

Yuletide Mandala



Materials

Small quantities of DK weight yarn (eg Stylecraft Special DK). I've given colour names which use up leftovers from the Yuletide yarn pack, but you can use any colours you like. 4mm hook (or a hook which suits your own crochet tension).



Size

The finished mandala measures approximately 23cm. across.

Abbreviations

The pattern is written in UK crochet terms using the following stitches and abbreviations:

ch	chain
st(s)	stitch(es)
sp	space
sk	skip
sl st	slip stitch
beg	beginning
dc	double crochet
tr	treble crochet
spike	spike stitch - a treble crochet worked into the skipped stitch two rows below the current one, drawing the loop up to the height of the current working row

The Pattern

Round 1, Tomato (tr round)

Ch 4; sl st in 1st ch to form a ring;

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 11 tr into ring; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. DO NOT fasten off. [12 sts]

Round 2, continue with Tomato (tr round)

Sl st into next stitch; ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr in same st; * 2 tr in next st;

Repeat from * ten more times; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [24 sts]

Round 3, Claret (2-tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr in same st; sk 1 st; ch 1; * 2 tr in next st; sk 1 st; ch 1;

Repeat from * ten more times; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [12 x 2-tr]

Round 4, Gold (spike round)

Join yarn in centre space between 2-tr

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 2 spikes in the next skipped st two rows below;

* 1 tr in next centre space between 2-tr; 2 spikes in the next skipped st two rows below;

Repeat from * ten more times; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [36 sts]

Round 5, Sage (tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr in same st; 1 tr in next st; * 2 tr in next st; 1 tr in next st;

Repeat from * around the circle; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [54 sts]

Round 6, Gingerbread (2-tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch;

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr in same st; sk 1 st; ch 1; * 2 tr in next st; sk 1 st; ch 1;

Repeat from * around the circle; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [27 x 2-tr]

Round 7, Lipstick (spike round)

Join yarn in centre space between 2-tr

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 spike in the next skipped st two rows below;

* 1 tr in next centre space between 2-tr; 1 spike in the next skipped st two rows below;

Repeat from * round the circle; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [54 sts]

Round 8, Teal (tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr in same st; 1 tr in each of the next 2 sts;

* 2 tr in next st; 1 tr in each of the next 2 sts;

Repeat from * around the circle; sl st into 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to close round. Fasten off. [72 sts]

Round 9, Kelly Green (2-tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch and repeat Round 6. [36 x 2-tr]

Round 10, Claret (spike round)

Join yarn in any stitch and repeat Round 7. [72 sts]

Round 11, Burgundy (tr round)

Join yarn in any stitch and repeat round 8. [96 sts]

Round 12, Lipstick (dc round)

Join yarn in any stitch

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc in each stitch around; sl st into 2nd ch of beg ch-2 to close round. DO NOT fasten off. [96 sts]

Round 13, continue with Lipstick (scallop edge)

Sl st in next st; ch 1; sk 1 st; 4 tr in next st; ch 1; sk 1 st;

* Sl st in next st; ch 1; sk 1 st; 4 tr in next st; ch 1; sk 1 st;

Repeat from * around the circle; sl st into beg ch-1 to close round. Fasten off. [24 scallops]