

Starflower Mandala: Pattern

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About a week ago I made a [STARFLOWER MANDALA](#)

I posted this photo in online groups and within a few hours I had hundreds of requests for the pattern,



I started making another Starflower Mandala so that I could write up the pattern; while I was writing it up a few lovely ladies from various crochet groups were helping me test the pattern.

We completed the first phase of the testing yesterday morning after I had finished my second mandala:



Another group of lovely ladies helped me run a second test - and I made a THIRD mandala:



I was going to do a complete tutorial for the pattern but the ladies who tested the pattern have assured me that the pattern is very easy to follow.

So, without further ado, here it is:

THE STARFLOWER MANDALA PATTERN

Yarn: Stylecraft Special DK;

Hook: 3.50mm

Size: 33cm in diameter

Pattern Terms: US

(I have included this conversion chart for my UK readers)

US PATTERN TERMS	UK PATTERN TERMS
chain(ch)	chain(ch)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
double crochet (dc)	treble (tr)
half double crochet (hdc)	half treble (htr)
triple crochet (trc)	double treble (dtr)
slip stitch (sl st)	slip stitch (sl st)

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Foundation: 6ch, ss to first chain to form a circle

Row 1: Into the circle, 2ch 2dc cluster, 3ch; *3dc cluster, 3ch* crochet *to* 5x (6 clusters), ss into top of first cluster to close, break off yarn

Note: a 3dc cluster is formed as follows - yarn over hook, work the first part of the stitch leaving 2 loops on your hook, repeat this twice more (four loops on hook) Yarn over hook and draw through the loops on the hook to form your cluster

Row 2: Into any 3ch sp, 3ch, 3dc 1ch; *into next 3ch sp, 4dc (4dc group), 1ch* *to* 5x (24dc); ss into top of 3ch at start of row to close

Row 3: Join yarn in sp between 1st and 2nd dc on any 4dc group; 3ch, 1dc into same space; 2dc into each of next 2 spaces between dc; 8ch; *2dc into each sp between dc on next 4dc group, 8ch* *to* 5x; ss into top of 3ch at start of row to close.

Note: 3 x groupings of 2dc formed between each 8ch

Row 4: Join yarn with ss into first dc after any 8ch sp; ss through front and back loops on next 5dc; *into 8ch sp, 1sc, 1hdc, 3dc, 1tr, 3ch, 1tr, 3dc, 1hdc, 1sc (Petal formed); 1ss through front and back loops on next 6dc* *to* x5; into last 8ch sp, 1sc, 1hdc, 3dc, 1tr, 3ch, 1tr, 3dc, 1hdc, 1sc; break off yarn.

I suppose there could be some debate about the correct way to end this row off, but this works for me:

With a tapestry needle, pull the yarn through from front to back on the first ss, pull to tighten neatly. then thread the yarn through the back loops on the next 5 ss.

Row 5: Join yarn into the top of the 3rd dc on **Row 3**; 3ch, 1dc into top of next dc, *3ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 2 stitches; 2dc, 1tr, 3ch, 1tr, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 2 stitches, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 3ch; 1dc into each of the 3rd and 4th dc on **Row 3*** *to* x5; 3ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 2 stitches; 2dc, 1tr, 3ch, 1tr, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 2 stitches, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 3ch, ss into top of 3ch at start of row to close.

Row 6: Join yarn into centre of any "middle" 2dc grouping, 3ch, 1dc; *3ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 3 stitches; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3 stitches, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 3ch; 2dc into the centre of "middle" 2dc grouping* *to* x5; 3ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 3 stitches; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3 stitches, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 3ch, ss into top of start 3ch

Row 7: Join yarn into centre of any "middle" 2dc grouping, 1ch, 1sc; *6ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 3 dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3 dc, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 6ch; 1 sc into the centre of "middle" 2dc grouping* *to* x5; 6ch, 1sc into first dc on Petal, 1hdc into next dc,



1dc into each of next 3 dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3 dc, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc, 6ch, ss into start 1ch

Row 8: Join yarn into first dc on right hand side of any petal 1ch, 1sc into same dc, 1hdc into next dc, 1 dc into each of next 3dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3dc; 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc *6ch, 1sc into 6ch on **Row 7**; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch on **Row 7**; 6ch 1sc into first dc on petal, 1hdc into next dc, 1dc into each of next 3dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 3dc, 1hdc into next dc, 1sc into next dc* *to* x5; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch on **Row 7**; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch on **Row 7**; 6ch, ss into 1ch at start of row

Row 9: Join yarn into 4th dc on right hand side of any petal; 3ch, 1dc into next dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 2dc; *(6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp) x3; 6ch; 1dc into 4th dc on petal, 1dc into next dc; 2dc, 3ch, 2dc into 3ch sp; 1dc into each of next 2dc* *to* x5; (6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp) x3; 6ch

Row 10: Join yarn into third dc on right side of any petal; 2ch, 1hdc into next dc; 2hdc, 2ch, 2hdc into 3ch sp; 1hdc into each of next 2dc; *6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp; 6ch, 4dc into next 6ch space; 4dc into next 6ch space; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp; 6ch, 1hdc into third dc on petal, 1hdc into next dc; 2hdc, 2ch, 2hdc into 3ch sp; 1hdc into each of next 2dc* *to* x5; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp; 6ch, 4dc into next 6ch space; 4dc into next 6ch space; 6ch, 1sc into 6ch sp; 6ch ss into top of 2ch at start of row

Row 11: Join yarn into third hdc on right side of any petal; 2ch, 1hdc into next hdc, 3hdc into 2ch sp, 1hdc into each of next 2hdc; *6ch, 3dc into 6ch sp; 6ch, (1tr into each of next 4 dc) x2; 6ch, skip first 6ch sp, 3dc into next 6ch sp; 6ch 1hdc into third hdc, 1hdc into next hdc, 3hdc into 2ch sp, 1hdc into each of next 2hdc* *to* x5; ss into top of 2ch at start of row to close

Row 12: Join yarn between 3rd and 4th hdc on right hand side of any petal; 2ch, 1hdc between 4th and 5th hdc, *1ch; 6dc, into each of next two 6ch spaces; 1ch, skip 1st tr on **Row 11**; 1tr into each of next 6 tr; 1ch; 6dc into each of next two 6ch spaces, 1ch; 1hdc between 3rd and 4th hdc; 1hdc between 4th and 5th hdc* *to* x5; 1ch; 6dc, 1ch into each of next 2 6ch spaces; skip 1st tr on **Row 11**; 1tr into each of next 6 tr; 1ch; 6dc, 1ch into each of next 2 6ch spaces; ss into top of 2ch at start of row to close

Row 13: Join yarn between 2hdc at top of petal; 2ch; *1hdc into 1ch space, 1hdc into each of next 6dc; 1dc into each of next 6dc; 1tr into each of next 6tr; 1dc into each of next 6dc; 1hdc into each of next 6dc; 1hdc into 1 ch space; 1hdc into space between 2hdc at top of petal* *to* x5; 1hdc into 1ch space, 1hdc into each of next 6dc; 1dc into each of next 6dc; 1tr into each of next 6tr; 1dc into each of next 6dc; 1hdc into each of next 6dc; 1hdc into 1 ch space, ss into top of 2ch at start of row to close

Row 14: Join yarn into second tr of any 6tr sequence on **Row 13**; 4ch, 1tr into each of next 4tr; 1dc into each of next 13 stitches; 1tr into each of next 2hdc; 1dc into each of next 13 stitches; *1tr into each of next 5tr: 1dc into each of next 13 stitches; 1tr into each of next 2hdc; 1dc into each of next 13 stitches* *to* x 5; ss into top of 4ch at



start of row to close;

Row 15: (EDITED) Join yarn in space between any 2tr at top of petal; 5ch (counts as 1sc and 4ch), skip two spaces then 1 sc in next space; *4ch, skip 2 spaces, then 1sc in next space* until last 2 spaces, 4ch, ss into 1st chain at start of row

Row 16: Join yarn in any 4ch space, 3ch, 2dc in same space, 1ch; *3dc, 1ch in next 4ch space* to end of row, ss into top of 3ch at start of row to close

Row 17: Join yarn in 2nd dc of any 3dc group on **Row 16**; 1ch, 1sc in same space as join, 1ch; *dc spike to the left of the sc in **Row 15**; dc spike to the right of the sc in **Row 15** (crossover spike made), 1ch 1sc into the second dc of next 3dc group 1ch* *to* to end of row ss into 1ch at start of row to close.

Note: *When doing the spike stitch keep your tension even but not too tight*

Row 18: Join yarn with a ss in 1ch sp to the left of any crossover spike, ss in next 1ch sp, *6ch, ss into 4th ch from hook; ss into 1ch sp to the left of next crossover stitch, ss into next 1ch* *to* to the right of the last crossover spike; 6ch, ss into 4th ch from hook, ss into ss at start of row.

PS: I have prepared a row by row photo aid to this pattern, which can be found [HERE](#)