In the Yarn Garden CAL 2016 – Part 6. Back side, round 1-26 and joining.

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The pattern for the back side is basically the "solid granny square" pattern but with a few details added. This part does not have as detailed descriptions as the front side since it is a repetitive pattern.

You could of course chose to do one more of the front side pattern and use it as back side. But if you want something different then this back side pattern is an option. After the back side pattern you will find a description on how to join both of your sides. There is also a section with tips and suggestions on what to do if you think your work is to small or big for a cushion cover :)

Abbreviations

US terms used!

R	Round		**Tr**	Treble crochet
St, sts	Stitch, stitches		**Blo**	Back loop only
Ch	Chain		**Fl**	Front loop only
Sl st	Slip stitch		**Fp**	Front post
Sc	Single crochet		**Bp**	Back post
Hdc	Half double crochet		**Sk**	Skip
Dc	Double crochet			

Instruction symbols

**   –   Repeat instructions between asterisks the amount of times specified.
         This repeat will consist of multiple instructions.

[]   –   Repeat instructions between brackets the amount of times specified.
         This is a lower level repeat than ** !

()   –   Instructions inside parentheses are made in the same stitch.

Hint: Hints are written in blue

{image 1} – See image 1 below.

Special stitches, part 6

Standing stitches – You'll find a great tutorial on how to crochet standing stitches **here**.

Magic ring – Tutorial (images and video) on how to make a magic ring **here**.

Instructions

Round 1

Start with a magic ring. **Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc).
Make {**2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2**} into the magic ring.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 with a sl st {image 1}.

Do not fasten off!!! (unless you want to change colour :))

Stitch count: **12** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces.

Round 1

Round 2

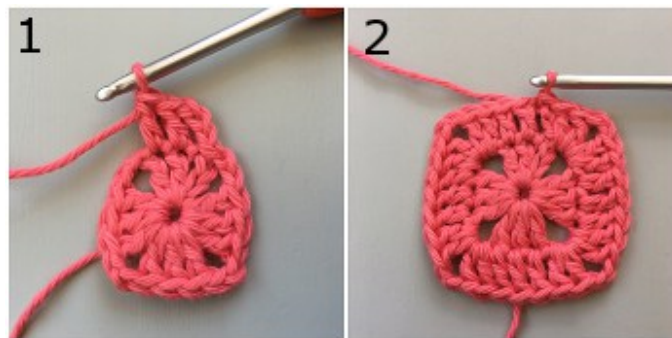**Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc). **Dc** in the next **2** st's {image 1}.

* **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in the next ch-2 space , **dc** in the **3** next st's *

Repeat from * to * 4 times, omitting the last **3** dc on the last repeat.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 with a sl st {image 2}.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Stitch count: **28** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces.

Round 2

Round 3

Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 1** *(counts as 1 sc).* **Ch 2** and **sc** in the same ch-2 space.

* [**ch 1 , sk 1** st, **sc** in the next st] repeat **3** times, **ch 1**, **sk 1** st, **(sc, ch 2, sc)** in the next ch-2 space *

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last **(sc, ch 2, sc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the beginning ch-1 with a sl st.
Fasten off and weave in ends *{image 1}*.

Stitch count: **20** sc**, 16** ch-1 spaces and **4** ch-2 spaces.
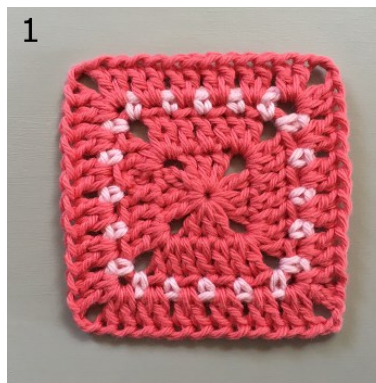

Round 3

Round 4

Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 3** *(counts as 1 dc)* or make a standing dc. **(dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in the same ch-2 space.

* [**Sk 1** st's, **2 dc** in next ch-1 space] repeat **4** times, **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in the next ch-2 space *

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 with a sl st.
Fasten off and weave in ends *{image 1}*.

Stitch count: **48** dc**,** and **4** ch-2 spaces.

Round 4

Round 5-11

- If you are using a new color: Work in BLO! Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc) or make a standing dc. **Dc**, **Ch 2** and make **2 dc** in the same ch-2 space.

- If you are using the same color: Sl st into the next ch-2 space. **Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc).
  Dc, **Ch 2** and make **2 dc** in the same ch-2 space.

* **Dc** in all st's until the next ch-2 space, **(2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc)** in the next ch-2 space. *

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last (**2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc**) on the last repeat.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 or to the standing dc with a sl st.

Stitch count:

Round 5: **64** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces
Round 6: + 16 dc
Round 7: + 16 dc   *{image 1}*
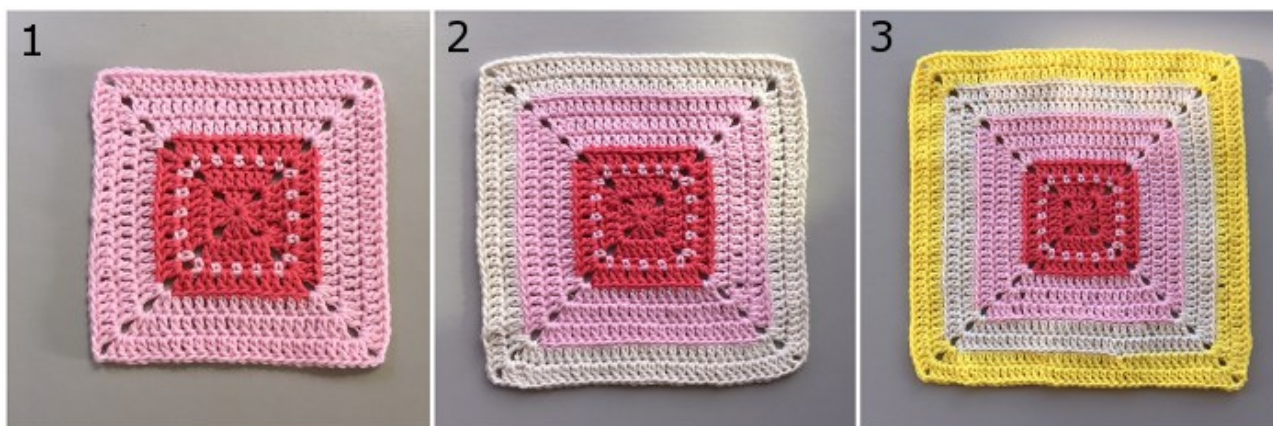Round 8: + 16 dc
Round 9: + 16 dc   *{image 2}*
Round 10: + 16 dc
Round 11: **160** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces   *{image 3}*


Round 7, Round 9 and Round 11

Round 12

Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 1** *(counts as 1 sc)* or make a standing sc.
*Ch 2 and **sc** in the same ch-2 space* .

* **ch 4** , **Sk 3** st's, [**sc** in the next st, **ch 3**, **sk 2** st's] repeat **11** times, **sc** in the next st, **ch 4**, **sk 3** st's, **(sc, ch 2 sc)** in the next ch-2 space.*

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last **(sc, ch 2, sc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the beginning ch-1 or to the standing sc with a sl st. Fasten off and weave in ends *{image 1}*.

Stitch count: **56** sc, **4** ch-2 spaces, **44** ch-3 spaces and **8** ch-4 spaces.
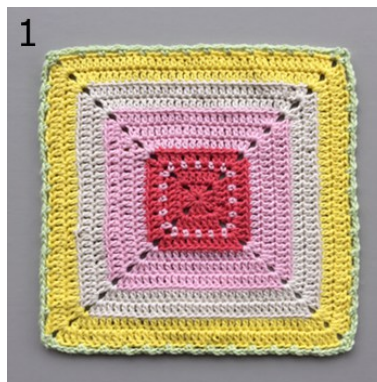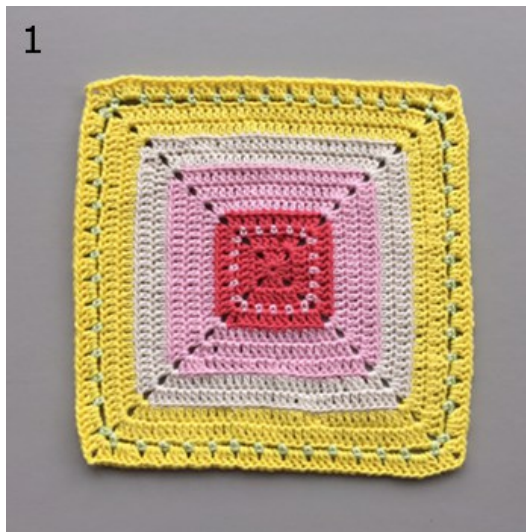

Round 12

Round 13

Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 3** *(counts as 1 dc)* or make a standing dc. **(dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in the same ch-2 space .

* **sk 1** st, **4 dc** in the next ch-4 space, **[sk 1** st, **3 dc** in the next ch-3 space]** repeat **11** times, **sk 1** st, **4 dc** in next ch-4 space, **sk 1** st, **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** in next ch-2 space*

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last **(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 or to the standing dc with a sl st.
 Fasten off and weave in ends *{image 1}.*

Stitch count: **180** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces

Round 13

Round 14-25

- If you are using a new color: Work in the BLO! Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc) or make a standing dc. **Dc**, **Ch 2** and make **2 dc** in the same ch-2 space.

- If you are using the same color: Sl st into the next ch-2 space. **Ch 3** (counts as 1 dc).
  Dc, **Ch 2** and make **2 dc** in the same ch-2 space.

* **Dc** in all st's until the next ch-2 space, **(2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc)** in the next ch-2 space. *

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last (**2 dc, ch-2, 2 dc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the third st of the beginning ch-3 or to the standing dc with a sl st.

Stitch count:

Round 14: **196** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces
Round 15: + 16 dc
Round 16: + 16 dc
Round 17: + 16 dc   {image 1}
Round 18: + 16 dc
Round 19: + 16 dc   {image 2}
Round 20: + 16 dc
Round 21: + 16 dc
Round 22: + 16 dc   {image 3}
Round 23: + 16 dc
Round 24: + 16 dc
Round 25: **372** dc and **4** ch-2 spaces

Round 17, 19 and 22

Round 26

On this round we're doing some increases to end up with the same amount of st's on each side as the front side has!

Start in any ch-2 space. **Ch 2** (counts as 1 hdc) or make a standing ddc. **Ch 2** and make **1 hdc** in the same ch-2 space.

* [**Hdc** in the next **18** st's , **2 hdc** in the next st] repeat **4** times , **hdc** in the next **17** st's, **(hdc, ch 2, hdc)** in the next ch-2 space*

Repeat from * to * **4** times, omitting the last **(hdc, ch 2, hdc)** on the last repeat.

Join to the second st of the beginning ch-2 or to the standing hdc with a sl st. Fasten off and weave in ends *{image 1}*.

Stitch count: **396** hdc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Hint: You should now have **4 sides with 99 hdc each**!! The same as on the front side.

Round 26

Joining

Ok! So let's join our front and back sides together. I will show images of two different stitches that you can use. My cushion cover will not have any zipper or buttons (I hope that I don't need to take out the inner cushion anytime:)). You can of course do it in another way leaving a hole in the joining edge and add a zipper or some buttons there.

So here we go....

I will use the reversed single crochet (crab stitch) for my joining edge cause I like the look of it. You can find a great tutorial for this stitch here .

I know that this stitch is not everyones favourite so if you do not like it you can use single crochets instead.

This is what these two different stitches will look like, single crochet *{image 1}*, crab stitch *{image 2}*.

Single crochet and crab stitch.

Place your front and back side with the wrong side against each other *{image 1}*.
Work every stitch through both the stitch of the front and back side *{image 2}*.
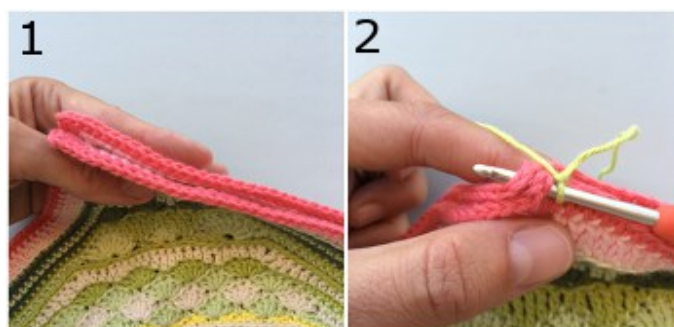
Start in any stitch.

Make **1 st** *(crab stitch or single crochet)* in each of the **99** st's along each side and **2 st's** in each corner **ch-2 space**.
(Don't forget to squeeze in your inner cushion before joining the last side! :))

Finished cushion, joining with crab stitches

Congratulations you have completed the whole In the Yarn Garden CAL 2016! :)

Sizing tips

Here are some tips on what you can do with your work if you feel that it is to small or big for a cushion cover.

Your work is to big:

1. Use only the front side as a cushion cover. You can fold it and sew it together as my tester Elin did with hers *{image 1, 2 and 3}*.

Image courtesy of Elin Stoodley, @pandagourgh

2. Make a blanket out of your work instead. If you want a rectangular blanket you can easily add some random crochet squares along two of the sides and make a border around it .
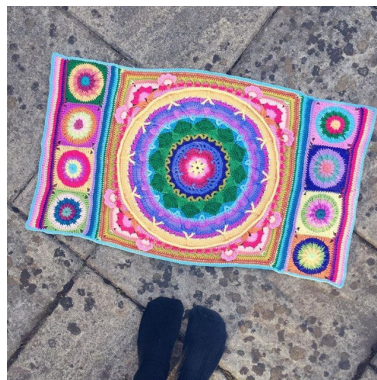

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Your work is to small:

1. Add one or two extra rounds on your front side and your back side. Make one dc in each st around and (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each 2-ch corner space. By adding one round of dc's my work grew to be 47 x 47 cm instead of 45 x 45 cm.

Well, thats it. This is the whole "In the Yarn Garden CAL". I had a lot of fun making this pattern and have loved to see everyones lovely versions of it. Thank you to everyone who followed me on the way!

My "In the Yarn Garden CAL" cushion now lives in our sofa with some other cushions :)

Cheers,

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