

PEACE IN 8 ROUNDS MANDALA

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Abbreviations - US terms

Ch – chain
Dc – Double crochet
Ss – Slip stitch
St – Stitch
Sp - Space

I created this mandala to be relaxing crochet while beginning week 6 of fighting the flu. I wanted something very easy to make while feeling ill and watching tv. This is a good mandala for beginners as you only need to know how to make chains, double crochets and slip stitches. As it is a very simple mandala, its appeal lies in your colour choices. I used 7 different colours, moving from light to dark, but any colours and shades can be used.

The finished mandala is 21cm wide with 8ply DK with a 4mm hook. You could use 10ply worsted and a 5mm hook, or any yarn with a matching hook, but the finish size will vary.

Tips for beginners -

A note about the **brackets** in the pattern: The bracketed pattern is to help you clearly see what you are crocheting. When the pattern asks you to (3dc, ch1) it means to work 3 dcs, then 1 ch. It does not mean dc, then ch1 3 times.

Yarn - not all yarn is created equal! You may have different brands that all say they are 8ply DK for example, but if you look closely, you will see they are all different weight in reality. Try to keep the weight or thickness of the yarn similar. If you are a beginner do not try to mix different weights of yarn such as 8ply DK & 10ply Worsted as your mandala may come out lumpy and misshapen. The easiest way is to have all the same yarn brand and weight.

Tension - keep your tension even. You may find rows 5, 6 or 7 curl slightly, but this will be fixed in the last row. If your stitches seem loose and sloppy use a hook one size smaller, conversely, if they seem too tight, use a hook one size bigger.

Pattern

With colour 1 begin with ch 4 and ss into the first ch to create a ring.

Round 1

Continuing on...

Ch 4 (equals 1 dc & 1 ch). Work (dc, ch 1) into the ring 11 times to create 12 spokes. Ss into the 3rd ch (this leaves one ch to separate it from the next stitch. Finish off.



Round 2

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch 1 sp.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work 1 dc in the same sp, then ch1 into the same sp. Work (2dc, ch 1) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle creating 12 sets of (2dc, ch 1).

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Finish off.

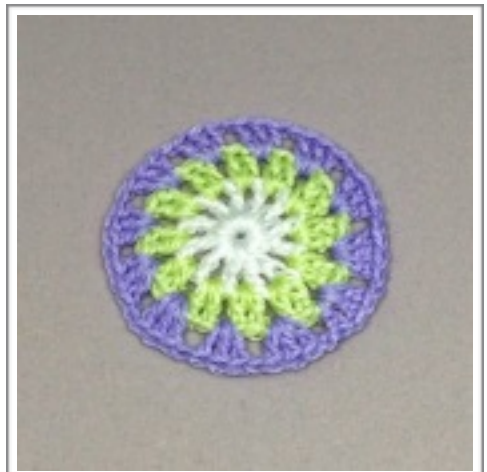


Round 3

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch 1 sp.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work 2 dc, ch 1 into the same sp. Work (3dc, ch 1) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle creating 12 sets of (3dc, ch 1).

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Finish off.



Round 4

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch 1 sp.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work (3 dc, ch 1) into the same sp.
Work (4dc, ch 1) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle creating 12 sets of (4dc, ch 1).

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Finish off.



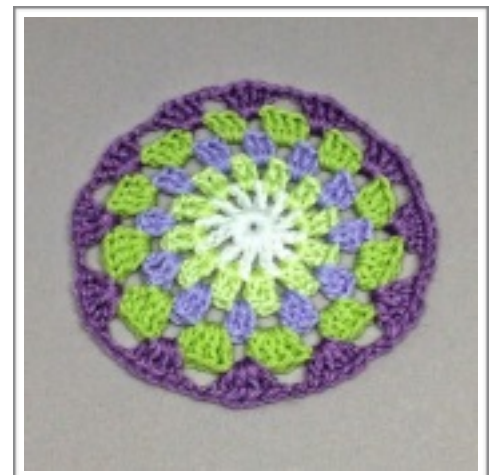
Round 5

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch 1 sp.

Work all of the chains loosely.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work (3 dc, ch 2) into the same sp.
Work all of the chs loosely. Work (4dc, ch 2) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle 10 times to create 12 sets of 4dc, ch 2.

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Finish off.



Round 6

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch 2 sp.

Work all of the chains loosely.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work (1 dc, ch 2, 2dc, ch 1) into the same sp. (2dc, ch 2, 2dc, ch1) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle 10 times to create 12 sets.

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Finish off.



Round 7

Attach new colour with a ss in any ch sp.

You will be working in every chain space, whether it is a ch 1 or a ch 2 space. Work all of the chains loosely.

Ch 3 (equals 1 dc), work (2dc, ch 1) into the same sp. Work (3dc, ch1) into the next sp. Repeat around the circle creating 24 sets of (3dc, ch 1).

Ss into the top of the ch 3. Do not finish off, but continue with the same yarn colour for the next round.



Round 8

Chain using your normal tension in this round.

* Ch 1. In the next ch sp work 7 dc, then ch 1. In the next ch space ch1. * Repeat from * to * around the circle. When finished you should have 12 sets of 7dcs.

Your final ss will be worked into the sp where you made your first ch 1 of the round.

Finish off. Weave in ends.

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