

Sunset Square (make 4)

Oh how we love a sunset... and there are so many postcards featuring a beautiful sunset. As the sun goes down it might be a good time to write our postcards, reflecting on our day and sharing our thoughts. This square has a beautiful sea sunset...

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

On Rounds 1 - 5 Yarn D is not fastened off. The non-working yarn is held on top of the previous round and worked over with the working yarn until required as indicated. When changing color, join the new yarn at the final yoh of the stitch.

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

Round 1 (RS) 3ch (does not count as st), 6dc into the ring changing to Yarn D at end of sixth dc, 6dc into the ring crocheting around Yarn A and changing back to Yarn A at end of final dc, sl st to first dc to join. [12 sts]

Round 2 3ch (counts as first dc here and throughout), 1 dc into st at base of 3 ch, 2dc in each of next 5 sts crocheting around Yarn D and changing to Yarn D at end of final dc, 2dc in each of next 6 sts crocheting around Yarn A and changing back to Yarn A at end of final dc, sl st to top of first 3 ch. [24 sts]

Round 3 3ch, 1 dc into st at base of 3 ch, 1 dc in next st, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in next st) five times changing to Yarn D at end of final dc, fasten off Yarn A, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in next st) six times changing to Yarn I at end of final dc, sl st to top of first 3 ch. [36 sts]

Round 4 3ch, 1 dc into st at base of 3 ch, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts) five times changing to Yarn D at end of final dc, fasten off Yarn I, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts) six times changing to Yarn F at end of final dc, sl st to top of first 3 ch. [48 sts]

Round 5 3ch, 1 dc into st at base of 3 ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts) five times changing to Yarn D at end of final dc, fasten off Yarn F, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts) six times, sl st to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [60 sts] Keep RS facing, rotate work 180 and join Yarn A into the first st made in Yarn D in Round 5

Round 6 1 ch (counts as first sc), 1 sc in each of next 29 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the first dc in Yarn A below in Round 3, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the third dc along from previous dc crocheted around in Round 3 leaving 2 sts in-between the raised sts in Round 3, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the fourth dc along from previous dc crocheted around in Round 3, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the third dc along from previous dc crocheted around in Round 3, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the fourth dc along from

previous dc crocheted around in Round 3, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the third dc along from previous dc crocheted around in Round 3, sl st to first ch, fasten off. A square will now be created around the circle.

Round 7 Join Yarn H into second sc st along from the second sun ray st made (this will be the first corner), 4ch (counts as first tr), (1 tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same st, 1 tr in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, skip next st instead working 1 hdc into previously skipped st below it in Round 5 (ensure hook goes under the top of the raised st to encase it and neaten - when you get to each raised st in this round crochet under it into the skipped st in Round 5), 1hdc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts (the fourth st will be worked into skipped st in Round 5 as before), 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 tr in next st, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) all in next st, 1 tr in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 tr in next st, repeat from * two times more, sl st to top of first 4 ch, fasten off. [18 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 8 Join Yarn G into any corner ch-sp, 4ch (counts as 1 hdc and 2 ch), 1hdc in same corner ch-sp, * 1hdc in each st to end of side, (1hdc, 2ch, 1hdc)

in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times more, 1 hdc in each st to end, sl st to second ch of beginning 4 ch, fasten off. [20 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 9 Join Yarn I into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (2dc, 2ch, 3dc) in same corner ch-sp, (pay attention to skip the first st of the side which is less clear to see on a round of hdc

sts), *(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 3 ch, fasten off. [24 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

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 3 ch, fasten off. [27 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Surface Crochet Waves

Using the photo as a guide and using Yarn E, crochet simple surface crochet chains for each wave on the sea. There are 5 in total.



Postcard Four (make 4)

Another beach scene to send as a postcard, this time with red flowers amongst the beach grass, crocheted using raised stitches. For two of these postcards a beach hut can be added.

Using Yarn C make 51 ch.

Row 1 (RS) 1 dc in 4th ch from hook (the 3 skipped ch count as first dc), 1 dc in each ch to end, turn. [49 sts]

Row 2 (WS) 3ch, 1 dc in same st at base of 3 ch, * skip 2 sts, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) all in next st, repeat from * until final 3 sts, skip 2 sts, 2 dc in final st, turn.

Row 3 3ch, 1 dc in same st at base of 3 ch, (skip 2 sts, 3 dc in next 1-ch-sp) to final 1-ch-sp, skip 2 sts, 2 dc in final st, join with Yarn A at end of final st, turn. Fasten off yarn C. [15 groups of 3 dc plus 2 dc at each end]

Row 4 3ch (counts as first dc), 1 dc in each st to end, join with Yarn C at end of final st turn.

Row 5 (RS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around the 7th dc in from the right two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around 8th st along from previous dc worked around two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around 2nd st along from previous dc worked around two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 13 sts, skip next st instead

working 1FPdtr around 16th st along from previous dc worked around two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around 2nd st along from previous dc worked around two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, skip next st instead working 1FPdtr around 8th st along from previous dc worked around two rows below in Row 3, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, join with Yarn A at end of final st, turn. Fasten off.

Row 6 (WS) 3ch (counts as first dc), 1 dc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st instead working 1 dc in the skipped dc two rows below it in Row 4 (make sure you go under the top of the raised st to encase it and neaten – do this each time you crochet under a raised st in this row), 1 dc in each of next 6 sts, skip next st working 1 dc in skipped dc two rows below, 1 dc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st working 1 dc in skipped dc two rows below, 1 dc in each of next 13 sts, skip next st working 1 dc in skipped dc two rows below, 1 dc in each of next 4 sts, skip next st working 1 dc in skipped dc two rows below, 1 dc in each of next 6 sts, skip next st working 1 dc in skipped dc two rows below, 1 dc in each of next 5 sts, join with Yarn E at end of final st turn. Fasten off yarn A. [49 sts]

In Row 7 when Yarn F is not being used, carry Yarn F along behind work and crochet the next stitches around it to carry the yarn along invisibly behind the work.

Row 7 (RS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each of next 4 sts changing to Yarn F at last yoh of fourth st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around first raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E at last yoh of final st (do not tighten too much, the loose strand from Yarn E will be crocheted around in the next row to hide it - do this each time we change to Yarn E in this row), 1 sc in each of next 4 sts crocheting around Yarn F to carry it along, change to Yarn F at last yoh of fourth st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around next raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E at last yoh of final st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, change to Yarn F at last yoh of second st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around next raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E at last yoh of final st, 1 sc in each of next 11 sts, change to Yarn F at last yoh of eleventh st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around next raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E at last yoh of final st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, change to Yarn F at last yoh of second st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around next raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E

at last yoh of final st, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, change to Yarn F at last yoh of fourth st, skip next 3 sts working 3FPtr around next raised st below in Row 5, change back to Yarn E at last yoh of final st, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, turn. [49 sts including 6 groups of raised sts]

Row 8 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, (the following sts are crocheted into the missed sts in Row 6, do not crochet into the raised sts in Yarn F, crochet around the strand of yarn E made when changing colours in the previous row - do this each time we get to the raised sts in this row and crochet into the sts from Row 6) 1 sc in each of next 3 sts in Row 6, * 1 sc in each of next 4 sts (pay attention to crochet into the first and last sts as these might be less clear to see), 1 sc in each of next 3 sts in Row 6, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts in Row 6, 1 sc in each of next 11 sts, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts in Row 6, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, * 1 sc in each of next 3 sts in Row 6, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, repeat from * once more, join with Yarn D at end of final st turn.

Row 9 (RS) 2ch (counts as first hdc), 1hdc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, * 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, repeat from * two times to end, join with Yarn E at end of final st, turn.

Row 10 (WS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each st to end, join with Yarn D at end of final st, turn.

Row 11 (RS) 3ch (counts as first dc), 1dc in next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, * 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 3 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, repeat from * two times to end, join with Yarn E at end of final st, turn.

Row 12 (WS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each st to end, join with Yarn D at end of final st, turn.

Rows 13 - 14 Repeat Rows 9 – 10, at the end of Row 10 join with Yarn B.

Row 15 (RS) 3ch (counts as first dc), 1dc in next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, * 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 3 sts, 1hdc in each of next 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, repeat from * two times to end, turn.

Rows 16 - 19 2ch (counts as first hdc), 1hdc in next st and each st to end, turn. [49 sts]

Row 20 (WS) 2ch (counts as first hdc), 1hdc in next st and each st to end, fasten off.

Border

Round 1 (RS) Join Yarn E into final st made in Row 20, 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in same place, 1 sc in each st across top edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet across side edge, work 25 sc sts evenly down side edge working into the sides of the rows, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet across bottom edge, 1 sc in base of each st along bottom edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet across next side edge, work 25 sc sts evenly across side edge, 2ch, sl st to first sc. [49 sts on top and bottom, 25 sts on each side edge with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 2 (RS) 2ch (counts as first hdc), * 1hdc in each st across to end of side, (1hdc, 2ch, 1hdc) in corner 2-ch-sp, repeat from * 3 times, sl st to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [51 sts on top and bottom, 27 sts on each side edge with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Beach Hut On two of the postcards add a beach hut. Follow instructions for the Beach Hut in Postcard One, replacing Yarn F with Yarn I.



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