Carousel Square

CAROUSEL SQUARE
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EXPERIENCED

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Materials:
☑ Worsted weight acrylic yarn (one or 2 colors)
☑ Crochet hook size G

Gauge: Rounds 1-2 = 2 1/2"

Finished size: 6" or 7"

To work front post dc (fpdc): Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated stitch, complete dc.

To work front post sc (fpsc): Insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated stitch, complete sc.

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Directions are for one color. Two color variation is given after the pattern.

Ch 5, join with a sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 4 to count as the first trc, work 15 more trc in the ring; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 4. (16 trc)

Round 2: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, fpdc around the beginning ch 4 of round 1; (dc in the next trc, fpdc around the same trc) around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (32 sts)

Round 3: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st as joining, fpdc around the next fpdc; (2 dc in the next dc, fpdc around the next fpdc) around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 sts)

Round 4: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the next dc, fpdc around the next fpdc; (dc in each of the next 2 dc, fpdc around the next fpdc) around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 sts)

Round 5: Sl st in the next dc, ch 1, fpsc around the next fpdc; (ch 5, fpsc around the next fpdc) around; join with a sl st to the first fpsc. (16 ch 5 loops)

Round 6: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, (5 dc in the next ch 5 loop, sc in the next fpsc) around, ending with 5 dc in the last ch 5 loop, join with a sl st to the first sc. (16 shells) (If using 2 colors, fasten off first color.)

Round 7: Ch 1, from the back, sl st into the top of the first fpdc of round 4, ch 6 to count as the first trc and the first ch 2, skip next 2 dc on round 6, sc from the front in the next dc, (the center dc of the shell), ch 2, *skip next 2 dc on round 4,

trc from the back in the top of the next fpdc of round 4, ch 2, skip next 2 dc on round 6, sc in the next dc, (the center dc of the next shell), ch 2* Repeat from * to * 14 times; ch 1, join with a sc to the 4th ch of the beginning ch 6 to form last ch 2 sp. (32 ch 2 sps)

Round 8: Ch 4 to count as the first trc, work 3 more trc in the same sp, *2 dc in the next ch 2 sp, 2 hdc in the next ch 2 sp, (2 sc in the next ch 2 sp) 3 times, 2 hdc in the next ch 2 sp, 2 dc in the next ch 2 sp, 7 tr in the next ch 2 sp* Repeat from * to * 2 times; 2 dc in the next ch 2 sp, 2 hdc in the next ch 2 sp, (2 sc in the next ch 2 sp) 3 times, 2 hdc in the next ch 2 sp, 2 dc in the next ch 2 sp, 3 trc in the same ch ch 2 sp as the beginning trcs; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 4. (84 sts)

✳**Pattern Note:** For a 6" square, skip round 9 and go to round 10. For a 7" square, complete both rounds 9 and 10.

Round 9: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st as joining; (dc in the next 20 sts, 3 dc in the next st) 3 times, dc in the next 20 sts, 2 dc in the same st as first dc; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 10: Ch 1, 3 sc in the same st as joining; sc in each remaining st around, working 3 sc in the center st of each corner; join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

The color changes when working this square are a little tricky. **To work the square with 2 colors:**

Work round 1 in color A. Attach color B to the top of the joining sl st.

For round 2: ch 2, then work a dc in the same st for the first dc. Work all dc in color B and all fpdc in color A, changing colors at the top of each st. Join with a sl st to the first dc. (To change colors at the top of the stitch - work the stitch, leaving the last 2 loops of the stitch on the hook; new color yo and pull through last 2 loops on hook.)

For rounds 3 & 4: Work all dc in color B and all fpdc in color A, changing colors at the top of st. Fasten off both colors at the end of row 4.

Round 5: Join color A with a sl st in any fpdc, ch 1, fpsc around the same fpdc. Finish round 5 as per pattern.

Round 6: Work as for pattern in color A. Fasten off color A at the end of the round.

Round 7: From the back, join color B with a sl st in the top of the first fpdc of round 4, finish round as per pattern.

Work rounds 8 and 9 (if desired) as per pattern. Fasten off color B.

Round 10: Attach color A with a sl st in the center st of any corner. Finish as per pattern.

Happy Crocheting!