

'Maya' by Pam Eberstadt



Stitches (US terms)

Chain (ch)
Chain space (ch sp)
Slip stitch (sl st)
Single crochet (sc)
Half double crochet (hdc)
Back loop only half double crochet (BLOhdc)
Double crochet (dc)
Treble crochet (tr)
Double treble crochet (dtr)
Front post single crochet (FPsc)
Front post double crochet (FPdc)
Front post treble crochet (FPtr)
Front post double treble crochet (FPDtr)
5 double crochet popcorn (dcpc)
5 treble crochet popcorn (trpc)

Notes

- I have used a cotton blend 8ply with a 4mm hook and my square measures 8" / 20cm

- Colours used:
 - A – plum
 - B – royal blue
 - C – light blue
 - D – emerald
 - E – grey green
 - F – grass green
 - G – pineapple
 - H – light yellow
 - I – orange
 - J – red
 - K – royal blue
 - L – purple
- If you don't want to use this many colours, just slip stitch along to the indicated starting point in the next round, and then (ch1, sc) in same stitch for sc, ch2 for hdc, or ch3 for dc.
- In **R9**, remember to close your popcorns with a single chain. This chain is part of the popcorn stitch. This is particularly important when you make the corners; they require 2 chains in addition to the chain that is part of the stitch.
- In **R11**, it may be tricky to get the treble between the 3dc groups of the R10 corner and into the R9 chain space. Twist your hook in, up and through, and fold the second half of the R10 corner over while you pull through all your loops. Don't worry about how it looks until the corner is completed – it will come good!
- On fastening off: I often like to use standing stitches and invisible joins. Alternatively, you can choose to work starting chains as per italics in parentheses, and *join with a slip stitch to the first stitch of each round before fastening off*.
- For stitch guidance, I recommend www.moogly.com (I am not affiliated with this site in any way, but have found the tutorials to be excellent).

Pattern

First, make a magic loop (*or ch4 and sl st into first chain to form a loop*)

R1: With A, ch1, 6sc into magic loop, sl st into first sc to join **(6)**

R2: Ch4 (counts as dc + ch), dc in same stitch as join, (dc, ch1, dc) into each sc. Fasten off and weave in ends **(12 dc + 6 ch1 spaces)**

R3: Join B with standing sc in any ch1 space (*or ch1 and sc in same space*), ch2, sc between next 2 dcs, ch2, (sc in next ch sp, ch2, single crochet between next 2 dcs, ch2) to end. Fasten off and weave in ends **(12 sc + 12 ch2 spaces)**

R4: Join C with standing hdc in any sc (*or ch2*), 2hdc in ch sp, (hdc in next stitch, 2hdc

in ch sp) to end. Fasten off and weave in ends **(36 hdc)**

- R5: Join D with standing dc in any first hdc of 2hdc group (*or ch3*), dc in same stitch, 2dc in next stitch, fptr round sc of R3, skip next stitch, (2dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch, fptr round sc of R3, skip next stitch) to end. Fasten off and weave in ends **(60: 12 fptc, 48dc)**
- R6: Join E with standing sc between any 2dc groups (*or ch1, sc in the same space*), ch2, fpssc round fptr of R5, ch2, (sc between 2dc groups, ch2, fpssc round fptr of R5, ch2) to end. Fasten off and weave in ends **(48: 12fpssc, 12 sc + 24 ch2 spaces)**
- R7: Join F with standing sc into any 2ch space before a fpssc (*or ch1, sc in same space*), sc, sc into fpssc, 2hdc in ch sp, hdc into next stitch *(2dc into ch sp, dc into next stitch) twice, 2hdc into ch sp, hdc into next stitch #, (2sc into ch sp, sc into next stitch) twice, 2hdc into ch sp, hdc into next stitch* 3 times, ending at # on last repeat, 2sc into ch sp, sc into next stitch. Fasten off and weave in ends **(72: 24sc, 24hdc, 24dc)**
- R8: Join G with standing sc into 4th sc of any side (*or ch1, sc in same space*), sc in next stitch, FPdc round FPsc, skip stitch, (2sc, 3hdc, FPtr around FPsc of R6, skip stitch, 3hdc, 2sc, FPdc round fpssc of R6, skip stitch, # 5sc, FPdc round FPsc of R6, skip stitch) 4 times, ending at # on last repeat, 3sc. Fasten off and weave in ends **(72: 36sc, 24hdc, 8FPdc, 4FPtr)**
- R9: Join H with standing hdc into 4th sc of any central group (*or ch2*), hdc in next stitch, dcpc into fpdc, *4dc, tr, (trpc, ch2, trpc) in FPtr (corner made), tr, 4dc, dcpc, # 5hdc, dcpc* 4 times, ending at # on last repeat, 3hdc. Fasten off and weave in ends **(76: 20hdc, 32dc, 8tr, 8dcpc, 8trpc + 2 2ch corner spaces)**
- R10: Join I with standing dc into the 4th hdc of any side (*or ch3*), dc in next stitch, ch1, skip pc, 5dc, ch1, skip pc, *(3dc, ch2, 3dc) into corner ch sp (corner made), ch1, skip pc, # (5dc, ch1, skip pc) 3 times* 4 times, ending at # on last repeat, 5dc, ch1, skip pc, 3dc. Fasten off and weave in ends **(84: 21dc + 4 ch1 sp per side + 4 ch2 corner spaces)**
- R11: Join J with standing BLOhdc in 4th dc of central group on any side (*or ch2 in BLO*), BLOhdc, hdc in ch sp, 5BLOhdc, hdc in ch sp, 3BLOhdc, *(2hdc, tr into the R9 ch sp, between the 3dc groups of R10 corner, 2hdc) (corner made), 3BLOhdc, hdc in ch sp, # (5BLOhdc, hdc in ch sp) 3 times, 3BLOhdc* 4 times, ending at # on the final repeat, 5BLOhdc, hdc in ch sp, 3BLOhdc. Fasten off and weave in ends **(120: 8hdc, 21BLOhdc per side + 4tr in corners)**
- R12: Join K with standing dc in any stitch (*or ch3*), dc in each stitch along sides, and (3dc, ch2, 3dc) in each corner tr. Fasten off and weave in ends **(140: 35dc per side)**
- R13: Join L with standing BLOhdc in any stitch (*or ch2 in BLO*), BLOhdc in every stitch along except the first stitch of each side, (FPdtr round the R11 tr, 2hdc, ch2, 2hdc, Fpdtr round the R11 tr) in corners **(160: 38dc, 2dtr per side)**