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Special Stitches and Techniques

Introduction video

https://youtu.be/dZ896Sc97UE

Abbreviations

US Terminology

- **Beg** – Beginning
- **BLO** – Back loop only
- **BP** – Back post (see Special Stitches)
- **Ch** – Chain
- **Dc** – Double crochet
- **Dtr** – Double treble crochet
- **Edc** – Extended double crochet (see Special Stitches)
- **FLO** – Front loop only
- **FP** – Front post (see Special Stitches)
- **Hdc** – Half-double crochet
- **Rem** – Remaining/remains
- **Rep** – Repeat
- **RS** – Right side
- **Sc** – Single crochet
- **Sl st** – Slip stitch
- **SM** – Stitch marker
- **Sp/sps** – Space/spaces
- **St/sts** – Stitch/stitches
- **Tr** – Treble crochet
- **WS** – Wrong side
- **[]** – Stitches to be worked into the same st/sp
- **()** – Repeat instructions between parentheses the number of times specified
- ***** - Repeat instructions between asterisks the number of times specified
- ***(blue)** - Used to indicate a footnote (rare)

Chart Legend

Charts by Masako Kawahara

◎	Magic Ring	⋏	Sc2tog	⫰	Puff Stitch

Symbol	Stitch	Symbol	Stitch	Symbol	Stitch
•	Slip stitch	⋏	Hdc2tog	⑧	Beginning 2-dc Bobble
⌒	Chain	⋏	Dc2tog	⟨⟩	2-dc Bobble
+	Single crochet	⋔	Dc4tog	⑧	Beginning 3-dc Bobble
⊤	Half-double crochet	⋔	Tr3tog	⊕	3-dc Bobble
⊤	Double crochet		FPdc4tog	⊕	3-tr Bobble (in space)
⊤	Extended double crochet		FPtr3tog	⊕	3-tr Bobble (in stitch)
⊤	Treble crochet		Picot	⊕	Popcorn Stitch (in space)
⊤	Double treble crochet		Picot Dc	⊕	Popcorn Stitch (in stitch)
↺	Front post (**RS facing**) Back post (**WS facing**)*	⌢	Back loop only	◁	Start
↻	Back post (**RS facing**) Front post (**WS facing**)*	⌣	Front loop only	◀	End

*Please note that the BP/FP **WS facing symbols** only apply to charts in Parts 2 – 4 that contain multiple back and forth rows, where some of them will have their WS facing you on the chart.

Special Stitches

2-dc Bobble
Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

2-tr Bobble

Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. **(**Yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) twice**. Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. **(**Yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) twice**. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

3-dc Bobble

Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. **(**Yarn over and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) twice**. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on your hook.

3-tr Bobble

Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. **(**Yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) twice**.

*Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. **(**Yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) twice**.* Rep from * to * once. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on your hook.

5-dc Bobble

Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. **(**Yarn over and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops**) 4** times. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on your hook.

Dc2tog

Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

Extended Double Crochet (Edc)

Yarn over, insert your hook into the indicated st, yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through **ONE** loop. (Yarn over and pull through two loops) **twice**.

FPdc2tog

Yarn over and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the **next** st. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

FPdc4tog

Yarn over and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops. (Yarn over and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the **next** st. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **3** times. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops on your hook.

FPtr3tog

Yarn over twice and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.

*Yarn over twice and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the **next** st. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.* Rep from * to * once. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on your hook.

FPtr4tog

Yarn over twice and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.

*Yarn over twice and insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the **next** st. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.* Rep from * to * twice. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops on your hook.
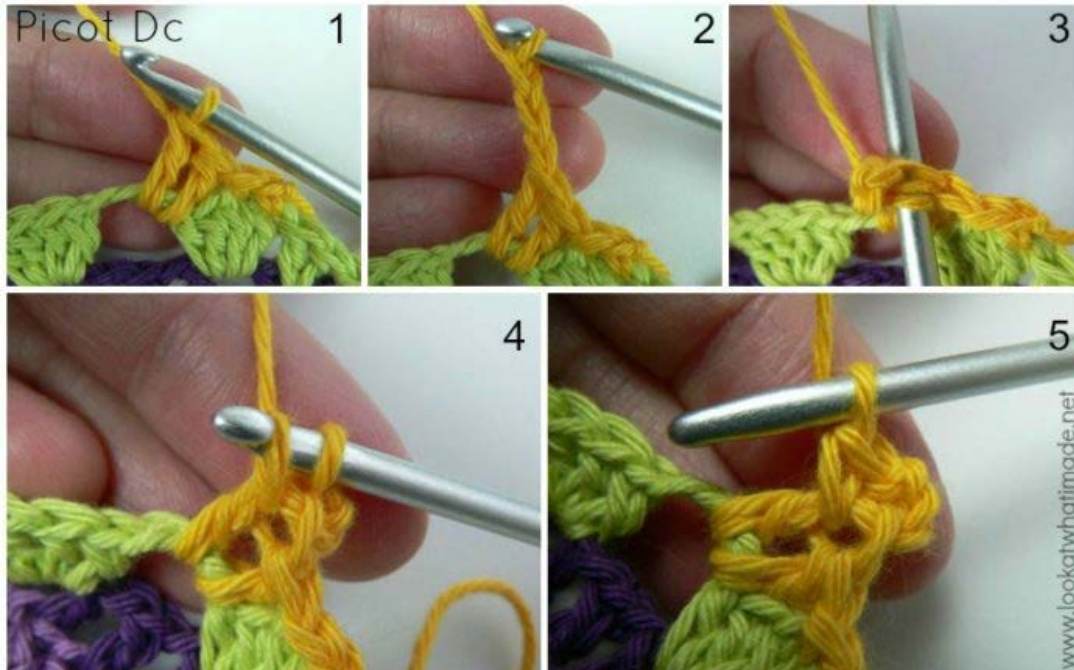
Hdc2tog

Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and insert your hook into the next indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Picot

Ch 3, sc in the third ch from the hook.

Picot Dc

Make a dc. Ch 3, complete the Picot by making a sc in the top of the dc just made. To do this, insert your hook into both loops of the dc **from the side** and complete a sc.

Popcorn Stitch

Make 5 dc in the indicated st/sp. Remove your hook from the last dc and insert it into the first dc of the 5-dc group. Grab the last st with your hook and pull it through the first st to complete the Popcorn.

Puff Stitch

Yarn over and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a long loop. (Yarn over and insert your hook into the same st/sp, yarn over and pull up a long loop) **3** times. Yarn over and pull through all 9 loops on your hook. **Ch 1** to close the Puff Stitch.

Sc2tog

Insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Insert your hook into the **next** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Tr2tog

Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**. Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the **next** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.

Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

Tr3tog

Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.

*Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the **next** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.*

Rep from * to * once. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on your hook.

V-st

[Dc, ch 1, dc] in the indicated st/sp.

Techniques

Gauge

Please see 'Heart House' pattern/gauge motif.

Magic Ring

Magic rings are great because they do not leave a hole in the middle of your project. When using this method it is extremely important that you work your initial yarn end away very well. If it comes undone your whole project might unravel (**see Working Away Yarn Ends below**).

Place the end of the yarn in your left palm (**right if you are left-handed**) and hold it in place with your pinkie and ring finger. Wrap the yarn clockwise around your forefinger so that the working yarn crosses over the yarn end and forms a loop. Remove the loop from your finger and hold it by pinching the point where the two strands of yarn overlap.

Insert your hook into the loop, catch the working yarn with your hook and pull it through the loop. Yarn over and make a chain stitch. This chain secures your working yarn. Following the pattern, work the remainder of the round into the magic ring, remembering to work over the initial yarn end as well. When the round is complete, close the hole by pulling on the initial yarn end!

Stitch Anatomy

Stitches consist of posts (**the bits that go into the stitches of the previous round**) and loops (**the horizontal 'V's formed by the tops of the stitches**). Before you start with this pattern, it is vitally important that you know which 'loops' belong to which stitch or 'post', and vice versa.

When working with the right side (RS) of the last round facing you, the loops for each stitch can be found to the **right** of the post for that stitch (**left** if you are left-handed).

When working with the wrong side (WS) of the last round facing you, the loops for each stitch can be found to the **left** of the post for that stitch (**right** if you are left-handed

Corners and the Elusive Hidden Stitch

When working in the round, your corners will be formed by working a number of stitches into the corner st/sp of the previous round. When you've made more than one stitch into that corner sp (or any other chain sp), the loops for the first stitch after the corner (or chain sp) can sometimes be hidden.

If you miss this first stitch, your stitch count will be out every single time, no matter how many times you frog and re-do. Sometimes the first stitch after a chain space is NOT hidden, but clearly visible. Even so, I will refer to it as a '**hidden** stitch', just to remind you to pause and check that you are not accidentally skipping it.

Sometimes you will need to push the stitches out of the way to get into that first stitch. **It is worth noting that an hdc directly after any chain sp is the most tricky stitch to get into. It is ALSO worth noting that the hidden stitch won't be nearly as hidden if the WS is facing you.**

Using Stitch Markers

Occasionally, I will tell you to mark specific stitches with a SM. This will either be to help you count (**in which case you can remove the marker after you have counted your stitches**), or to help you identify a stitch in later rounds (**in which case you should leave the SM until it has served its purpose**). To mark a stitch, insert your SM through both loops of the indicated stitch (or into the indicated space). If you need help identifying which loops belong to which stitch, see **Stitch Anatomy** above.

If you do not have stitch markers (or you don't have enough), you can use a piece of scrap yarn to mark your work. I often do!

Standing Stitches

Standing stitches are used to start the round when using a new colour (or starting in a different place from where you finished the previous round). They are exactly the same as regular stitches, except that they are made 'in air', without being attached to a previous stitch. With a sl knot already on your hook, and holding the knot in place with your index finger, make your stitch as normal.

Post Stitches

Front Post Stitches

Identify the post of the stitch you want to work around. Insert your hook from the front to the back and then from the back to the front around the post of the stitch so that the post lies on top of your hook. Complete your stitch as normal.

Back Post Stitches

Back post stitches are a bit trickier than front post stitches, but once you get the hang of them you will love them!

Identify the post of the stitch you want to work around. Insert your hook from the back to the front and then from the front to the back around the post of the stitch so that the post lies behind your hook. Complete your stitch as normal. **You might find it easier to twist your work forward so that you can see what you are doing**.

Omitting

At the end of most rounds, you will see an instruction telling you to omit the last corner/stitch(es) of the last repeat. This means that your last repeat should stop before the indicated corner/stitch(es), because you will already have made that corner/stitch(es) before the repeat started.

Changing Colours

You can use this method to join a new colour, or a new ball of yarn, in the middle of a round. If you want to make certain elements of the pattern in a different colour, for example, this is how you would switch between colours in a round.

You will need to change your colour on the last yarn-over of the last stitch before the colour change. In other words, stop when you have 2 loops left on your hook. Let go of the old colour/yarn and pick up the new colour/yarn. Draw the new colour/yarn through both loops to complete the stitch and continue as normal.

Joining at the End of a Round/Row

To join your round with a sl st, insert your hook into the indicated stitch/space and make a sl st. If you are instructed to join to the top of the beg chain, make sure that you don't accidentally insert your hook into the top of the first stitch after the beg chain.

Making a sl st join like this adds an extra 'loop', so when you count your sts, it will appear as if you have one too many. When making the next round, work into the stitch/chain that contains the sl st (in other words, the first st of the round). Do NOT work into the back end of the sl st join. It does not count as a st.

Alternatively, you can use the [Invisible Join](#). You can ONLY use the invisible join if you are fastening off at the end of a round/swapping colours for the next round.

Fastening Off

If you are using a sl st join, cut your yarn about 10cm/4" away from your work (after completing the sl st) and pull the yarn all the way through the st. Work away your yarn ends (**see Working Away Yarn Ends below**).

Tip: Often, I will make a cheeky ch-1 before fastening off, pulling this ch-1 tight to form a little knot.

Working Away Yarn Ends

Unfortunately, your project is never complete until you have gotten rid of all the "loose ends". A pattern will usually tell you to work away your yarn ends when you are done, but I suggest working your ends away as you go. To do that you will need a blunt tapestry nee-

dle and a pair of scissors.

Thread the tapestry needle with the yarn end. Working on the wrong side of the fabric, thread your needle through at least 2.5cm/1" of stitches. **Please note that the wrong side of your project is not necessarily the wrong side of the last row/round made!**

If you are working away your initial yarn end, thread it through at least half of the stitches made into the magic ring.

Pull the yarn through all the way. Working in the opposite direction and **skipping the first stitch**, insert your needle back into the same stitches again. **Skipping the first stitch is essential because it gives the yarn something to grip on to.** Pull the yarn through again. **You can repeat this one more time if you want to make absolutely sure that your yarn ends won't work themselves loose.**

Cut the yarn close to your work, being careful not to accidentally cut one of your stitches. If you have done this neatly, your tails won't be visible on the front of your work.

Blocking

You don't HAVE to block your motifs and/or blanket if you don't want to, but I always find that a good blocking makes for a great presentation. This pattern contains a mix of solid and lace parts, so blocking it will help those parts 'open up' and Bloom, if you will allow me the pun.

I prefer to block my motifs before joining, so that I can gauge whether or not my join is too tight. This pattern allows for that by suggesting that you use a larger hook for your joining, so if you don't want to block, don't block.

If you ARE going to block, immerse your motifs/blanket in water for a couple of minutes. Gently wring out most of the excess water. Place your work between two large towels and roll up like a big cigar so that the towels absorb more of the water. Unroll again and place your work on your blocking surface. Applying gentle pressure, stretch your work out and use pins to pin it to your blocking surface. Try to avoid creating 'pointy bits' when you pin it down. I use a pin every inch or so.

Alternatively, you can use a steamer and gently stretch the blanket into shape as you go.

Universe in Bloom – Heart House (Cabin in the Woods)

These Heart Houses will form the corners of your blanket, and because I find them super cute, I decided to use them as the gauge motif. Not only are they an accurate predictor of gauge, they also offer an opportunity to see how your colours play together. I think this will be very helpful for those of you who are still deciding on which colours to use.

Because we will be using them when we create the corners in Part 11, you **will need to make four of these motifs**, but you don't have to do that right now – unless you want to!

Let the fun begin!!!

Video Tutorial

Right handed
https://youtu.be/AUW7IVDy5og

Left handed
https://youtu.be/D_MJ_vlpL3Y

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- [] – Stitches to be worked into the same st/sp
- () – Repeat instructions between parentheses the number of times specified
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Special Stitches

Back Post Stitches - Insert your hook from back to front to back around the post of the indicated st and complete your st as normal.

Front Post Stitches - Insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st and complete your st as normal.

3-tr Bobble - Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the indicated st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**. *Yarn over twice and insert your hook into the **same** st/sp. Yarn over and pull up a loop. (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops) **twice**.* Repeat from * to * once. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on your hook.

Popcorn Stitch - Make 5 dc in the indicated st/sp. Remove your hook from the last dc and insert it into the first dc of the 5-dc group. Grab the last st with your hook. Pull the last st through the first st to complete the Popcorn.

Puff Stitch - Yarn over and insert your hook into the specified stitch/space. Yarn over again and pull up a long loop. (Yarn over and insert your hook into the same stitch/space.

Yarn over again and pull up a long loop) **3 times,** Yarn over and pull through all 9 loops on your hook. **Ch 1** to close the Puff Stitch.

V-st - [Dc, ch 1, dc] in the indicated st/sp.

Chart Legend

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୦	Magic Ring	⊤	Double crochet	⬓	Puff Stitch
•	Slip stitch	⊤	Treble crochet	⬓	3-tr Bobble
⊖	Chain	ʋ	Front post	⬓	Popcorn Stitch
+	Single crochet	ʋ	Back post	◁	Start
⊤	Half-double crochet	⌢	Back loop only	◀	End

Materials

Colour Crafter

- 3.75mm crochet hook
- Scheepjes Colour Crafter (100% acrylic, 100g/300m/328yds)

Cotton Create

- 3mm crochet hook
- Scheepjes Cotton Create (100% cotton, 50g/170m/186yds)

Gauge

**Blocked,** your heart house should measure:

Colour Crafter

- **Sides 1 and 5:** 17.5cm/6.9"
- **Sides 2 and 4:** 16cm/6.3"
- **Side 3:** 25.5cm/10"
- **Weight:** 34g – 37.5g*

Cotton Create

- **Sides 1 and 5:** 16cm/6.3"
- **Sides 2 and 4:** 14cm/5.5"
- **Side 3:** 23.5cm/9.2"
- **Weight:** 30.5g – 33.5g*

* These weights are only important if you are using the official kits, and there is a little bit of wiggle room.

25.5cm/10"
Colour Crafter Blocked
16cm/6.3"
17.5cm/6.9"

23.5cm/9.2"
Cotton Create Blocked
14cm/5.5"
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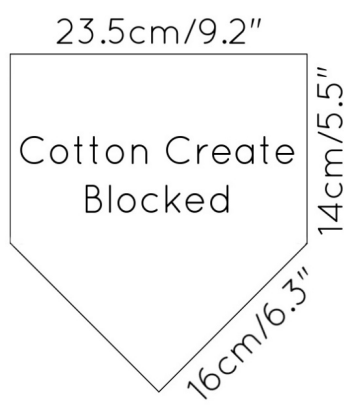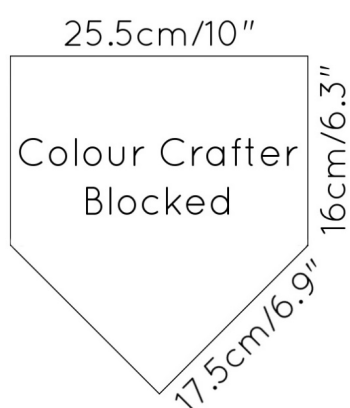
Colours Per Round

	Galaxy	Seaside	Earth	Bouquet	Air/Delft	Rainbow
Rounds 1 - 3	Yarn D	Yarn B	Yarn I	Yarn D	Yarn E	Yarn J
Rounds 4 - 5	Yarn E	Yarn E	Yarn J	Yarn F	Yarn D	Yarn H
Rounds 6 - 7	Yarn G	Yarn D	Yarn G	Yarn A	Yarn C	Yarn I
Round 8	Yarn A	Yarn C	Yarn F	Yarn C	Yarn A	Yarn A
Round 9	Yarn A	Yarn A	Yarn H	Yarn C	Yarn A	Yarn B
Round 10	Yarn A	Yarn A	Yarn D	Yarn C	Yarn A	Yarn C
Round 11	Yarn C	Yarn E	Yarn E	Yarn B	Yarn E	Yarn D
Round 12	Yarn B	Yarn D	Yarn B	Yarn G	Yarn B	Yarn H
Round 13	Yarn E	Yarn B	Yarn C	Yarn E	Yarn E	Yarn F
Rounds 14 - 16	Yarn F	Yarn C	Yarn A	Yarn F	Yarn A	Yarn E

Instructions

You will need to make four of these Heart Houses, one for each corner of the blanket.

Round 1

Working into a Magic Ring: Ch 4 (**counts as dc and ch-1**), (dc, ch 1) **9** times. Join to the third ch of the beg ch-4 with a sl st.

**Stitch Count:** **10** dc and **10** ch-1 sps

Round 2

(Sl st in the next ch-1 sp. Ch 3, make a 3-tr Bobble in the same ch-1 sp, ch 4, sl st in the same ch-1 sp and the next ch-1 sp) **5** times.

Stitch Count: **5** Petals, **each consisting of a 3-tr Bobble, a ch-3 sps, and a ch-4 sp.**

Round 3

(Make 4 sc in the next ch-3 sp, [hdc, dc, ch 2, dc, hdc] in the next 3-tr Bobble. [Hdc, 3 sc] in the next ch-4 sp, sl st in the next ch-1 sp of Round 1, **which already contains a sl st**) **5** times. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count Per Petal: **7** sc, **3** hdc, and **2** dc, **not including ch-2 sps**.
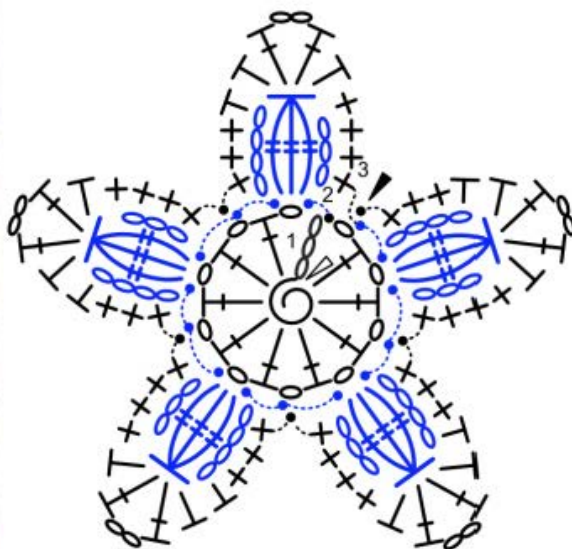
Round 4

Join your yarn by making a standing sc in any ch-2 sp around. Ch 8, sc in the next ch-2 sp. Ch 5, make a dc in the next ch-1 sp of Round 1, **working over the sl sts, here and throughout this round**. Ch 8, make a dc in the same ch-1 sp. (Ch 5, sc in the next ch-2 sp of Round 3, ch 5, dc in the next ch-1 sp of Round 1) **twice**. Ch 8, make a dc in the same ch-1 sp. Ch 5, sc in

the next ch-2 sp of Round 3. Ch 8, join to the first sc with a sl st.

Stitch Count: 5 sc, **5** dc, **6** ch-5 sps, and **4** ch-8 sps
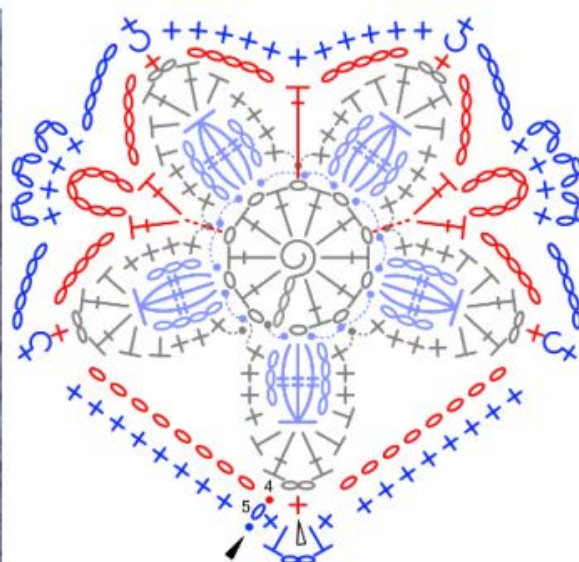
Round 5

[Ch 1, sc, hdc, ch 2, hdc, sc] in the same sc. **Mark the ch-2 sp with a SM.** Make 8 sc in the next ch-8 sp. **FPsc** around the next sc. Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next ch-8 sp. Working into the same ch-8 sp: (ch 3, sc) **3** times. Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, **FPsc** around the next sc.

Make 5 sc in the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next dc, make 5 sc in the next ch-5 sp, **FPsc** around the next sc. Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next ch-8 sp. Working into the same ch-8 sp: (ch 3, sc) **3** times. Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, **FPsc** around the next sc.

Make 8 sc in the next ch-8 sp. Join to the first sc with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: 37 sc, **4** FPsc, **2** hdc, **1** ch-2 sp (**corner**), **6** ch-3 sps, and **4** ch-5 sps

Round 6

The next two rounds are going to look a bit wonky.

Join your yarn by making a standing hdc in the (**marked**) ch-2 corner at the pointy end of the heart. **Remove the SM.** [hdc, dc, ch 2, dc, 2 hdc] in the same ch-2 sp. Skip the first (**hidden**) st. Sc in the next 10 sts, ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp. ([Puff st, ch 1, Puff st, ch 1] in the next ch-3 sp) **twice**. [Puff st, ch 1, Puff st] in the next ch-3 sp.

Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next 6 sts. **FPtr** around the next dc from Round 4. Skip the next 2 sts of Round 5, sc in the next 5 sts.

Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp. ([Puff st, ch 1, Puff st, ch 1] in the next ch-3 sp) **twice**. [Puff st, ch 1, Puff st] in the next ch-3 sp. Ch 5, skip the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next 11 sts. Join to the first hdc with a sl st.

Stitch Count: 32 sc, **4** hdc, **2** dc, **1** FPtr, **12** Puff sts, **10** ch-1 sps, **1** ch-2 sp (**corner**), and **4** ch-5 sps
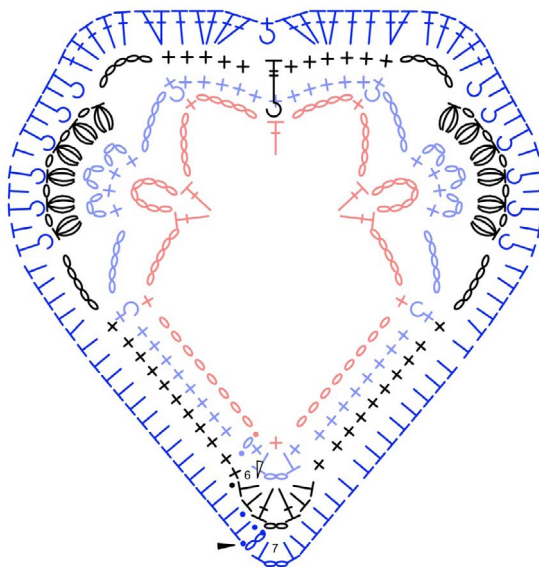

Round 7

Sl st in the next 2 sts and the ch-2 corner sp. Ch 2, [hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc] in the same ch-2 sp. Hdc in the next 13 sts, make 5 hdc in the next ch-5 sp.

(**FPhdc** around the next Puff st, hdc in the next ch-1 sp) **5** times. **FPhdc** around the last Puff st, make **5 dc** in the next ch-5 sp.

Make 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 2 sts. Make 4 dc in the next st. Skip the next 2 sts, make a **FPsc** around the next st, **which should be the FPtr**. Skip the next 2 sts, make 4 dc in the next st. **Dc in the next st**, make 2 dc in the next st, make **5 dc** in the next ch-5 sp.

(**FPhdc** around the next Puff st, hdc in the next ch-1 sp) **5** times. **FPhdc** around the last Puff st. Make 5 hdc in the next ch-5 sp, hdc in the last 14 sts. Join to the top of the beg ch-2 with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: 1 FPsc, 51 hdc, 12 FPhdc, 25 dc, and 1 ch-2 corner sp

Round 8

Join your yarn by making a standing sc in the ch-2 corner at the pointy end of the heart. [Ch 2, sc] in the same ch-2 sp. Skip the first (**hidden**) st. Sc in the next 5 sts, hdc in the next 5 sts, dc in the next 10 sts. **The last st should fall in the first FPhdc from the previous round.**

(Make 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 4 sts) **4** times. Make 3 hdc in the next st. Skip the next st, sc in the next st. Sl st in the next 2 sts, **the first of which will be the FPsc.** Sc in the next st, skip the next st, make 3 hdc in the next st. (Dc in the next 4 sts, make 2 dc in the next st) **4** times.

Dc in the next 10 sts, hdc in the next 5 sts, sc in the last 5 sts. Join to the first sc with a sl st.

Fasten off and work away your ends if you are going to change colours for the next round, otherwise sl st into the next ch-2 corner sp.

Stitch Count: 12 sc, **16** hdc, **68** dc, and **1** ch-2 corner sp

Round 9

- **If you are using the same colour:** [Ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc] in the ch-2 corner sp.
- **If you are using a new colour:** Join your yarn by making a standing sc in the ch-2 corner at the pointy end of the heart. [Ch 2, sc] in the same ch-2 sp.

Sc in the first 5 sts, hdc in the next 5 sts, dc in the next 15 sts. (Make 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 5 sts) **twice.** Make 2 hdc in the next st, hdc in the next 5 sts, make 2 hdc in the next st. Sc in the next 5 sts, make a **FPhdc** around the FPsc from Round 7.

Skip the next 2 sl sts of Round 8 and sc in the next 5 sts, **the first of which should be the sc after the sl sts.** Make 2 hdc in the next st, hdc in the next 5 sts, make 2 hdc in the next st. (Dc in the next 5 sts, make 2 dc in the next st) **twice.** Dc in the next 15 sts, hdc in the next 5 sts, sc in the next 5 sts. Join to the first sc with a sl st.

Fasten off and work away your ends if you are going to change colours for the next round, otherwise sl st into the next ch-2 corner sp.

Stitch Count: 22 sc, **28** hdc, **1** FPhdc, **58** dc, and **1** ch-2 corner sp

Round 10

- **If you are using the same colour:** [Ch 4, hdc] in the ch-2 corner sp.
- **If you are using a new colour:** Join your yarn by making a standing hdc in the ch-2 sp at the pointy end of the heart. Ch 2, hdc in the same ch-2 sp.

Hdc in the next 8 sts, dc in the next 15 sts. (Make 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 4 sts) **3** times. Make 2 dc in the next st. (Hdc in the next 4 sts, make 2 hdc in the next st) **twice.**

Sc in the next 4 sts. Skip the next st, **FPhdc** around the next FPhdc. Skip the next st, sc in the next 4 sts. **The last sc should fall in the sc before the hdc increase.**

(Make 2 hdc in the next st, hdc in the next 4 sts) **twice.** (Make 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 4 sts) **3** times. Make 2 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 15 sts, hdc in the last 8 sts. Join to the first hdc (**or the second ch of the beg ch-4**) with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: 8 sc, **42** hdc, **1** FPhdc, **70** dc, and **1** ch-2 corner sp
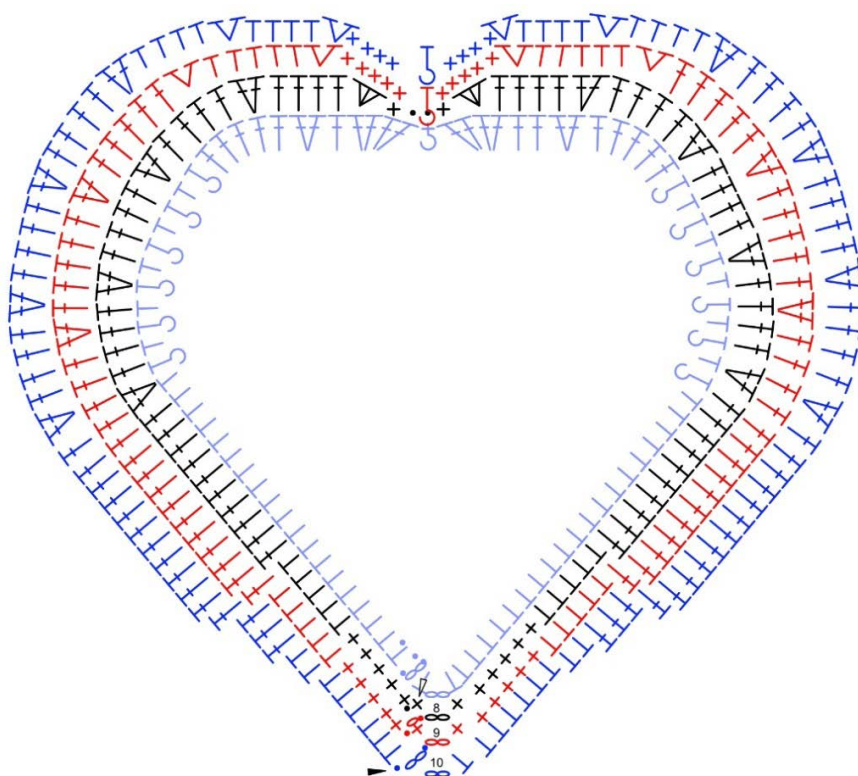
Round 11

Join your yarn by making a standing dc in the ch-2 corner sp at the pointy end of the heart. [Dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the same ch-2 sp. **This is your corner made**.

BPdc around the next 45 sts, **BPhdc** around the next 15 sts. **FPhdc** around the next st, **which should be the FPhdc**. **BPhdc** around the next 15 sts, marking the fourth BPhdc with a SM.

BPdc around the next 45 sts. Join to the first dc with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: **30** BPhdc, **1** FPhdc, **4** dc, **90** BPdc, and **1** ch-2 corner sp

Round 12

Join your yarn by making a standing tr in the ch-2 corner sp at the pointy end of the heart. [Ch 1, tr, ch 2, tr, ch 1, tr] in the same ch-2 sp, **marking the first ch-1 sp with a SM**. **This is your corner made**.

Skip the first (**hidden**) st, make a V-st in the next st. (Skip the next 2 sts, make a V-st in the next st) **10** times. (Skip the next st, make a V-st in the next st) **14** times. Skip the next 2 sts, make a **FPtr** around the next FPhdc.

Skip the next 3 sts and make a V-st in the next (**marked**) st. **Remove the SM**. (Skip the next st, make a V-st in the next st) **14** times. (Skip the next 2 sts, make a V-st in the next st) **10** times. **The last V-st should fall in the last st**. Join to the first tr with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: **4** tr, **1** FPtr, **50** V-sts, **2** ch-1 corner sps, and **1** ch-2 corner sp

Round 13

From this point on, I have broken the instructions up so that it is easier to count stitches and keep track of where you are. This round will have a fair few landmarks, but it is much easier to stop and check than to frog this round!!! In fact, my original note (to myself) said: "This is tedious counting! Put in landmarks".

First Corner: Join your yarn by making a standing Popcorn in the marked ch-1 sp from the previous round. Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next ch-2 sp. **Go ahead and mark the ch-3 sp with an SM before you continue**. Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next ch-1 sp.

First Side: (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st) **9** times. **Before you continue, go ahead and count your Popcorns. There should be 11 Popcorns after the SM, including 2 of the corner Popcorns.**

Second Corner: [Ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1] between the last dc of the same V-st and the first dc of the next V-st.

Second Side: Make a Popcorn in the next V-st. (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st) **7** times. **Check that you have 8 Popcorns on this side.**

Third Corner: [Ch 1, tr, ch 2, tr, ch 2, tr, ch 1] in the next V-st.

Third Side: Make a Popcorn in the next V-st. (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st) **5** times. Ch 3, sl st in the next V-st. [**FPdc**, ch 1, **FPdc**] around the next FPtr. Sl st in the next V-st, ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st. (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st) **5** times. **Check that you have 12 Popcorns on this side.**

**Fourth Corner:** [Ch 1, tr, ch 2, tr, ch 2, tr, ch 1] in the next V-st.

Fourth Side: Make a Popcorn in the next V-st. (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st**) 7** times. **Check that you have 8 Popcorns on this side.**

Fifth Corner: [Ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1] between the last dc of the same V-st and the first dc of the next V-st.

Fifth Side: Make a Popcorn in the next V-st. (Ch 3, make a Popcorn in the next V-st**) 8** times. Ch 3, join to the first Popcorn with a sl st. **Check that you have 10 Popcorns between the last corner and the SM.** Fasten off and work away your ends.

Stitch Count: **10** tr, **2** FPdc, **49** Popcorns, **11** ch-1 sps, **4** ch-2 sps, and **46** ch-3 sps

Yay, you've finished the heart part of this motif. Now we just need to square-ish it.
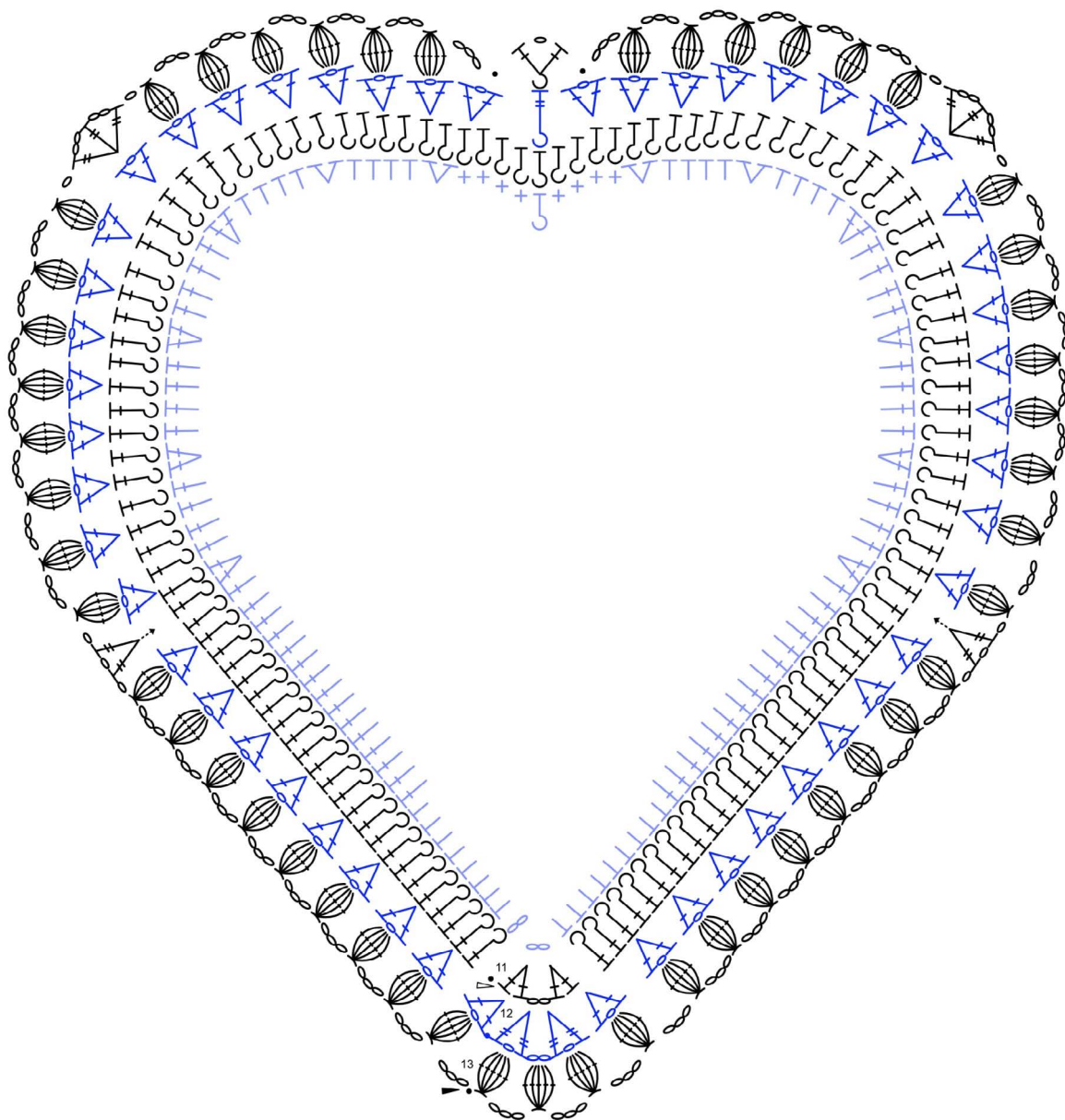
Round 14

Corner: Join your yarn by making a standing sc in the marked ch-3 sp from the previous round. [hdc, dc] in the same ch-3 sp. Ch 2, [dc, hdc, sc] in the next ch-3 sp. **This is your corner made.**

First Side: **(FPsc** around the next Popcorn, make 3 sc in the next ch-3 sp**)** **9** times. **FPsc** around the next Popcorn. Sc in the next ch-1 sp, [sc, ch 2, sc] in the next ch-1 sp.

Second Side: Sc in the next ch-1 sp. **(FPsc** around the next Popcorn, make 3 sc in the next ch-3 sp**)** **4** times. **FPhdc** around the next Popcorn, make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp. **FPdc** around the next Popcorn, make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp. **There should now be 2 Popcorns left before the next corner.** Ch 3, skip the next ch-3 sp and the next ch-1 sp. [3-tr Bobble, ch 3, 3-tr Bobble, ch 3] in the next ch-2 sp, **which will be between the first and second tr.** [3-tr Bobble, ch 3, 3-tr Bobble, ch 3] in the next ch-2 sp.

Third Side: Skip the next ch-1 sp and the next ch-3 sp. Make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next (**third**) Popcorn. (Make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next Popcorn) **twice**. Make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp. Ch 5, skip the next ch-3 sp, make a sc in the next ch-1 sp (**between FPdc**). Ch 7, make a sc in the same ch-1 sp. **Ch 4**, skip the next ch-3 sp, make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp. **FPdc** around the next (**second**) Popcorn. (Make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next Popcorn) **twice**. Make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp. **There should now be 2 Popcorns left before the next corner**.

Ch 3, skip the next ch-3 sp and the next ch-1 sp. [3-tr Bobble, ch 3, 3-tr Bobble, ch 3] in the next ch-2 sp, **which will be between the first and second tr**. [3-tr Bobble, ch 3, 3-tr Bobble, ch 3] in the next ch-2 sp.

Fourth Side: Skip the next ch-1 sp and the next ch-3 sp. Make 2 dc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next (**third**) Popcorn. Make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPhdc** around the next Popcorn. (Make 3 sc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPsc** around the next Popcorn) 4 times. Sc in the next ch-1 sp, [sc, ch 2, sc] in the next ch-1 sp.

Fifth Side: Sc in the next ch-1 sp. (**FPsc** around the next Popcorn, make 3 sc in the next ch-3 sp) 9 times. **FPsc** around the last Popcorn. Join to the first sc with a sl st.

Stitch Count: 88 sc, 28 FPsc, 20 hdc, 2 FPhdc, 14 dc, 8 FPdc, 8 3-tr Bobbles, 3 ch-2 sps, 10 ch-3 sps, 1 ch-4 sp, 1 ch-5 sp, 1 ch-7 sp

That is the longest Stitch Count I've ever written!

Round 15

First Corner: Sl st in the next 2 sts and the ch-2 corner sp. [Ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the same ch-2 corner sp.

First Side: Hdc in the first 3 sts. (Skip the next FPsc, hdc in the next 3 sts) 9 times. Skip the next FPsc, hdc in the last 2 sts.

Second Corner: [Hdc, ch 2, hdc] in the ch-2 corner sp.

Second Side: Hdc in the next 2 sts. (Skip the next FPst, hdc in the next 3 sts) 5 times. Hdc in the last 3 sts before the ch-3 sp. (Make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next 3-tr Bobble) **twice**.

Third Corner: [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the next ch-3 sp.

Third Side: (Make a **FPdc** around the next 3-tr Bobble, make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp) **twice**. Hdc in the next 2 sts, sc in the next 4 sts. Skip the next FPdc, sc in the next 6 sts. Ch 3, skip the ch-5 sp, make a sc in the ch-7 sp. Ch 3, skip the ch-4 sp, sc in the next 6 sts. Skip the next FPdc, sc in the next 4 sts, hdc in the next 2 sts. (Make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp, **FPdc** around the next 3-tr Bobble) **twice**.

Fourth Corner: [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the next ch-3 sp.

Fourth Side: (Make a **FPdc** around the next 3-tr Bobble, make 3 hdc in the next ch-3 sp) **twice**. Hdc in the next 6 sts. (Skip the next FPst, hdc in the next 3 sts) 4 times. Skip the next FPsc, hdc in the last 2 sts.

Fifth Corner: [Hdc, ch 2, hdc] in the ch-2 corner sp.

Fifth Side: Hdc in the next 2 sts. **(**Skip the next FPsc, hdc in the next 3 sts**) 10** times. Join to the top of the beg ch-3 with a sl st.

Stitch Count: 21 sc, **136** hdc, **12** dc, **8** FPdc, and **5** ch-2 corner sps

Round 16

Corner: Sl st in the next st and the ch-2 corner sp. [Ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc] in the same ch-2 corner sp. **Mark the ch-2 sp with a SM. You will need it later when you are working all the way around the giant triangles (which aren't really that giant).**

First Side: Sc in the next 35 sts. [Sc, ch 2, sc] in the ch-2 corner sp.

Second Side: Skip the first st, **which will be tricky to get into anyway**. Sc in the next 24 sts, hdc in the next 3 sts, dc in the next 3 sts. [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the next ch-2 sp.

Third Side: This side is asymmetric. Hdc in the next 12 sts, sc in the next 10 sts. **(**Make 3 sc in the next ch-3 sp**) twice**. Sc in the next 12 sts, hdc in the last 10 sts. [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in the next ch-2 sp.
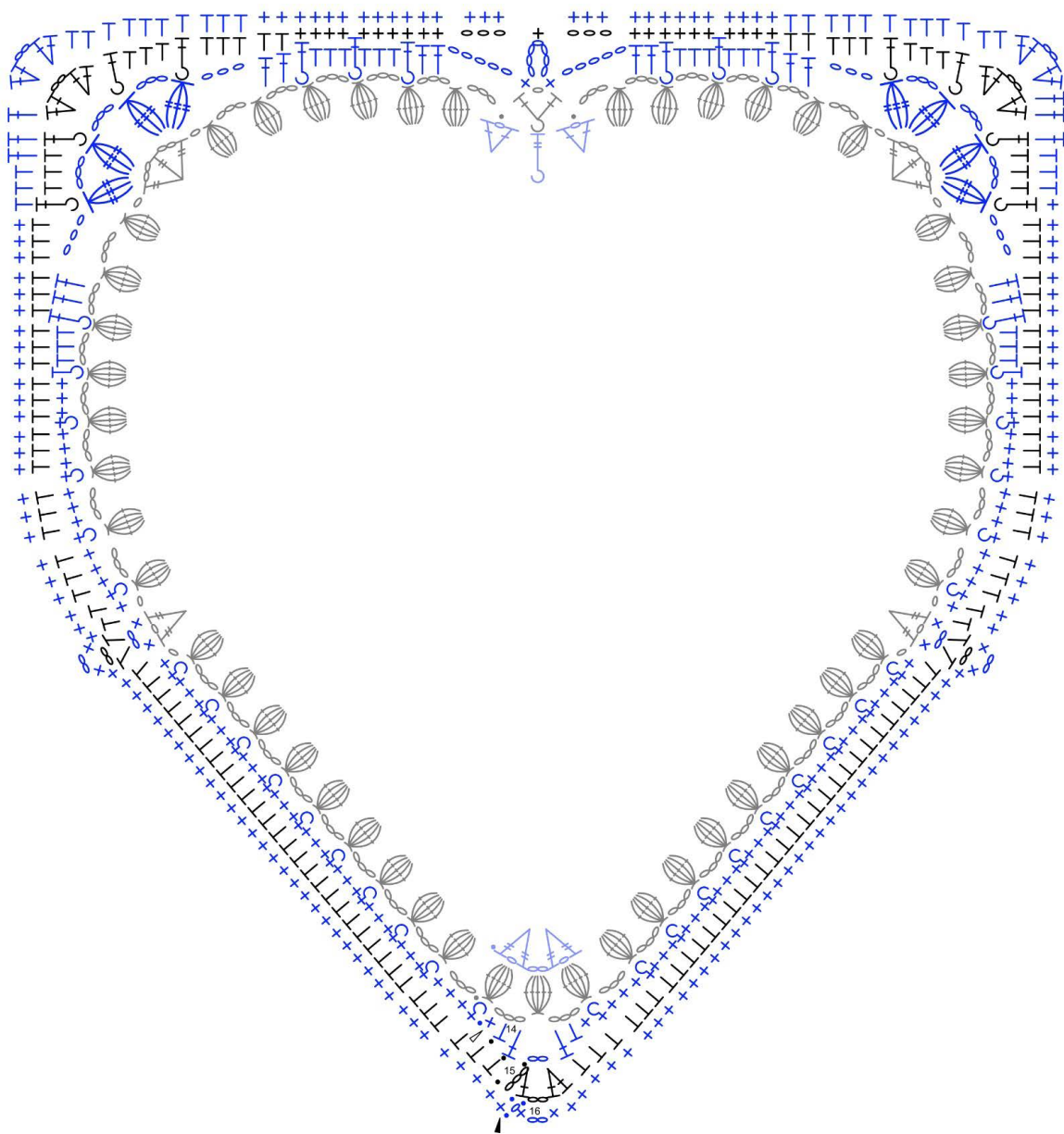
Fourth Side: Skip the first st. Dc in the next 3 sts, hdc in the next 3 sts, sc in the next 24 sts. [Sc, ch 2, sc] in the next ch-2 corner sp.

Fifth Side: Sc in the next 35 sts, **the first one of which will be tricky to get into because it's an hdc**. Join to the first sc with a sl st. Fasten off and work away your ends.

Counting from ch-2 corner sp to ch-2 corner sp, not including ch-2 sps:

- **Stitch Counts Sides 1 and 5**: **37** sc
- **Stitch Counts Sides 2 and 4**: **25** sc, **3** hdc, and **5** dc {**33** sts}
- **Stitch Count Side 3**: **28** sc, **22** hdc, and **4** dc {**54** sts}

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