

Pow Action Packed Square

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Caron® One Pound™
(16 oz / 453.6 g; 812 yds/742 m)



MC - Grey, 1 Ball
A - Scarlet, 1 Ball
B - Gold, 1 Ball
C - Blue, 1 Ball

Hook

5.5 mm / Size I/US 9

Abbreviations

Beg = Begin
Ch = Chain
Dc = Double Crochet
Rep = Repeat
RS = Right Side
Sl St = Slip Stitch
Sp = Space
WS = Wrong Side

Tapestry Crochet Technique

This afghan uses Tapestry Crochet Techniques. When there is a solid colour, the opposite colour is carried under the stitches. When you need to switch, you bring the other colour back up and hide the colour you want to bury.



The picture is showing you the green is being carried under the red stitches. So when you want to switch out and use green as the stitch, you will bury the red. The trick is to be strategic about the carrying of yarn. You can follow the same pattern but switch your yarn when you do another section of the circle. The circle is 12 slices of pie. Each new slice has an increase stitch. Use those increase stitches as you key trigger to switch your yarn.

To Switch Yarn

To change over the colour of yarn. When completing the final stitch before the change, the final yarn over and pull through should be the colour you are changing too. Do not wait to change yarn when starting a brand new stitch. The loop must have already been changed prior to starting the next colour with full stitches. As you project gets bigger, more time lapses in between the colour changes, so it gets faster and easier. In the beginning, it can be sluggish but just manage a few rounds and it will come to you.

What to Watch For

Keep an eye on the tension of the yarn that is being carried under the stitches. You will need to tug on it to pull the slack. Before fully changing to a new colour, tug. If you don't tug before doing the change over, any slack is permanently into the project.

The back of the project will show more bleed from the carry yarn than the front. So it will be more obvious on the back-side than the front. So the front and back side of the project will look slightly different from each other.

Instructions

With A Ch 4.

Round 1: (RS) 11 dc into 4th chain from hook. Join with sl st to top of be chain 3. - 12 sts

Tapestry Crochet Technique Starts

Round 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. Before finishing the dc, be sure to switch the yarn to colour B to complete the final pull through so it's ready for the next stitch. 2 dc using B in next

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stitch. Switching back to A. You are making sure that you have 2 dc in each of the same colour. Join with sl st with Colour A to beg ch. - 24 sts. You will have 6 groups of Colour A and 6 Groups of Colour B alternating.

Going forward in this pattern, when changing colours to match the rounds below, it's assumed you are using the Tapestry Crochet Technique of colour changing. You need to ensure you slip stitch with the colour that is intended to start the next round and bury in the other colour into the slip stitch to hide it.

Round 3: With A ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next. Repeat * around. Join with a sl st with A to beg ch. - 36 sts

Round 4: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 2. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 2. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 48 sts

Round 5: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 3. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 3. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 60 sts

Round 6: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 4. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 4. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 72 sts

Round 7: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 5. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 5. Repeat * around. Join with sl st to beg ch. - 84 sts

Round 8: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 6. *Switch Colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 6. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 96 sts

Round 9: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 7. *Switch colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 7. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 108 sts

Round 10: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 8. *Switch Colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 8. Repeat * around. Join with sl st with A to beg ch. - 120 sts

Round 11: With A Ch 3, 1 dc in same st as join. 1 dc in next 9. *Switch Colour 2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next 9. Repeat * around. Join with sl st to beg ch. - 132 sts

Tapestry Crochet is Finished. Fasten off both Colour A and B.

Round 12: On RS fasten on Colour C to the same stitch as where you fastened off. Join with a sl st. Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join. 1 sc in next 10. *2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in next 10. Repeat * around. Join with sl st to beg sc. - 144 sts

Round 13: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join. 1 sc in next 8. *2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in next 8. Repeat * around. Join with sl st to beg sc. Fasten off and weave in ends. - 160 sts

Transition to Square

Round 1: On RS with MC fasten on with a sl st to any stitch in the circle. Ch 4 (counts as tr), 1 tr in same stitch. The next set of instructions all have 1 crochet stitch in each. Here is the order. *1 tr in the next 4 stitches, 1 dc in the next 5 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 5 stitches, 1 sc in next 11 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 5 stitches, 1 dc in the 5 stitches, 1 tr in the next 4 stitch-

es, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next stitch. Repeat from * around. Final corner is 2 tr in the same stitch as where you started, ch 2 and then sl st to top of beg ch 4. - 172 sts

Round 2: Ch 4, (counts as tr), 1 tr into the previous ch 2 sp. The next set of instructions all have 1 crochet stitch in each. Here is the order. *1 tr in the next 3 stitches, 1 dc in the next 6 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 6 stitches, 1 sc in next 13 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 6 stitches, 1 dc in the 6 stitches, 1 tr in the next 3 stitches, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next ch-2 space. Repeat from * around. Final corner is 2 tr in the same stitch as where you started, ch 2 and then sl st to top of beg ch 4. - 188 sts

Round 3: Ch 3, (counts as dc), 1 dc into the previous ch 2 sp. The next set of instructions all have 1 crochet stitch in each. Here is the order. *1 dc in the next 7 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 8 stitches, 1 sc in next 17 stitches, 1 hdc in the next 8 stitches, 1 dc in the 7 stitches, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 space. Repeat from * around. Final corner is 2 dc in the same stitch as where you started, ch 2 and then sl st to top of beg ch 3. Fasten off. - 204 sts

Final Border

On RS, with A fasten onto ch-2 space with a sl st. ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc into same ch-2 space. *1 dc in each stitch across to next corner. In corners, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc). Repeat * around. Final corner has 2 dc, ch 2. Sl st to the top of the beg ch 3. Fasten off and weave in ends. - 220 sts

See attached 2 diagrams.



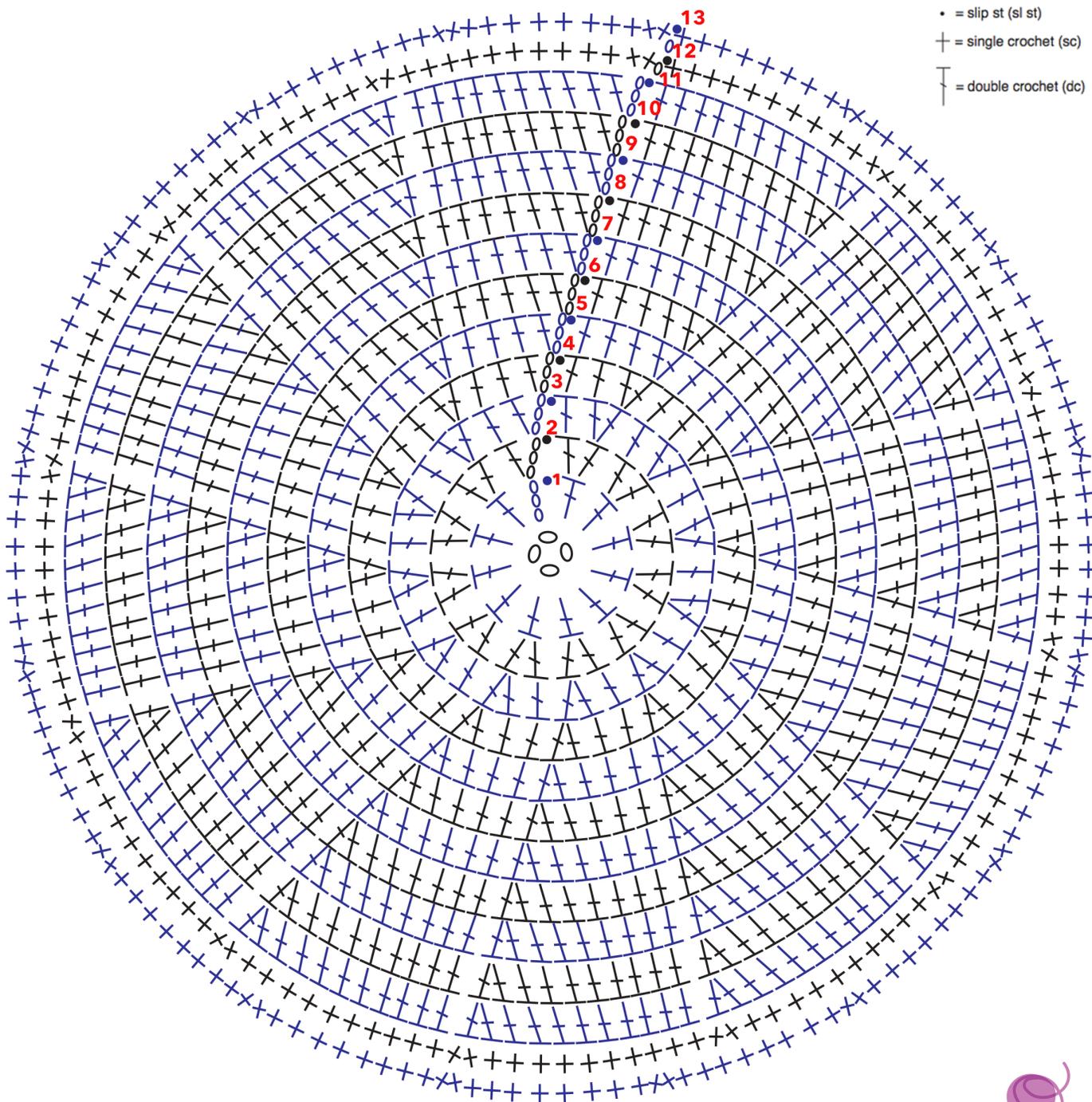
Circle to Square Transition

Action Packed Main Circle

This diagram is used in the following Action Packed Squares, they include Diamond Square, Belt Square, Hammer Square, Web Square, Circle of Stars Square, Spotlight Square, Star Circle, Lightning Square and POW Square.

STITCH KEY

○	= chain (ch)
•	= slip st (sl st)
+	= single crochet (sc)
⌋	= double crochet (dc)



The POW Square uses Tapestry Crochet Techniques of carrying the yarn under the stitches. The same stitches and counts are used, but drop and pick up yarn as required for tapestry techniques.



Basic Square
Transition to Square

