

Petal Star Potholder



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Materials:

Chunky Thread 100% cotton sport weight yarn, (1.75oz/50g/140yds per skein)

-1 skein preferred color – main model uses Frosting
size E/4/3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle & thread

Stitch markers (optional)

Purchased potholder at least 7” - or see below for materials to make your own

- *Sewn Potholder Materials:*

Approximately 9” squares of quilting cotton: 2

Approximately 10” square of cotton quilt batting

30" x 2¼" strip of quilting cotton for binding, or 1 pack of 1/2" double fold bias binding

3" piece of 1/8" rickrack for hanging loop

Sewing machine

Quilting tools like rotary cutter and rulers helpful but optional.

Gauge:

Rnds 1-3 = 2" in diameter

Skill Level:

Intermediate

Finished Size:

Motif: 5¼" square; potholder 7" square

Special Stitches:

Shell = (V st, ch 1, V st) in specified st

Double Shell = [(V st, ch 1) twice, V st] in specified st

Popcorn = work 5 dc in specified st, remove hook, insert hook through first dc, draw loop through and pull tight

V stitch (V st) = (dc, ch 1, dc) in specified st or sp

Front Post Double Treble Crochet (fpdtr) = Yo 3 times, insert hook around post of center dc of 5 dc group directly below on Rnd 6, (draw new lp through 2 lps on hook) 4 times.

Pattern Notes:

All motif rounds are worked RS facing.

First ch 2 does not count as a stitch.

Abbreviations:

ch=chain

dc=double crochet



hdc=half double crochet

rem=remaining

rep=repeat

rnd(s)=round(s)

RS=right side of work

sc=single crochet

sk=skip

sl st=slip stitch

sp(s)=space(s)

st(s)=stitch(es)

yo=yarn over hook



Motif:

Rnd 1: Ch 2, work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc. 8 sc

Rnd 2: (Ch 4, dc) in first st for first V st, (work popcorn {- see *Special Stitches*} in next sc, V st {-see *Special Stitches*} in next sc) 3 times, popcorn in last sc, join with sl st in first V st. 4 popcorns, 4 V sts

Rnd 3: Sl st into next V st, (ch 4, dc) in V st, (popcorn, ch 1, popcorn) in popcorn, V st in next V st] 4 times, omit last rep of V st, join with sl st in top of first popcorn. 8 popcorns, 4 V sts

Rnd 4: Sl st into V st, (ch 4, dc) in V st, (V st in popcorn, popcorn in next ch sp, V st in next popcorn, V st in next V st) 4 times; omit last rep of V st, join with sl st in V st. 4 popcorns, 12 V sts

Rnd 5: Sl st into next V st, ch 2, popcorn in V st, V st in next V st, shell {-see *Special Stitches*} in next popcorn, (V st in next V st, popcorn in next V st, V st in next V st, shell in next popcorn) 3 times; V st in next V st, join with sl st in first dc. Mark center ch 1 sps of each corner shell with st markers if desired. 4 popcorns, 4 shells, 8 V sts

Rnd 6: Ch 2, (work 1 dc in each dc and each ch sp to corner ch sp, 5 dc in corner ch sp) 4 times, work 1 dc in each remaining dc and ch sp; join with sl st in first dc. 90 dc

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in first dc, * sk 2 dc, work shell in next dc, sk 2 dc, sc in next dc * , ** sk 2 dc, work double shell in next (corner) dc, sk 2 dc, sc in next dc, rep between *s twice; rep from **s 3 times, omit rep of last shell, join with sl st in first sc. 8 shells, 4 double shells

Rnd 8: Sl st into next dc, ch 1, sc in first 3 sts of shell, (sc, ch 1, sc) in center sp of shell, sc in next 3 sts of shell, sk next sc, ** sc in first 4 sts of double shell, hdc in next st, (hdc, fpdtr {-see *Special Stitches*}, hdc) in center sp of double shell, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts of double shell, sk sc, (sc in first 3 sts of next shell, (sc, ch 1, sc) in center sp of shell, sc in next 3 sts of shell, sk sc) twice; rep from **s 4 times, until you reach the start of the rnd; join with sl st in first sc and fasten off.



Finishing Motif:

Weave in all ends, using tapestry needle. To block, dampen well and stretch square to 5½"; pin to shape and allow it dry thoroughly.

Hand sew with needle and sewing thread to purchased or finished potholder, stitching through top layer of fabric and underside of perimeter motif stitches.

Basic Quilted Potholder:

1: Layer your fabric squares wrong side together, with the cotton batting in the center.

2: Stitch through all layers using your favorite method.
Shown is triple rows of straight lines with a regular sewing foot to form a plaid pattern.



3: Trim quilted piece to 7" square.

4: Bind edges with purchased double fold binding, or make your own.



5: (optional) Before sewing down the back of binding, stitch rickrack ends to one corner above the seam line on WS of potholder to form a hanging loop.



6: Center blocked motif on potholder and hand sew in place as instructed above.

