightly bigger hook when joining allows for more elasticity in the joins. You will be working through both layers throughout.

Joining First 3 Diamonds to Each Other Place Diamond 6 on top of Diamond 1 with RS facing each other.

With MC and Hook B, make a standing dc in the **non-pointy ch-1 corner sp**. Ch 1 and dc in the next st, making sure that you are identifying your loops correctly (*here and throughout*). **(**Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. **Ch 3**.

Open your work so that the RS is facing you. Place Diamond 5 on top of Diamond 1, with RS facing each other.



Dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next st. (Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the non-pointy ch-1 corner sp. Fasten off and put to one side.

Joining Last 3 Diamonds to Each Other

Place Diamond 2 on top of Diamond 3 with RS facing each other.

With MC and Hook B, make a standing dc in the **non-pointy ch-1 corner sp**. Ch 1 and dc in the next st. **(**Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st**)** until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 3.

Open your work so that the RS is facing you. Place Diamond 4 on top of Diamond 3, with RS facing each other.

Dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next st. (Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the non-pointy ch-1 corner sp. Fasten off.

Attaching the Two Halves to Each Other

Place the two halves on top of each other with RS facing each other and the flat edge at the top.

With MC and Hook B, and working into the flat edge, make a standing dc in the **non-pointy ch-1 corner sp.** Ch 1 and dc in the next st. **(**Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st**)** until you have worked into each st to pointy ch-1 corner sp.

Ch 1 and dc in the ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next ch-3 sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next ch-1 corner sp.



Ch 1 and dc in the next st. (Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the next ch-1 corner sp. Fasten off and work away ends.

Joining Half-diamonds

The first and last st of each half-diamond will count as a pointy ch-1 sp when it comes to joining.

With RS facing each other, place a half-diamond on top of the diamond farthest away from you, lining it up with the left side of the diamond (*right, if you are left-handed*).

With MC and Hook B, Place a sl knot on your hook.

*Dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next st. (Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the non-pointy ch-1 corner sp.

Flip the half-diamond onto the next diamond, lining it up with the right side of the diamond (*left, if you are left-handed*).



Ch 1 and dc in the non-pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1 and dc in the next st. **(**Ch 1, skip the next st, dc in the next st) until you have worked into each st across. Ch 1 and dc in the pointy ch-1 corner sp. Ch 1. Mark this ch-1 sp with a **SM**. *It will count as your ch-1 corner sp in the next Round*. Place the next half-diamond on top of the diamond as before.*

Repeat from * to * until you have joined all 6 half-diamonds to the central star. Join to the first dc with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Border

Change back to Hook A for the remainder of the pattern!

Border Round 1 (MC)

With MC yarn and Hook A, join your yarn by making a standing dtr in any marked ch-1 corner sp. (2 dtr, ch 2, 3 dtr) in the same ch-1 sp. *This is your first corner made*.

(Make 3 tr in the next ch-sp) 17 times. There should now be one ch-sp left before the central ring from the half-diamond. (Make 4 tr in the next ch-sp) twice. (Make 3 tr in the next ch-sp) 17 times. (3 dtr, ch 2, 3 dtr) in the next ch-1 corner sp.

Repeat from * to * 5 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the first dtr with a sl st.



Stitch Count Per Side: 116 sts – 6 dtr and 110 tr (not including ch-2 corner sps)

Border Round 2 (MC)

Sl st in the next 2 sts and in the ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as htr + ch-1 sp), htr in the same sp.

BPtr in each of the 116 sts across. (Htr, ch 1, htr) in the next ch-1 corner sp.



Repeat from * to * 5 more times, omitting the last corner on the last repeat. Join to the second ch of the beg ch-3 with a sl st.
Stitch Count Per Side: 118 sts – 2 htr and 116 BPtr (not including ch-1 corner sps)