Diamond in a Square

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This pattern produces an interesting square all on its own, but it can also be used as a technique to adapt smaller square patterns to the sizes required in KAS blankets.

Materials and Equipment

- Worsted weight yarn (American)/ DK (UK)/ 8ply (Aust)
- 4.5mm/US 7 Hook

Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

American	British
slip stitch (sl st)	single crochet (sc)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
half double crochet (hdc)	half treble crochet (htc)

Special stitch:FPdc: front post double crochet (yarn over, insert hook around post of stitch from right to left, yarn over, complete DC as usual)

sc2tog: single crochet two together

puffy stitch(PS): triple crochet(tr) then single crochet (sc) in next stitch.

Instructions

Diamond:

With colour A; Chain 3, sl st in 1st chain to make ring.

Rnd 1: Chain(ch) 3, 11 dc in ring. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, FPdc around same st; *dc in next st, FPdc around same st * repeat from * to * to end. Sl st in top of ch. (24 sts)

Rnd 3: Change to colour B: Ch 3, dc in next st, FPdc around same st, *dc in next st, hdc and FPdc in next st; repeat from * to * to end of circle. Sl st in top of ch. (36 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 st, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next st (corner made); * hdc in next 2 st, sc in next 4 st, hdc in next 2 st, 3 dc in next st*; repeat from * to * twice (4 corners)

Rnd 5: Puffy stitch(PS) round: Change to colour A: Ch 1, sc in same st; tr in next st; * sc in next st, tr in next st *; repeat from * to * twice ;

[tr, sc, ch 1, tr, sc]in middle dc of corner; (tr in next st, sc in next st,) 4 times ; Repeat from ** to ** 3 times. Sl st in top of ch.

Rnd 6: Change to colour B; ch 2, hdc in each st to corner ch; (2hdc, ch 1, 2hdc) in ch; *hdc in each st to next corner (2hdc,ch 1,2hdc) in ch*; Repeat from * to * 3 times. Hdc in next st. Join to top of ch 2. End.

Finished size: Measuring the width, it is approximately 13 cm/5".

Triangle corner (Make 4 to create square)

Row 1: With Right Side(RS) facing, join with sl st in corner ch, ch 1, working in back loop, sc decrease in same st as joining and in next st; sc in next 14 st, then sc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn (16 sts).

Row 2: Ch 1, sc2tog over first 2 stitches, sc in each st to last 2 sts, then sc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn. (-2 sts)

Repeat row 2 until 1 sc remains. End. One triangle is complete.

Repeat on all sides.

Edge:

Row 1: With RS facing; Join yarn at corner, ch 1,* 3 sc in corner, 25 sc evenly spaced along side (12, 1 in corner of diamond, 12)*. Repeat 3 more times. Join with sl st in ch.

Row 2: Sc in each stitch, remembering to increase 3 sc in each corner.

Measure the square's width. If it is 20 cm/8" across, then end. If it is less, repeat row 2 until desired width, then end.

Leave a 50 cm/20" tail (for sewing the squares together). Butterfly* the tail to the square.

How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3 . Use contrasting yarn and follow the directions:

1.

2.

3.

Variations

A pattern of your choice may be used to make the centre diamond.

Here are a few examples of alternative centre diamonds:

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