



Hugs & Kisses Around the Block

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Intermediate

CARON
Cakes

Caron® Big Cakes™
(10.5 oz / 300 g; 603 yds / 551 m)

Caron Big Cakes
~ Blue Hawaiian 3 Balls

Hook

5.5 mm / Size I

Abbreviations

Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain
Dc = Double Crochet
Rep = Repeat
Sc = Single Crochet
Sl st = Slip Stitch
Sp = Space
St = Stitch

Special Stitches

X-st: Skip next st, dc into next st, cross back and dc into skipped st; 1 X-st made.

Pc (popcorn stitch): Work 4 dc into the next st, drop the loop from the hook, insert your hook from front to back under the top 2 loops of the first double crochet of the group; 1 pc made.

Project Size

36" x 46"

Instructions

Rnd 1: Ch 26, dc in 5th ch from hook and each ch to next to last ch, (dc, ch



1, 4 dc, ch 1, dc) in last ch, turn to work in opposite side of ch, dc in next 20 ch, (dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in last ch, sl st to top of beg ch 3, sl st into ch-1 sp. - 52 dc, 4 ch 1

Small Repeat

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, sc in next 22 st, 3 sc in ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 st, 3 sc in ch-1, sc in next 22 st, 3 sc in ch 1, sc in next 4 st, 1 sc in same sp as beg sc, sl st to beg sc. - 64 sc

*This is when I like to place a stitch marker in the middle stitch of each corner from here out to keep track of my place.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc, now and throughout), 2 dc in same sp as join, [*sk next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st (X-st), rep from * to corner st, 5 dc in corner], rep on all 4 sides, ending with 2 dc in same sp as beg 3 dc, sl st to beg dc. - 30 X-st, 20 dc

Rnd 4: Rep round 2. - 88 sc

Rnd 5: Ch 2 (counts as hdc, now and throughout), 1 hdc in same sp as join, [*hdc, pc, hdc; rep to corner, 3 hdc in corner st], rep on all 4 sides, ending with 1 hdc in same sp as beg ch 2, sl st to beg ch 2. - 28 pc, 68 hdc

Large Repeat

Rnd 6: Rep round 2. - 104 sc

Rnd 7: Rep round 3. - 50 X-st, 20 dc

Rnd 8: Rep round 2. - 128 sc

Rnd 9: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp as join, dc in each st around, with 5 dc in each corner to beg, 2 dc in same sp as beg ch 3, sl st to beg ch 3. - 144 dc

Rnd 10: Rep round 2. - 152 sc

Rnd 11: Rep round 3. - 74 X-st, 20 dc

Rnd 12: Rep round 2. - 176 sc

Rnd 13: Pc round. This is a rep of round 5 except you will have an extra hdc right before you get to each corner. - 56 pc, 128 hdc

Rnd 14 - 16: Small repeat.

Rnd 17: Rep round 9.

Rnd 18 - 20: Small repeat.

Rnd 21: Repeat Rnd 5 with this exception. Ch 2, hdc in same sp as join, hdc [*hdc, pc, hdc] extra hdc before corner, 3 hdc in corner. - 84 pc, 188 hdc

Rnd 22 - 28: Large repeat.

Rnd 29: Pc round. Rep round 5. - 116 pc, 244 hdc

Rnd 30 - 36: Large repeat.

Rnd 37: Pc round. Rep round 13. - 144 pc, 304 hdc

Rnd 38 - 44: Large repeat.



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Rnd 45: Pc round. Rep round 21. – 172 pc, 364 hdc

Rnd 46 - 48: **Small repeat.**

Edging Round: Ch 1, reverse sc in each st around with 3 rsc in each corner. Finish off.

Pattern Notes:

Rounds 13 & 21 are pretty much identical to Round 5. The exception is that they have an extra HDC before each corner. This keeps the pattern in balance.