

'Frank Mandala' by Pam Eberstadt



Stitches (US terms)

Chain (ch)

Chain space (ch sp)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Single Crochet Back Loop Only (scBLO)

Double crochet (dc)

Beginning 3dc Bobble Stitch (Beg3dcB)

3dc Bobble Stitch (3dcB)

Beginning 4dc Bobble Stitch (Beg4dcB)

4dc Bobble Stitch (4dcB)

V-Stitch (Vs)

Bobble stitch: sometimes known as a cluster stitch. I recommend this photo tutorial:
<http://www.lookatwhatimade.net/crafts/yarn/crochet/crochet-tutorials/crochet-bobble-stitch/>

V-Stitch: (dc, ch1, dc) in same stitch

Notes

- I have used a cotton 8ply with a 4mm hook and my mandala measures 8" / 20cm in diameter. Cotton is recommended for best results.
- Colours used:
 - A – pink
 - B – pale green
 - C – teal
 - D – ruby
 - E – orange
 - F – turquoise
- You may like to consider using invisible joins instead of slip stitch joins to fasten off. Invisible joins make for a much neater finish. I recommend this photo tutorial: <http://www.lookatwhatimade.net/crafts/yarn/crochet/crochet-tutorials/crochet-invisible-join-vs-slip-stitch-join/>

Pattern

First, make a magic loop (*or ch4 and join with a slip stitch to form ring*)

R1: With A, ch3, 15dc into ring, sl st into top of ch3 at beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (16)

R2: With B, ch3 in any dc, 2dc into same stitch, skip stitch, (3dc into next stitch, skip stitch) to end, sl st into top of ch3 at beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (24)

R3: With C, join with Beg4dcB between any two 3dc groups, ch2, skip stitch, dc in next stitch, ch1, skip stitch, (4dcB between the two 3dc groups, ch2, skip stitch, dc in next stitch, ch1, skip stitch) to end, sl st into top of Beg4dcB. Fasten off and weave in ends. (8dc, 8 bobbles, 16 ch sp)

R4: With D, ch3 in any ch sp, 3dc in same sp, 4dc in each ch sp around, slip stitch into top of ch3 at beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (64)

R5: With E, ch4 (=dc+1ch) between any two 4dc groups, dc in same place. V-stitch between 2nd and 3rd dcs of next 4dc group (V-stitch between the two 4dc groups, V-stitch between 2nd and 3rd dcs of next 4dc group) to end, sl stitch into 3rd chain at start of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (32 Vs)

R6: With F, join with Beg3dcB in any ch1 space, ch2, (3dcB in next ch1 sp, ch2) to end, sl st into top of Beg3dcB at beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (32 bobbles, 32 ch sp)

R7: With A, ch3 in any ch sp, 3dc in same space, 4dc in each ch sp around, sl st into top of ch3 at beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (128)

R8: With D, ch1 in Back Loop Only of any stitch and scBLO in same stitch, scBLO in each stitch around, sl st into ch1 at start of round, Fasten off and weave in ends (128)