

The Pondoland Square

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Square Description

A large super-textured, decorative floral block . From BoHo to Classic Neutrals, this block looks gorgeous in any colourway! This square was designed with a finished product in mind. Meaning, once you have completed the square you will have a ready-sized cushion cover frontispiece. But don't stop there. Join nine squares to make a striking lapghan and twelve squares...well, you'll have a blanket! This large piece is designed to be easily upsized or downsized by changing your hook size and/or yarn weight. Feel free to add extra rounds to fit your project! Hope you have lots of fun with this square and I'm really excited to see your results and delicious colourways!

I hope you enjoy making it as much as I have!

Jen

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YARN AND STITCH GUIDE

TERMS: US

YARN: Elle Yarn Family Knit DK 100% Acrylic
approx. 1 x 50g of each colour.

HOOK SIZE: 4mm

SKILL LEVEL : Intermediate (“Challenging” – The Testers!)

STITCHES:

SC = Single Crochet

DC = Double Crochet

HDC = Half Double Crochet

HDCFP = Half Double Crochet Front Post

CH = Chain

YO = Yarn Over

DC V-stitch = Double Crochet, CH1, Double Crochet

TR = Treble (yo hook x 2)

TRFP = Treble Front Post

DBLTR = Double Treble (yo hook x 3)

DBLTRFP = Double Treble Front Post

PUFF = smaller version (yo x 4)

BOBBLE = smaller version (4 DC's)

FINISHED SIZE: 16”-17” x 16”-17” or 42-44cm x 42-44cm

Important Note

At various points this design will look a little puffy, and at other points it will “cup”. This is normal, so don’t be alarmed and think you’ve botched the pattern!

This square will come out beautifully after blocking!

Once you have completed the final round, pin the square evenly (every 2” or so) onto a flat, absorbent surface. Spray liberally with water , cover with a damp cloth and leave to relax and dry overnight.

The final size should be 16” - 17”.

I am always available to help or answer any questions.

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Disclaimer: my pattern writing is a work in progress, please be kind and constructive with your remarks! xx

Colourways Suggestions

The Warm Colourway

Elle Yarn Family Knit DK. 100% acrylic.

This DK is really what I call a charity weight yarn because it's a little thicker than normal DK . Almost an Aran weight , but not quite.

Aran, Sunshine, Gold, Claret, Hibiscus, Citrus, Turquoise, Aqua, Soft Lime, Russet, Marron Brown, Antique Brown



The Cool Colourway

Aran, Soft Lime, Duck Egg, Snowmoon, Marguerita.

- I'd recommend a thicker yarn for a cushion cover as it holds the shape really well.
- Stylecraft Special DK is lovely if you're using this square for making a Blanket.





ROUND ONE

Begin by making 8 SC's into a MAGIC RING.
Gently pull ring closed , slip stitch into 1st SC
and fasten off. = 8 SC's.



ROUND TWO

Begin in any SC with a PUFF stitch (yo x 4),
CH 1 to close the PUFF. Do this in every SC.
Slip stitch into top of first PUFF to close.
Fasten Off. = 8 PUFFS (yo x 4)



ROUND THREE

Begin this round with a CH 3 into any space
BETWEEN the PUFFS.



Into the same space * DC 3, CH 3 and slip
stitch back into that same space. CH 1 over
the next PUFF , slip stitch into next space
between PUFFS. CH 3. *

• Repeat * until you have 8 ^CH 3, DC 3, CH
3^ Petals + 8 CH 1's.

Slip stitch into 3rd beginning chain to close. Fasten Off.



ROUND FOUR

Begin this round with a CH 4 (=1TR) between the CH 3 and the 1st DC from RND 3.

Now TR3TOG (working between the DC's from RND 3).

See image.

CH 6, TR4TOG (working between the DC's from RND 3), CH 6

Repeat * to *, until you have 8 TR4TOG's, and 8 CH 6's.

Slip stitch into the top of your 1st TR4TOG. Fasten Off.



ROUND FIVE

Working on the WS (wrong side).

Begin this round with a *SC BP around centre DC (#2) from RND 3. CH 6.* Repeat * to* until you have 8 SCBP's and 8 CH 6's. Slip stitch into 1st SCBP to close. Fasten Off.

ROUND SIX

Begin this round by pulling the CH 6 from RND 5 , to the RS (right side), under the CH 6 from RND 4. Into this CH 6 space make: *1 SC, 1 HDC. 1 DC, 1 PICOT (CH3, ss back into base st)1 DC, 1 HDC, 1 SC. Then 1 HDCFP (half double crochet front post) around

the top of your TR4TOG from RND 4. Pull CH 6 from RND 5 to the front. Repeat * to *.

= 8 ^ 1SC, 1HDC, 1DC, 1PICOT, 1 DC, 1 HDC, 1 SC ^ "leaves" and 8 HDCFP's.

Slip stitch into back of 1st SC, to close. Fasten off.





ROUND SEVEN

Optional Embellishment

Begin with a SCFP over the top of your PUFF stitch from RND 2.



This is a bit tricky. You're going to work * 3 SC around the CH3 "leg" from RND3, then 4 SC's around the 1st Treble from RND 4. Now SC into the top of the HDCFP from RND6. Then you'll work "down" the TR from RND 4 as well as down the CH 3 from RND 3 = 4 SC

around the TR, and 3 SC around the CH 3, then 1 SCFP over the next PUFF.*



Repeat * to * until you have "outlined" your RND 3 and 4 "petals".

To close this round slip stitch into the 1st SCFP. Fasten off.



ROUND EIGHT

Begin this round with a * SC into the “space” after a HDCFP from RND 6. CH 2, 1 SC into 2 middle strands behind the DC’s from RND 6. CH 2 and SC 1 into “space” before a HDCFP from RND 6, skip over HDCFP, CH 2 *.

Repeat * to * until you have 24 CH 2’s and 24 SC’s.



To end this round slip stitch into 1st SC and fasten off.



Front and Back Views

ROUND NINE

Begin this round in any CH 2 space over the HDCFP from RND 6.

*** * CH 3, 1 DC, CH 3, slip stitch back into CH 2 space, then repeat x 2 * into same CH 2 space. CH 3. Skip over the CH 2, 1 SC, CH 2, slip stitch into the next CH 2 space over the HDCFP from RND 6***

Repeat * to * until you have 8 sets of * to * and 8 CH 3's.

To end, slip stitch into back of 1st CH. Fasten off.





ROUND TEN

Begin with 2 CH's =1 HDC into the SC (RND 8) that you made into the 2 middle strands behind the DC's (RND 6.) Then squeeze 3 HDC's into that same SC. *CH 3 and 1 SC from back to front, through the opening "under" the CH 2 (RND 8), working over the 1 SC (RND 7 embellishment) you did into the HDCPF. Then CH 3 and 4 HDC's into the next SC behind the DC's from RND 6.* Repeat * to *.



= 8 X 4 HDC's,16 CH 3's and 8 SC'S. To end, slip stitch into 1st CH's. Fasten Off.



BACK VIEW

You can just see the 4 HDC's peeping from behind the Blue "leaves" and the SC over the top of the "embellishment" from RND 7.





ROUND ELEVEN

Begin with a SC into 2 middle strands behind the 4 HDC's from previous round.

*CH 2. Now make a HDCBP around the 1st DC (between the 2 CH 3's from RND 9). CH 2, 1HDCBP around the 2nd DC, CH 2, HDCBP around 3rd DC. CH 2. 1 SC into 2 strands behind the 4 HDC's from previous round. *.



Repeat * to * until you have completed this round. Slip stitch into 1st SC. Do not fasten off.

= 8 SC's, 32 CH 2's, 24 HDCBP's.





ROUND TWELVE

To begin this round you will have slip stitched into beginning SC from previous round. Now CH 5 and slip stitch back into that same SC, creating a CH 5 LOOP.

*CH 1 over the CH 2's and the 1st HDCBP from previous round.

Then make 5TR's into the next CH 2 space, skip over the next HDBP, and TR 5 into the next CH 2 space. CH1, skip over the last HDCBP and CH 2, slip stitch into the 1 SC, CH 5 and slip stitch back into the same SC. *

Repeat * to* . To end this round slip stitch into the base of your 1st LOOP. Fasten off.

= 8 CH 5 LOOPS, 16 CH1's, 80 TR's





ROUND THIRTEEN

Begin this round with a HDCBP around the “leg” at the base of the CH 5 LOOP. This will be where the SC (RND 11) and the SC (RND 12) meet.

CH 1. Now do a HDCBP around each post of the 10 TR’s. CH 1 and make a HDCBP around the “leg” below the CH 5 LOOP.

Repeat * to * until this round is completed.



= 88 HDCBP’s, 16 CH 1’s.

To close, slip stitch into 1st HDCBP and fasten off.





ROUND FOURTEEN

Begin with a SC into any CH 1 before a HDCBP (RND 13). CH 1 and *skip over the 1st HDCBP. 1 SC into the next space, CH 1, skip over the 2nd HDCBP, SC into next space (you're working 1 SC between each HDCBP, separated by a CH 1). Continue thus until you reach your last CH 1 over HDCBP #10, then SC into CH 1 space, CH2, 1 SC into next CH1 space.* Repeat * to *.

= 88 SC's, 8 CH 2's, 80 CH 1's

Slip stitch into 1st SC to close. Fasten off.





ROUND FIFTEEN

Begin this round by making a PUFF stitch
*(yo x 4) into the CH 5 LOOP (RND 12).

You'll be working this PUFF into the LOOP
and also over the CH2's(RND 14) behind
the LOOP. CH 1 to close your PUFF, CH 1,

skip over 2 SC * then *1 SC into next CH 1 space, CH 1, skip over
SC and SC 1 into next CH 1 space*

Repeat * to * until you have 8 SC and 7 CH1's.

CH 1, skip over 2 SC's and make another PUFF * to *

Repeat the instructions until you have,

= 8 PUFF's (yo x 4)

72 CH1's

64 SC's

To close this round slip stitch into top of your 1st Puff. Fasten off.





ROUND SIXTEEN

Begin this round with 2 CH (=1HDC) + 2HDC's INTO the top of any PUFF from previous round. Now make 1 TRFP around the left "leg" of the CH 5 LOOP (RND12). Skip over the 1st SC from previous round and 1 SC into next CH 1 space, *CH 1, skip over next SC and 1 SC into next CH 1 space. Do this until you have 7 SC's and 6 CH1's. Now 1 TRFP around the "leg" of the CH 5 LOOP (RND 12), then 3 HDC's into the top of the next PUFF. 1 TRFP around the "leg" of the CH 5 LOOP (RND 12), skip 1st SC (previous round) and SC into next CH 1 space.*

Repeat * to *= 58 SC's, 48 CH 1's, 16 TRFP's,8 sets of 3 HDS's.

To close, slip stitch into beginning chains. Fasten off.





ROUND SEVENTEEN (INTO = literally into the stitch)

Begin in a space directly after a “ left leg” TRFP (from previous round) with a CH 3 = 1DC. *Now IDC INTO the 1st SC, 1 DC into the CH 1 space, 1 DC INTO the next 2nd SC, 1 DC into the next CH 1 space = 5 DC’s. Now, make a DC V-stitch (1DC, CH1, 1 DC) INTO the next SC. Skip over the CH 1, and 1 DC V-stitch INTO next SC, skip over CH 1, 1 DC V-stitch INTO next SC. Then 1 DC next CH1 space, 1 DC INTO next SC, 1 DC into CH 1 space, 1 DC INTO SC.



The last 1 DC is into that space just before your next TRFP. Now TRFP2TOG over the TRFP’s and 3 HDC’s (previous round) . 1 DC into next space (before 1st SC).*

Repeat * to * until you have = 24 DC V-stiches and 80 DC’s, 8 TR2FPTOG’s.

To close this round slip stitch into your first chains. Fasten off.





ROUND EIGHTEEN (Making Bobbles!)

Note: this a slightly smaller version of the BOBBLE which normally is DC5TOG.

Begin by turning your work WS (wrong side).

Now * work a BOBBLE stitch into the 1st DC V-stitch on your right. To make the BOBBLE. CH3 (=1 DC) then DC3TOG and 1 SC back into the V-stitch. CH3. Work another BOBBLE stitch into your next V-stitch, CH 3, work another BOBBLE stitch into your last V-stitch. After the last SC back into the V-stitch, pull yarn through and snip off. Leave a few inches of tail to

work in later. * Do this into each of the V-stitches (8 sets of three V-stitches).

= 24 BOBBLES,

16 CH 3's.





ROUND NINETEEN

Begin this round on the RS (right side) of your work. You'll be working a DC V-stitch over those CH 3's from the previous round.



Start in the space beneath the 1st CH3 which is where your V's from RND 17 join. CH 3 = 1DC, CH 1 and 1 DC (= 1DC V-stitch). Now make another DC V-stitch over the next CH3's and into the joining space of the previous V's (RND 17). *Now work 1 DC between the next 5 DC's from RND17. Begin in the space before the 1st DC (RND 17). There will be 1 DC post left at the end. Skip over this DC and make a SCFP around the top of the TR2FPTOG's (RND 17). Then skip over 1st DC, 1 DC between next 5 DC's.



Skip over BOBBLE and make a 1 DC V-stitch over the CH3's and joining space (RND 17). Skip over next BOBBLE, 1 DC V-stitch over CH 3's and joining space (RND 17).*

Repeat * to * until you have 16 DC V-stitches, 80 DC's, 8 SCFP's. To close this round slip stitch into the beginning chains. Fasten off.

ROUND 20



This is the 2nd BOBBLE ROUND.

Repeat the BOBBLE instructions from RND 18. You'll be making 1 Bobble into each 1 DC V-stitch, with a CH 3 space between them. Then you'll fasten off leaving a tail to work in later.

You should end this round with 16 BOBBLE stitches and 8 Ch3's.

ROUND 21

Begin between the 2 BOBBLES from previous round with a CH 3 = 1 DC + 1 CH + 1 DC (= 1 DC V-stitch), over the CH 3 and joining space (RND 19). DC 2 into space before 1st DC, *DC 1 between next 4 DC'S. Skip over last DC , 1 SC into very next space before the SCFP (RND 19). Make a SC2TOG over the SCFP. Your SC'S will fall either side of the SCFP. * 1 DC between next 4 DC's, skip over last DC , DC 2 into that space. Skip over BOBBLE, 1 DC V-stitch over the CH3 and joining space (RND 19). Skip over next BOBBLE, DC 2 before 1st DC. Skip over last DC post.*

Repeat * to * until you have 8 DC V-stitches, 96 DC's, 8 SC2TOG.

To close, slip stitch into the beginning chains. Fasten off.



ROUND 22

Into the final DC V-stitch make 1 BOBBLE stitch as per previous instructions. Leave a tail to work in later.



ROUND 23

Begin with a CH3 = 1 DC + 2DC * into the space before the 2 DC (RND 21) , 1 DC between the next 2 DC's, then 1 DC between the next 4 DC's. Skip over last DC post. Work a SC2TOG (as before) over the SC2TOG (RND 21), skip over first DC, 1 DC between next 4 DC'S , 1 DC between the next 2 DC's, skip over last DC post, and DC 3 into next space. Skip over last BOBBLE, DC 3*.

Repeat * to * until you have 128 DC'S, 8 SC2TOG's.

To end this round slip stitch into beginning chains,

Do not fasten off.



ROUND 24

1 SC back into the joining space between 3DC's ^ 3DC's.

* 1 SC between the next 6 DC's, there will be 2 remaining DC's.

1 DBLTRFP (double treble front post) around the LEFT TRFP (RND 19), 1 SC between the remaining 2 DC's, skip over last DC post, SC2TOG's over the SC2TOG's (from previous round).

Place the 1 SC's in the space after last and before first DC's.

1 SC between next 2 DC's then 1DBLTRFP under the 1st DBLTRFP and around the TRFP (RND 19). They will cross over each other.

1 SC between next 6 DC's and 3 SC into the joining space between the 3DC's ^ 3DC's.*

Repeat until you have 8 SC2TOG's, 80 SC's, 16 DBLTRFP's.

To close this round, make 2 SC into that joining space between the 2 sets of DC3's. Slip stitch into the 1st SC. Fasten off.





ROUND 25

Begin this round with a PUFF stitch (yo x 4). See image (RND 23) where to place this PUFF.

CH 1 to close the PUFF. Now *skip over the 1 SC from previous round then make 1 SC into the BACK LOOP of the DBLTRFP (RND24). This counts as your 1st SC. Now 1 SC into the BACK LOOPS of the next 14 stitches, 1 SC into the BACK LOOP of the next DBLTRFP. = 16 SC's.

Skip over the 1 SC from previous round, make a PUFF between the SC2TOG (RND 23). CH 1 to close PUFF.*

Repeat * to * until you have 8 PUFFS (yo x 4), 128 BLSC's.

To close this round, slip stitch into the top of the 1st PUFF stitch and fasten off.



ROUND 26

Begin this round with CH3 = 1DC + 5DC's into that teeny hole at the top of any PUFF. = 6DC's.

*Skip 2 back loop SC's then SC 1 between the next 13 stitches. There will be 2BLSC's at the end. Skip over the 2BLSC's and make 6DC's into the top of your next PUFF. *

Repeat * to * until you have 8 x 6DC's, 104 SC's.

To end this round slip stitch into the top of your beginning CH3.



ROUND 27

Begin with a *1 SC into the space between the first and second SC's after a 6dc fan. Now 1 SC between the next 11 st. = 12 SC. Skip over the last SC. Now make 1 SCFP around each of the 6DC's. Skip 1 SC (from previous round) and 1SC between next 12 stitches = 12 SC's. *

Repeat * to * until you have 8 x 6SCFP's, 96 SC's.



To end this round, slip stitch into 1st SC and fasten off.



ROUND 28

Begin this with a *PUFF stitch (yo x 4) between the 1st and 2nd SCFP, the 2nd and 3rd SCFP, the 3rd and 4th SCFP, the 4th and 5th SCFP and the 5th and 6th SCFP's.

= 5 PUFF stitches.

Now, 1 TRFP around the DBLTRFP (RND 24). Skip 2 SC's and 1 DC between next 11 SC's. Skip 2 SC's and 1 TRFP around the next DBLTRFP (RND 24), then*

Repeat * to * until you have 40 Puff stitches, 16 TRFP's, 88 DC's.

To close this round, slip stitch into 1st PUFF and fasten off.



ROUND 29

In this round we begin squaring off the circle.

Start in a group of 5 PUFFS.

Make a CH3 = 1 DC into the space BEFORE 1st PUFF.

*Skip over 1st PUFF and make a 1 DC V-stitch (1 DC, CH 1, 1 DC) between 1st and 2nd PUFF.

Skip over 2nd PUFF, DC V-stitch between 2nd and 3rd PUFF. CH1.

Skip over 3rd PUFF, DC V-stitch between 3rd and 4th PUFF.

Skip over 4th PUFF, DC V-stitch between 4th and 5th PUFF.

Skip over 5th PUFF and 1DC in space before the TRFP (RND 28)

Skip over the TRFP (RND 28), 1 SCBP around next 11 DC's (RND 28).

Skip over the TRFP (RND 28) , 1 SC before the 1st PUFF.

1SCFP around top of 1st PUFF, 1 SC into next space.

1SCFP around top of 2nd PUFF, 1 SC into next space.

1SCFP around top of 3rd PUFF, 1 SC into next space.

1SCFP around top of 4th PUFF, 1 SC into next space.

1SCFP around top of last PUFF and 1 SC into space before the next TRFP (RND 28). Skip over the TRFP, and 1 SCBP around next 11 DC's. Skip over the TRFP and 1DC into space before the 1st PUFF.*



ROUND 29 continued.

Repeat * to * until you have made FOUR corners.

= 16 DC V-stitches (4 in each corner)

8 DC's (2 in each corner), 4 CH 1's (between 2nd and 3rd PUFF)

108 SCBP's (11+11 per side + 1 for each PUFF)

24 SC's (between the PUFFs).

Slip stitch into beginning chains to close. Fasten off.



ROUND 30

Increasing the corners.

Begin in the corner CH 1 with a CH5 = 1 DBLTR. CH2 + 1DBLTR into same CH 1 space.

*1 TR into 3rd V-stitch (RND 29)

1TR into joining space between V's.

1TR into last DC V-stitch

1TR into space before the DC.

SKIP over DC and DC 1 into space after the DC, then DC 1 into next 3 SCBP's (=4DC's). 1 HDC into next 3 SCBP's. 1 SC into next 4 SCBP's Now 1 SC into the next 10 stitches. These will fall over the SCFP+ SC's (RND 29) and PUFFS (RND 28). 1SC into next 4stitches, 1 HDC into next 3st, 1DC into next 4st, 1TR after the 1st DC (RND29), 1TR into the 1st V-stitch, 1TR into the joining space between V's, 1TR into the 2nd V-stitch (RND 29), 1DBLTR into CH1 corner space, CH2, 1DBLTR into same CH1 space.*

Repeat * to * until you have:

= 8DBLTR's + 4 x corner CH2'S.

32 TR's, 32 DC's, 24 HDC's, 72 SC's.

Slip stitch into the top of beginning chains to close, fasten off.



ROUND 31

Begin this round in any CH 2 corner space,

Start with CH 4 = 1TR + 2 TR's (= 3TR's). CH 2.

3 TR's into same corner CH 2's. Now, *1TR into the next 7 st.

Don't miss the first "hidden" stitch!

1 DC into the next 4st, 1 HDC into next 4 st, 1 SC into next 2 st.

1 SCBP around the next 10 SC's (over the PUFFS from RND 28).

1 SC into next 2st, 1 HDC into next 4st, 1 DC into next 4st, 1 TR into next 7 (don't miss the last "hidden" one!).

Now, 3 TR's, CH 2, 3 TR's into the corner CH 2 space. *

Repeat * to * until you have:

= 24 corner TR's + 4 x corner CH2's

56 " other" TR'S, 32 DC's, 32 HDC's, 16 SC's and 40 SCBP's.

Slip stitch into beginning chains to close. Fasten off.



That sneaky hidden stitch!



ROUND 32

Begin in any corner CH 2 space with *2SC, CH1, 2SC.

Now, 1 SC into the next 20st. Don't miss the beginning "hidden" stitch. This should bring you to the beginning of the 10 SCFP's. 1 SC into first 4 back post stitches. 1 DBLTRFP (double treble front post) around the previous TRFP (RND 28)... as well as the next TRFP. (RND 28). You'll be making a DBLTR2FPTOG (double treble two front posts together!) and 1 SC into the very next 5th back post single crochet. Then 1 SC into next 5 stitches (back post SC stitches). 1 SC into next 20 st. If all went well you should end up exactly in the stitch before the CH2 corner space.*

Repeat * to * until you have:

196 SC's (includes the SC where you have joined the DBLTR2TOG = 4SC's)

8 DBLTR's joined together.

+ 16 corner SC's and 4 x corner CH1's.



The 20 SC's will end where the needle points. 1 SC into next 4SCBP's.

This is where you will make the DBLTR2 TOG.



ROUND 33

Begin in any CH1 corner space with a PUFF stitch (yo x 4). CH2, 1 PUFF.

Skip over 2SC's, 1 PUFF into next st. Continue this sequence of skipping a stitch, 1PUFF, skip a st, 1PUFF. Space your PUFFS so that you get 25 PUFFS per side (not counting the 2 corner PUFFS). To end this round, slip stitch into the top of your 1st PUFF. In total = 108 PUFF stitches and 4 x corner CH2's.

The round of single crochets is optional as are the surface slip stitches and the French Knots!

You may want to extend the borders with other stitches of your choice.







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The Final Word.

Until you have designed and written a pattern yourself, nobody can quite understand the amount of work, often in to the wee hours, this entails.

This pattern has been diligently tested and retested by myself, as well as by my amazing Testers, Cindy van der Schee, Judy Stamnes and Lucia Martins (THANK YOU ,to the moon and back!)
Still, Gremlins do slip into the works!

My Testers have described this pattern as “challenging” but I am confident that taken one stitch at a time, one round at a time, it will come out beautifully!

Enjoy! And HAPPY HOOKY!

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