GRANNY SQUARE MONTH

Day 16

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Abbreviations (UK terms)

Ch - chain
Dc - double crochet
Dtr - double treble crochet
BLO - back loops only
FLO - front loops only
Htr - half treble crochet
RS - right Side
Sk - skip
Ss - slip stitch
St(s) - stitch(es)
Tr - treble crochet
WS - wrong side

What you will need:

- Knitcraft Cotton Blend in Bright Blue (yarn A), Mustard (yarn B), Red (yarn C), Coral (yarn D), Yellow (yarn E), Teal (yarn F), Denim (yarn G), Lilac (yarn H), Hot Pink (yarn I), White (Yarn J), Black (yarn K)
- 5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Pattern Notes

2tr-cluster -2 Treble Cluster (*yarn over, insert into indicated stitch, yarn over, pull through a loop,
yarn over, draw through two loops (2 loop left on hook), repeat from * working in the same stitch (3 loops left on hook), yarn over, pull through all 3 loops)
small pocket – Small Pocket Sitch (1 dc, 1 htr, 3 tr around the front post of the tr below the ss)
large pocket – Large Pocket Sitch (1 dc, 1 htr, 1 tr, 2 dtr around the front post of the tr below the ss)

The pattern is worked in rows over mainly dc and tr stitches. The baskets for the hot air balloons are created using the small and large pocket stitches, see Pattern Notes above. The clouds are created by crocheting a chain to make a ring, working into the ring and then crocheting spirals in the BLO and FLO around.
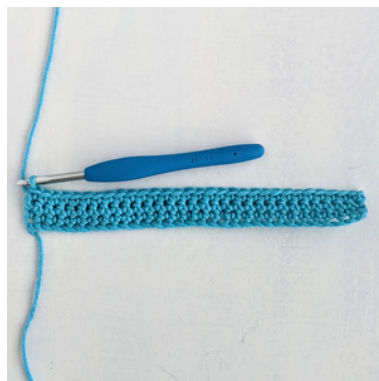
The pattern uses tapestry and intarsia colour changing techniques for the balloons. When using the tapestry technique, the yarn colour(s) that are not being worked will be carried through the stitches. When using the intarsia technique, the yarn colour(s) that are not being worked will be left to hang at the WS of the work. Yarn A should always be worked with the tapestry technique and carried through the stitch(es) when working any other colour. All the other colours for the balloons should be worked with the intarsia technique, dropped at the wrong side when not being worked, and then picked up again on the next row. When changing colour, change to the new colour on the last yarn over of the previous st.

The rows worked over tr stitches start with a ch3 that is not a stitch. The first tr should be worked into the st at the base of the ch3. These rows end with a 2tr-cluster. When working the border, work over the ch3 only at one end and one part of the 2tr-cluster only at the other end. This will then remove any gaping areas on these rows after the border is worked.

With Yarn A, ch31
Row 1 (RS) dc in second chain from the hook, 29 dc, turn. (30 sts)
Rows 2-3 (2 rows) Ch1 (does not count as stitch throughout), 30 dc, turn.

Row 4 (WS) Ch3 (does not count as stitch throughout), 29 tr, 2tr-cluster in last st, turn. (30 sts: 29 tr, one 2tr-cluster)

When changing from yarn A to yarn B, on the next row, drop yarn A but do not fasten off, pick up again at the colour change back to yarn A on the ss, and then fasten off yarn B. There will be a line of yarn A along the WS of the work that should be crocheted over when working row 6.

When changing colour from yarn A to yarn J, crochet over yarn A when working the dc sts in yarn J.

Row 5 Ch1, 7 dc, change to yarn B, 1 ss, small pocket, sk next 2 tr, 1 ss, change to yarn A, 12dc, change to yarn J, 1 dc ch5, join with ss to first ch to make a ring, 6 dc in the ring, (in BLO ss, ch4, 3 dc in second ch from the hook, 3 dc in next ch2) six times, (in FLO ss, ch3, 3 dc in second ch from the hook, 3 dc in next ch) six times, (1 cloud is made), 1 dc, change to yarn A, 5 dc, turn.

Row 6 Ch1, 19 dc, 1 htr in same st that ss is worked in on Row 5, 2 htr in sk sts on Row 4, 1 htr in same st that ss is worked in on Row 5, 8 dc, turn.

Row 7 ch1, 30 dc, turn.

Sew cloud tails onto square to secure in place.

Row 8 Ch1, 20 dc, change to yarn D, 3 dc, change to yarn A, 7 dc, turn.

Row 9 ch1, 7 dc, change to yarn D, 3 dc, change to yarn A, 20 dc, turn.

Row 10 Ch1, 19 dc, change colour to yarn H, 5 dc, change colour to yarn A, 6 dc, turn.

Row 11 Ch1, 5 dc, change colour to yarn H, 7 dc, change colour to yarn A, 18 dc, turn.

Row 12 Ch3, 17 tr, change to yarn H, 9 tr change to yarn A, 3 tr, 2tr-cluster in last st, turn.

When changing from yarn A to yarn B, on the next row, drop yarn A but do not fasten off, pick up again at the colour change back to yarn A on the ss, and then fasten off yarn B. There will be a line of yarn A along the WS of the work that should be crocheted over when working row 14.

Row 13 Ch1, 4 dc, change to yarn E, 9 dc, change to yarn A, 4 dc, change to yarn B, 1 ss, large pocket, sk next 3 tr, 1 ss, change to yarn A, 8 dc, turn.

Row 14 Ch1, 8 dc, 1 htr in same st that ss is worked in on Row 13, 3 htr in sk sts on Row 12, 1 htr in same st that ss is worked in on Row 13, 5 dc, change to yarn E, 7 dc, change to yarn A, 5 dc, turn.
Row 15 Ch1, 6 dc, change to yarn E, 5 dc, change to yarn A, 19 dc, turn.

Row 16 Ch1, 9 dc, change to yarn I, 4 dc, change to yarn A, 17 dc, turn.
Row 17 Ch1, 17 dc, change to yarn I, 4 dc, change to yarn A, 9 dc, turn.

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Row 18 Ch1, 9 dc, change to yarn H, 4 dc, change to yarn A, 17 dc, turn.
Row 19 Ch1, 16 dc, change to yarn H, 6 dc, change to yarn A, 8 dc, turn.

Row 20 Ch1, 7 dc, change to yarn G, 8 dc, change to yarn A, 15 dc, turn.
Row 21 Ch1, 13 dc, change to yarn G, 12 dc, change to yarn A, 5 dc, turn.

Row 22 Ch1, 4 dc, change to yarn F, 14 dc, change to yarn A, 12 dc, turn.
Row 23 Ch1, 11 dc, change to yarn F, 16 dc, change to yarn A, 3 dc, turn.

Row 24 Ch1, 3 dc, change to yarn E, 16 dc, change to yarn A, 11 dc, turn.

When changing colour from yarn A to yarn J, crochet over yarn A when working the dc sts in yarn J.

Row 25 Ch1, 4 dc, change to yarn J, 1 dc, ch5, join with ss to first ch to make a ring, 6 dc in the ring, (in BLO ss, ch4, 3 dc in second ch from the hook, 3 dc in next ch2) six times, (in FLO ss, ch3, 3 dc in second ch from the hook, 3 dc in next ch) six times (1 cloud is made), 1 dc, change to yarn A, 5 dc, change to yarn E, 16 dc, change to yarn A, 3 dc, turn.

Row 26 Ch1, 3 dc, change to yarn D, 16 dc, change to yarn A, 11 dc, turn.
Row 27 Ch1, 12 dc, change to yarn D, 14 dc, change to yarn A, 4 dc, turn.
Sew cloud tails onto square to secure in place.

Row 28 Ch1, 5 dc, change to yarn C, 12 dc, change to yarn A, 13 dc, turn.
Row 29 Ch1, 14 dc, change to yarn C, 10 dc, change to yarn A, 6 dc, turn.
Row 30 ch1, 8 dc, change to yarn C, 6 dc, change to yarn A, 16 dc, turn.

Row 31 ch1, 30 dc, turn.
Row 32 ch1, 30 dc, change to yarn K, turn.

Border (RS) 2 dc in corner st, *30dc across top, (2 dc, ch2, 2 dc) in corner st, 30dc along side, (1 dc, ch2, 2 dc) in corner st** rep from * to ** omitting the last 2 dc. (128 dc, 8chs)
Fasten off

Finishing Details:
Using Yarn K, surface crochet 3 sts either side of each hot air balloon from just inside the basket to the edge of the balloon, at a slight angle outwards.
Sew in all the ends.
Fluff up the clouds a little and then your square is complete.

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