

Postcard Two (make 2)

Follow instructions for Postcard One in Week 1, this time adding some surface crochet seagulls.



Surface Crochet Seagulls

Using the photo as a guide and using Yarn E, crochet simple surface crochet chains for each wing of the seagulls. There are 4 seagulls in total.



Vintage Heart Square (make 4)

Vintage postcards can be so much fun with nostalgic scenes and old photos from a different time. This square encompasses that vintage feeling with a heart to remind us we're sending our postcards with love!

This square is made with the right side (RS) facing at all times.

Using Yarn F, make 4ch, sl st to first ch to join into a ring (or make a magic circle).

Round 1 (RS) 3ch (counts as first dc), 11dc into the ring, sl st to top of first 3 ch to join. [12 sts]

Round 2 2ch (does not count as st), 1dc in same st at base of 2ch, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 8dc in next st, skip next st, 1sl st in next st, skip next st, 8dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 7dc in next st, sl st to first dc. [30 sts]

Round 3 1ch (does not count as st), 1hdc in same st at base of 1ch, 1hdc in each of next 6 sts, 3hdc in next st, 3dc in next st, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in next st, skip next sl st instead working 1sl st into the same st it is worked into below in Round 1, 1sc in next st, 1hdc in next st, 3dc in next st, 3hdc in next st, 1hdc in each of next 10 sts, (2hdc, 1ch, 2hdc) all in next st, 1hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st to first hdc, fasten off. [41 sts]

Half Double Crochet stitches are unique in that they have 3 loops/strands at the top of the stitch. Make sure that in Round 4 you are inserting your hook into just the one very back loop only which sits towards the back of the work. This ensures that two strands remain to the front of the work.

When working into the dc and sc stitches at the top of the heart insert hook into a strand behind the stitch to ensure two strands stay to front. This gives the heart a nice crisp border.

Round 4 Join Yarn E into blo of top central sl st, 1ch (counts as first st), 1sc in blo of next st and each st around (at the bottom of the heart skip the 1ch), sl st to first ch. [41 sts]

Round 5 1sl st in next st, 1sc in next st, * 2ch, skip next st, 1sc in next st, 3ch, skip 2 sts, 1sc in next st, repeat from * six times more, 2ch, skip next st, 1sc in next st, 3ch, skip remaining sts, sl st to first sc made (before first 2-ch-sp). [16 ch-sp]

A square will now be created around the heart.

Round 6 1sl st in next ch-sp, 2ch (counts as first hdc), 2hdc in same ch-sp, * skip next st, 3sc in next ch-sp, skip next st, 3hdc in next ch-sp, skip next st, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in next ch-sp **, skip next st, 3hdc in next ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, sl st to top of first 2ch, fasten off. [13 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sp]

Round 7 Join Yarn G into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (1dc, 2ch, 2dc) in same corner ch-sp, * 1dc in each st to end of side, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in

corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1dc in each st to end, sl st to top of first 3ch, fasten off. [17 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sp]

Round 8 Join Yarn H into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (2dc, 2ch, 3dc) in same corner ch-sp, * (skip 2 sts, 3dc in next st) until final 2 sts of side, skip final 2 sts **, (3dc, 2ch, 3dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, sl st to top of first 3ch, fasten off. [21 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sp]

Round 9 Join Yarn I into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (2dc, 2ch, 3dc) in same corner ch-sp, * (skip 3 sts, 3dc into space before next 3-dc group) six times, skip 3 sts **, (3dc, 2ch, 3dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, sl st to top of first 3ch, fasten off. [24 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sp]

Round 10 Join Yarn E into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (2dc, 2ch 3dc) in same corner ch-sp, * (skip 3 sts, 3dc into space before next 3-dc group) seven times, skip 3 sts **, (3dc, 2ch 3dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, sl st to top of first 3ch, fasten off. [27 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sp]

Joining the Squares

The squares and rectangles are joined together with simple single crochet stitches going through the corresponding stitches of both pieces to be joined. The squares and rectangles are joined with the right side (RS) held together so that the single crochet stitches appear to the back of the work and the right side of the work has flat neat joins. Lay out the squares and rectangles using photo as a guide.

Shorter joins

Start by joining the shorter joins between the Vintage Heart squares and Postcards. Join Yarn E through both sts to be joined and make 1 ch (does not count as st), work 1 sc in each of the 27 sts across the side edge going through both layers, fasten off.

Central join

The central Week One square is then joined to the outer squares and rectangles in one go. Make sure

the RS are facing each other and with WS of central square facing you, join Yarn E to any outer right st going through to corresponding st on rectangle to be joined, 1 ch (does not count as st), *work 1 sc in each of the next 51 sts across going through both layers, when you reach the corner insert hook into corner ch-sp of central square and the corner ch-sp of the Vintage Heart square and work 1 sc, repeat from * for each side, after final corner ch-sp sl st to first sc and fasten off.



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