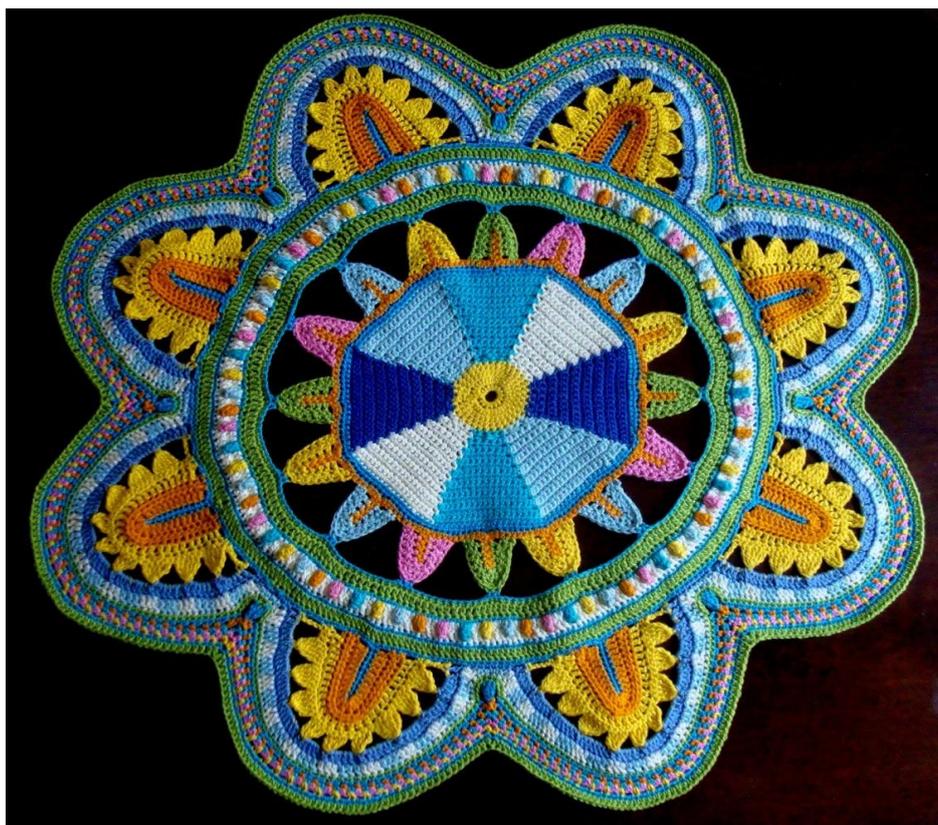


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MEXICAN MANDALA

week 5



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Hi again,

Welcome to the last week of Mexican Mandala. This week we will crochet the edge that will bind together the big leaves and gives the frame for the whole piece.

Abbreviations and special stitches

Abbreviations:

st/s	stitch/stitches	htr	half treble crochet
		tr	treble crochet
ch	chain	dtr	double treble crochet
sl-st	slip stitch	bl	back loop only
dc	double crochet	fp	front post
		bp	back post

Special stitches:

SS - Standing Stitch: When you start a new round with new colour, you can make a Standing Stitch beginning. The Standing Stitch can be e.g. double crochet or treble crochet. If you prefer starting rounds with join and chain, feel free to do so. Join with slip stitch and chain 2 or 3 depending on whether you are working dc or tr.

DTr Cluster – Cluster with double treble crochet: 3 dtr made over 3 stitches so that they are joined on top.) *Yarn over twice, insert hook into next stitch on previous round, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, yarn over and pull through 2 loops*. 2 loops on hook. Repeat * to * twice. (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through 4 loops.

dtr2tog – Two Treble Crochet together: Decrease the stitches by crocheting two tr together: make the first tr, but don't pull through the last loop (2 loops on the hook), repeat in the next stitch (3 loops on the hook), pull yarn through all loops on the hook.

Notice

There are a lot of pictures and references to photos in the pattern. If there is a special starting point for the round, a picture will be provided. All rounds this week are worked with Right Side facing.

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Version 1
Scheepjes **Catona**



- Round 36 Bluebird #247
- Round 37 Candle Light #101
Bluebell #173
- Round 38 Kiwi #205
- Round 39 Vivid Blue #146
- Round 40 Royal Orange #189
- Round 41 Capri Blue # 261
- Round 42 Tulip #222
- Round 43 Yellow Gold #208
- Round 44 Vivid Blue # 146
- Round 45 Kiwi #205

Version 2
Scheepjes **Soft Fun**



- Round 36 #2519
- Round 37 #2496
#2480
- Round 38 #2493
- Round 39 #2519
- Round 40 #2514
- Round 41 #2515
- Round 42 #2496
- Round 43 #2480
- Round 44 #2495
- Round 45 #2493

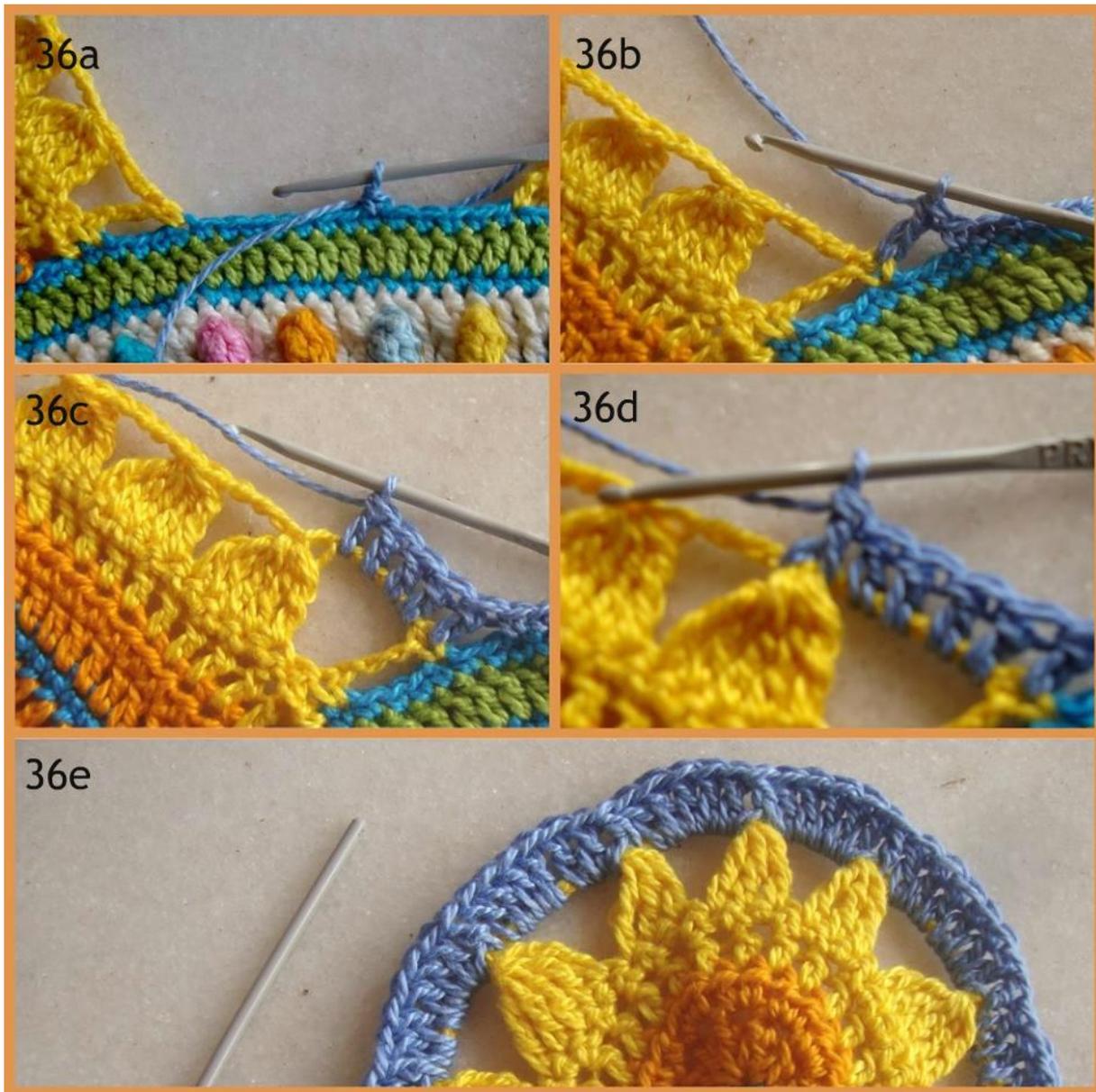
Pattern

Round 36: Note: In this round all fptr will be worked around the 3dtr and 5 dtr clusters on the outer leaf



SS dc into 4th dc of any 11 dc group between the leaves ([pic 36a](#)), dc in next 5 dc, *skip next 2 dc, make one tr on the side of 1st dc from Outer Leaf ([pic 36b](#)), 4 tr into next 4ch space ([pic 36c](#)), (fp tr around 5dtr Cluster [[pic 36d](#)], 5 tr into 4 ch space) twice, fp tr around the 5dtr Cluster, 6 tr into next 5 ch space, (fp tr around 3dtr Cluster , 5 tr into next 3 ch space) twice, fp tr around 3dtr Cluster, 6 tr into next 5 ch space, (fp tr around 5dtr Cluster, 5 tr into next 4 ch space) twice, fp tr around 5dtr Cluster, 4 tr into next 4ch space, tr into last dtr, skip last dc from Outer Leaf and next 2 dc from Round 35, dc the next 7 sts*. Work *to* 7 more times, omitting last 6 dc in final repeat. Join with a sl-st to the SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

Stitchcount: 52 tr, 9 fp tr per big leaf. Between the leaves: 7 dc



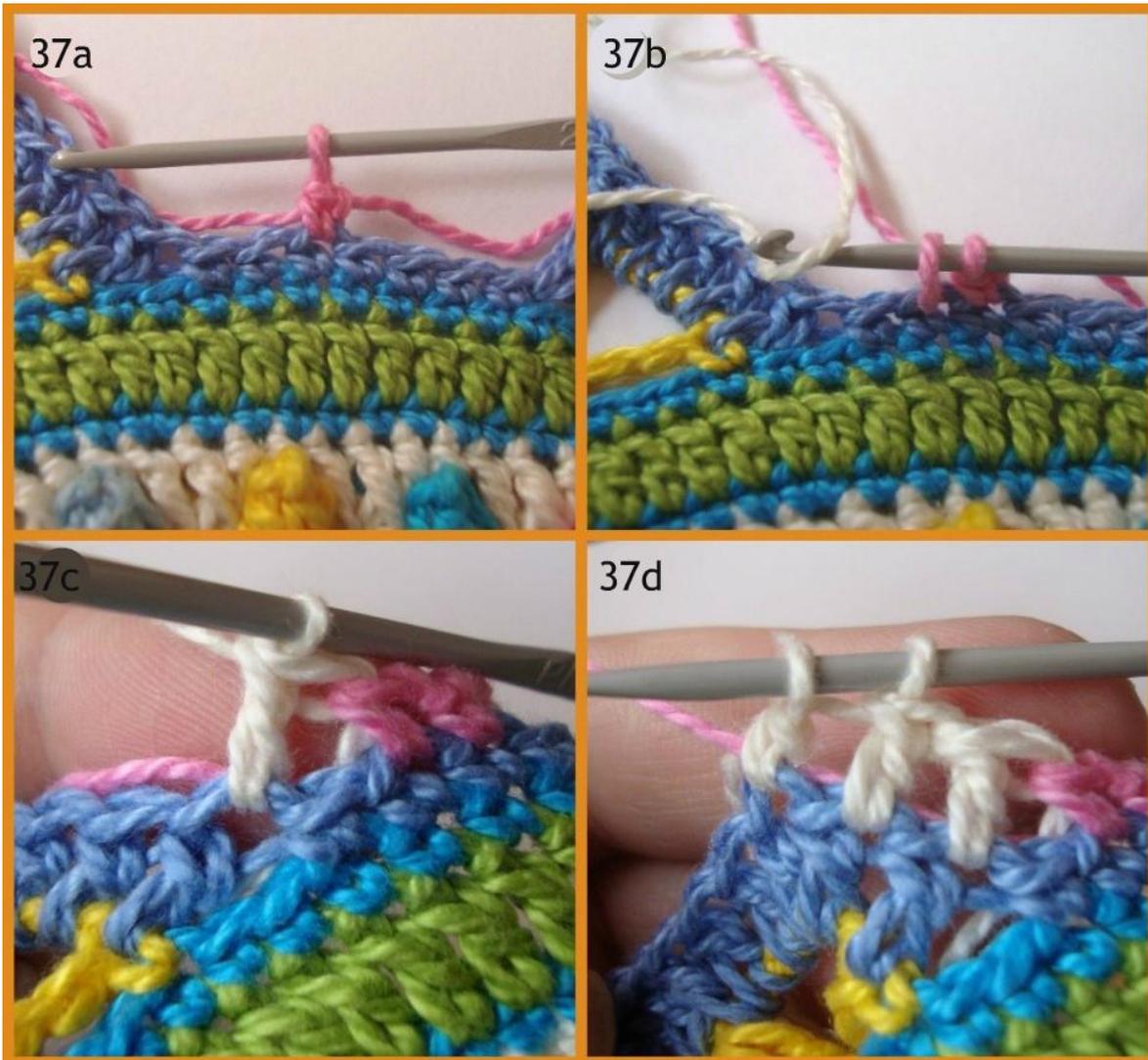
Round 37:

In this round two colours are used. Note:- you will need to carry both colours with you all the time . One way of doing this is to lay the unused strand of yarn across the tops of the stitches of the previous row. Then, using the new colour, work the stitches in the current row and encase the strand. You could also carry them and encase them on the following row if you prefer. View [pics 37a-37h](#) Note! For photo technical reasons , pink yarn is used to show this more easily, in

the original work the actual colour is blue *Bluebell* #173 version 1 (pic 37i)

SS dc into the 5th dc of any 7 dc group between two leaves, dc in the next st, change colour during this st, skip next dc,* (tr into next 3 sts, change colour during the last tr) 20 times, tr in the next 2 sts, **Note:** second of these last two tr will be done into the first dc between the leaves AND change colour during this tr (pic 37e), skip next dc, dc into next 4 sts (pic 37f), change colour during the last dc (pic 37g), skip next dc*, work *to* 7 more times, omit last 2 dc on final repeat, join with a sl-st to the SS dc. Fasten off both colours and secure the ends.

Stitchcount: 62 tr per leaf, between the leaves: 8 x 4 dc



37e



37h



37f



37g



37i

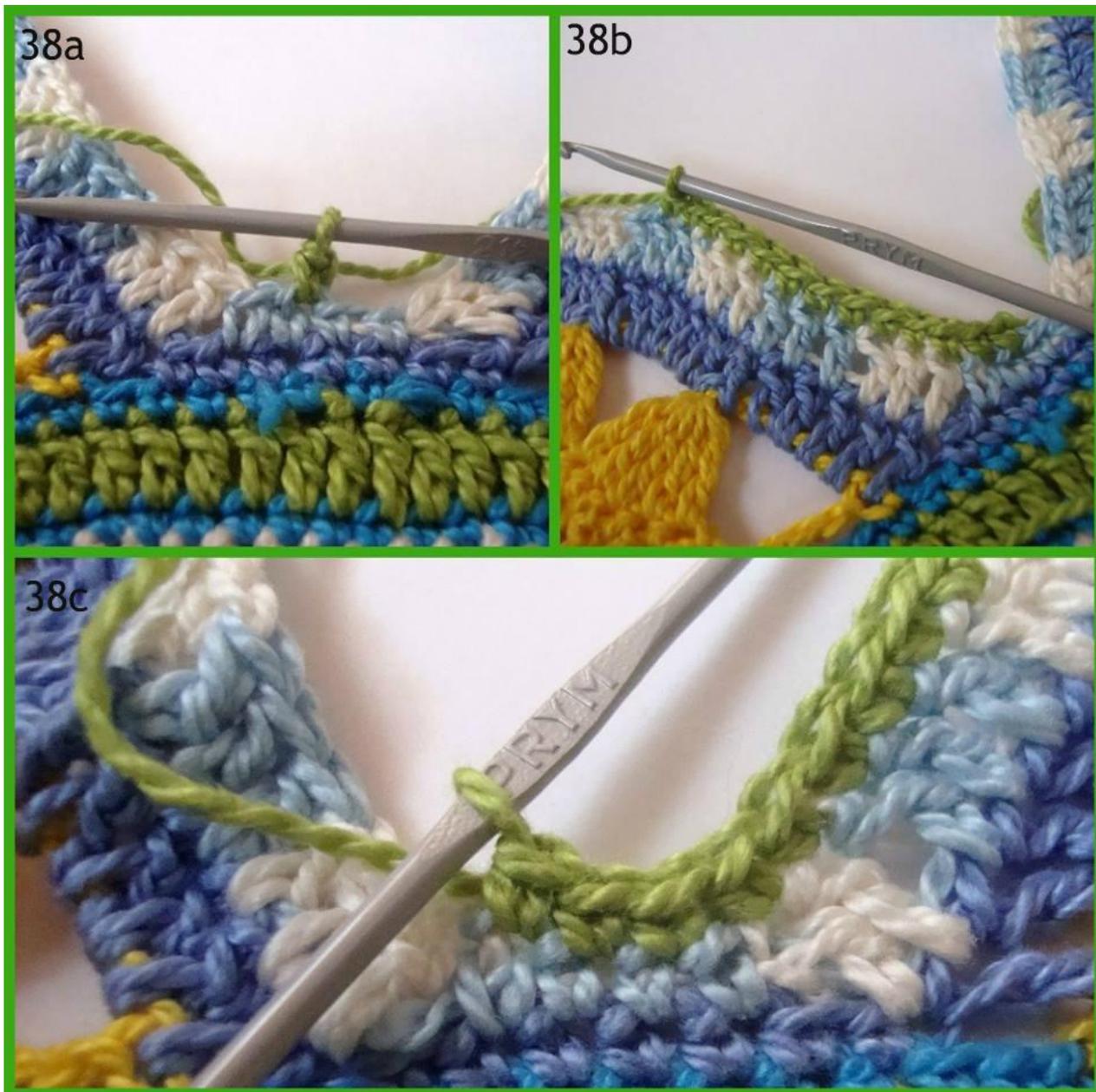


Note: Over the next few rows (38 – 42) there are very few increases at the tops of the leaves. Take care not to pull stitches too tight or the leaves will curl.

Round 38:

SS dc to any 3rd dc between the leaves (pic 38a), dc into next dc, *dc into each of the next 63 tr, skip next dc, dc into next 3 dcs, between leaves (pic 38b and 38c) *. Work * to * 7 more times, omitting last 2 dc in final repeat. Join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

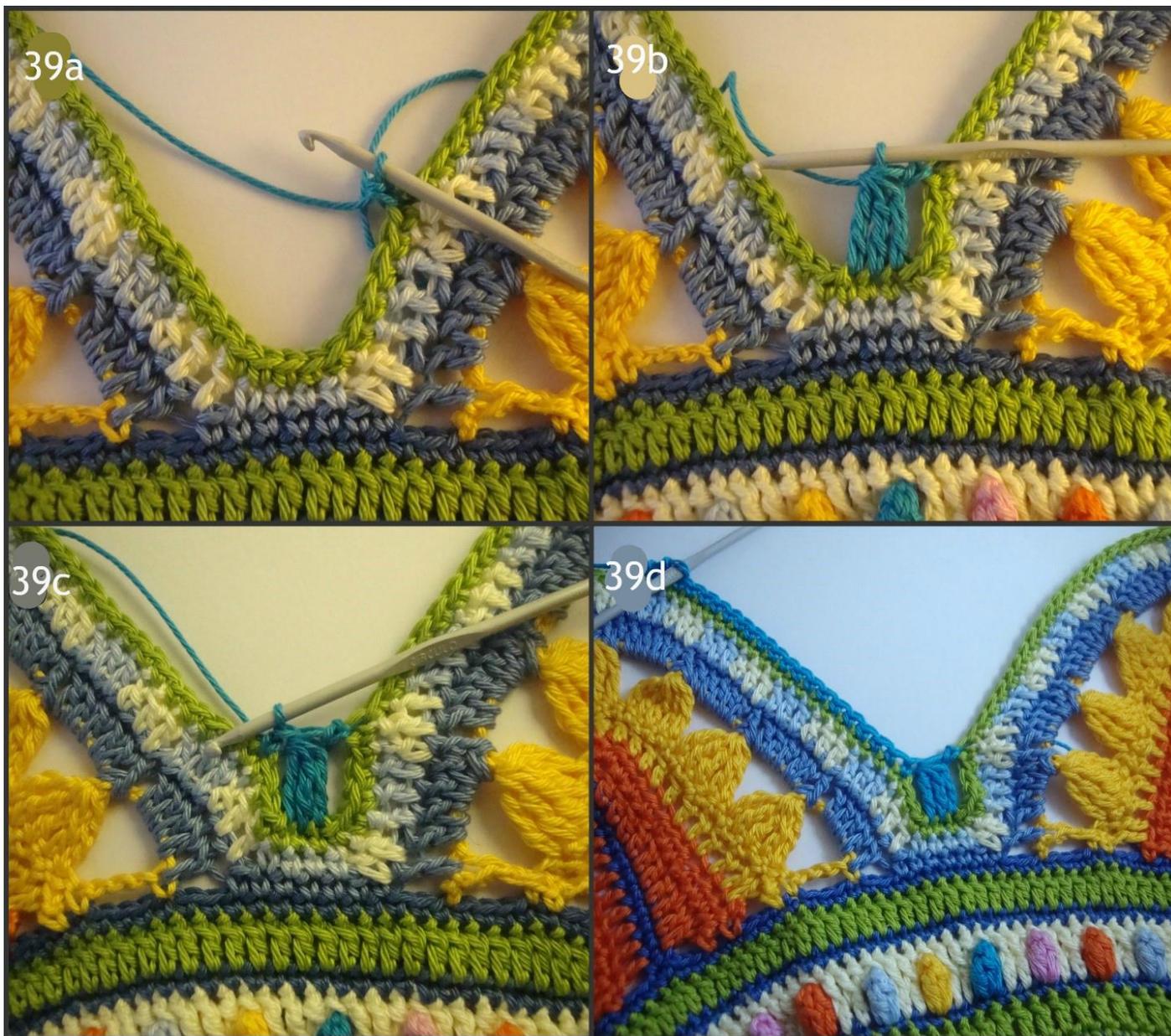
Stitchcount: 62 dc per leaf, 3 dc inbetween (total 527 dc)



Round 39:

SS dc into 59th dc of any leaf (pic 39a) *skip next 4 sts, make 3dtr Cluster over the 3 dc between the leaves (pic 39b), skip next 3 dc (pic 39c), dc into next 19 sts, (2 dc into next st, one dc into each of next 3 sts) 4 times, 2 dc into same dc, dc into next 19 sts*. Work *to* 7 more times. Omit one dc in last repeat. Join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

Stitchcount: 60 dc per leaf, 3dtr Cluster between the leaves



Round 40:

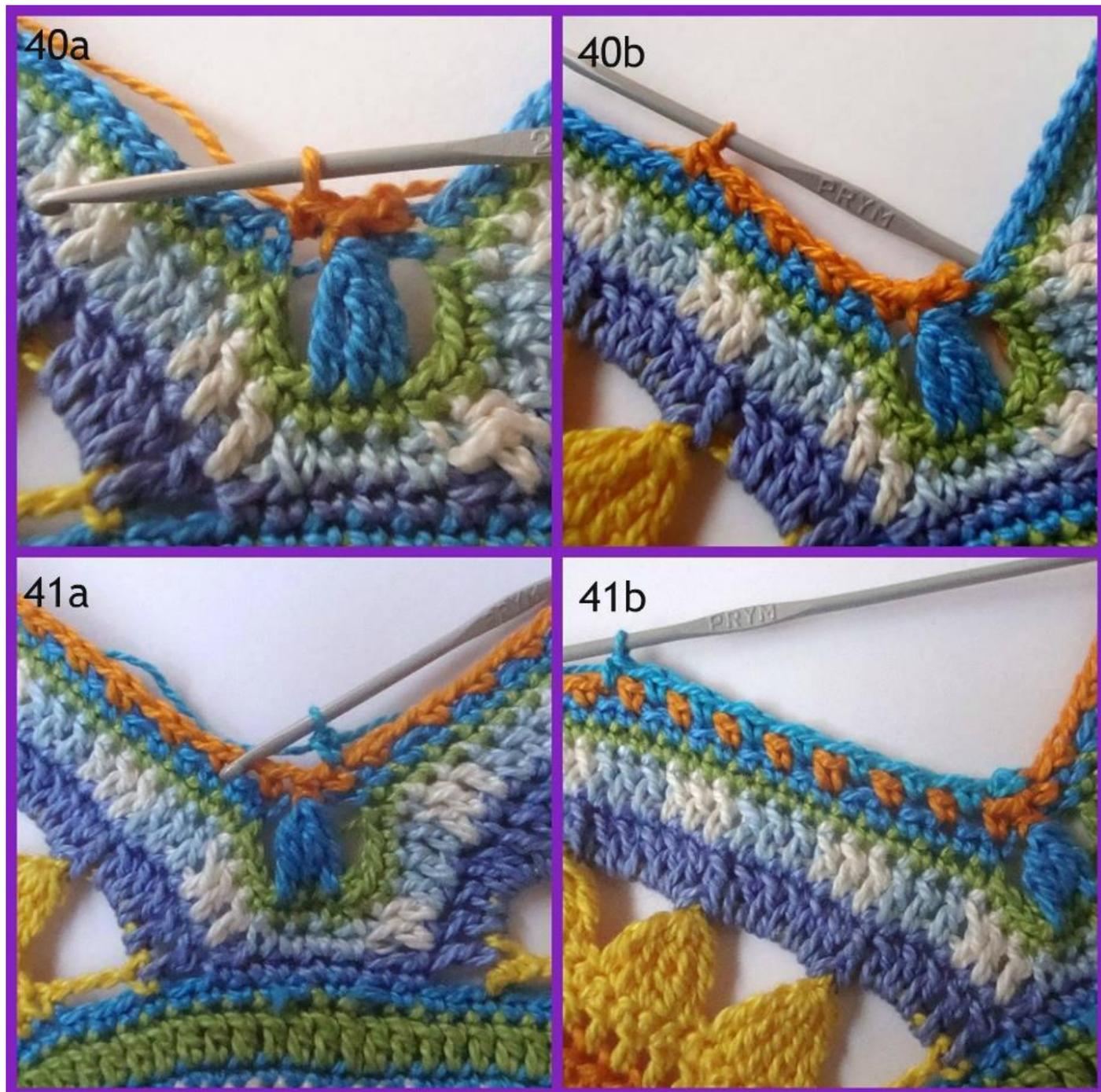
SS dc into a dc before any 3dtr Cluster ([pic 40a](#)), *fp dc around the 3dtr Cluster (round 39), (dc into next dc, ch 1, skip next dc) 30 times ([pic 40b](#)), dc into the next st*. Work *to* 7 more times, omit last dc on final repeat. Join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure ends.

Stitchcount: 30 x one ch space, 31 dc, per leaf, one fp dc between the leaves

Round 41:

SS dc into last ch space before any fp dc ([pic 41a](#)), *skip next 3 dc, (dc into next ch space, ch 1, skip next dc [pic 41b](#)) 29 times, dc into next ch space*. Work *to* 7 more times. Omit last dc in final repeat and join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

Stitchcount: 29 x ch space, 30 dc, per leaf



Round 42:

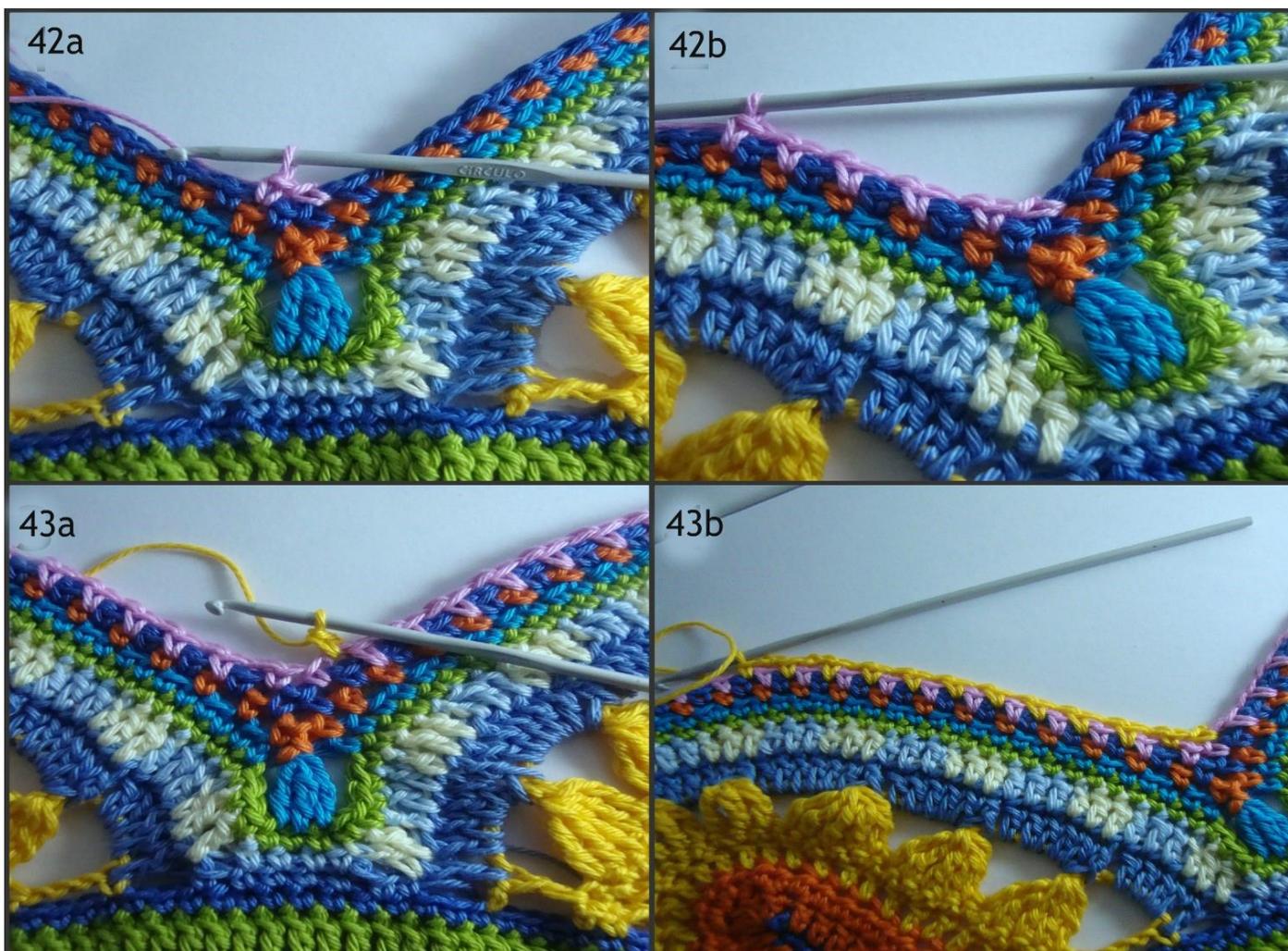
SS dc into the last ch space of any leaf ,*skip next 2 dc, dc into the next ch space (pic 42a), (ch 1, make one dc in next dc from round 40 over the chain space from round 41) 27 times (pic 42b), ch one, dc into next ch space from round 41*. Work *to* 7 more times, omit last dc in last repeat and join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure ends.

Stitchcount: 28 x one ch space, 29 dc, per leaf

Round 43:

SS dc into the last ch space of any leaf (pic 43a), *skip next 2 dc, dc into the next ch space (ch 1, dc into the next dc from round 41 over the ch space from round 42) 8 times (pic 43b), (ch 2, dc into the next dc from round 41 over the ch space from round 42) 11 times, (ch 1, dc into the next dc from round 41 over the ch space from round 42) 7 times, ch 1, dc into the next ch space*. Work *to* 7 more times, omit last dc from final repeat and join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

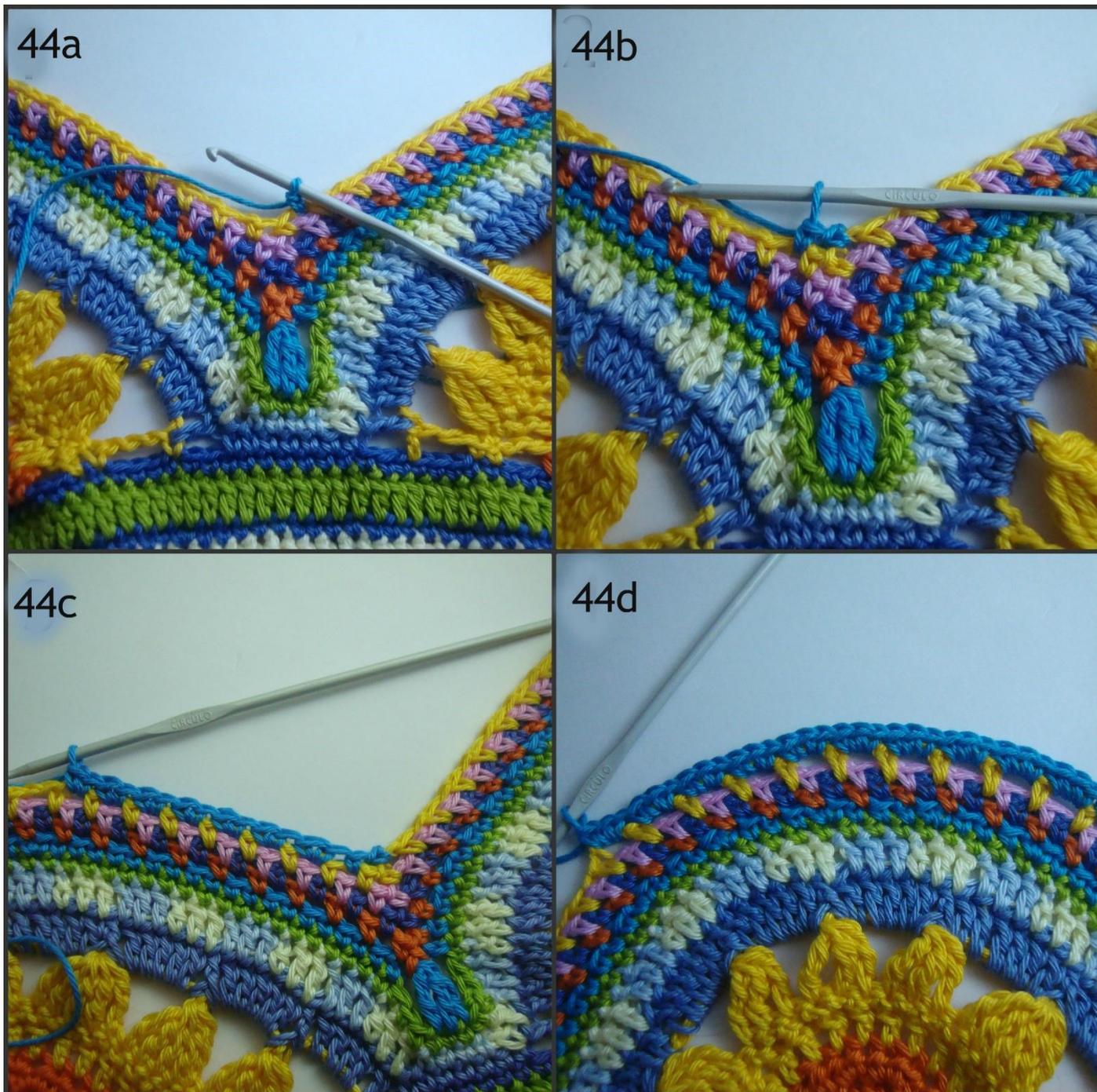
Stitchcount: 16 x one ch space, 11 x 2 ch space, 28 dc, per leaf



Round 44:

SS dc into last ch space of any leaf (pic 44a), *skip next 2 dc, dc into the next ch space (pic 44b), 2 dc into the next 7 one ch spaces (pic 44c), 3 dc into the next 11 two ch spaces (pic 44d), 2 dc into each of the next 7 one ch spaces, dc into the last ch space*. Work *to* 7 more times. Omit last dc in final repeat and join with a sl-st to SS dc. Fasten off and secure the ends.

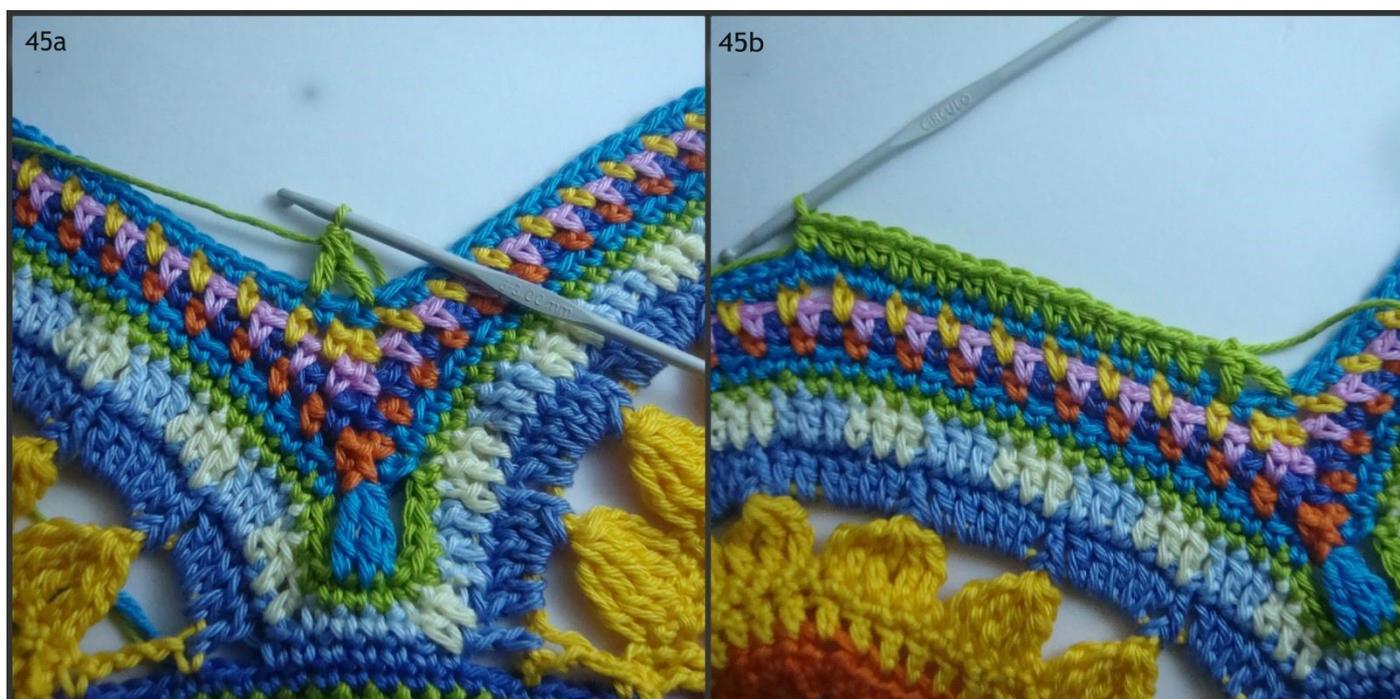
Stitchcount: 63 dc per leaf



Round 45:

SS tr2tog (Make the first tr2tog "leg" into dc before the join of two leaves, skip next dc and make the second "leg" into next dc) (pics 45a and 45b)* htr in next 60 sts, tr2tog (remember to skip one dc between the "legs" of the tr2tog)*. Work *to* 7 more times, missing tr2tog on last repeat. Sl-st to SS tr2tog, fasten off and secure the ends.

Stitchcount: 480 htr, 8 x tr2tog



Congratulations! Your Mexican Mandala is ready!

Thank You for this Journey and Blessed Be. I would be very happy to see Your Mexican Mandala and if you like you can post pictures to my blog in Facebook, please. Link here: [Be calm and keep crocheting](#)

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