

"Friends Around the World" Sampler Afghan
Cheerful Echinacea design by Sari Åström

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General information:

Yarn: HjerterGarn SOON, 60% Cotton, 40% Acryl HB, 80 m / 50 gr. Color 7060, about 80 gr.

Hook: KnitPro Soft Grip 5.00 mm

Scissors and tapestry needle for securing yarn ends.

US terminology used!



Hints to read this pattern

... Repeat instructions between the asterisks the number of times specified. This is usually a multiple instruction repeat sequence for a complete side.

(...) Repeat instructions between parentheses the number of times specified. This is a lower level of repeat instruction.

Notes, hints and text between brackets, [], are written in purple italic letters to provide guidance and assist you throughout the pattern.

Note: This pattern is for one color Cheerful Echinacea, but it works perfectly with colors too! If you would like to use more colors, please check special [appendix](#) for that.

Stitches:

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|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| • ch | chain stitch(es) | • dc | double crochet (one yo) |
| • sl-st | slip stitch | • tr | treble crochet (two yo's) |
| • sc | single crochet | • bpdc | back post double crochet |
| • hdc | half double crochet | • bphdc | back post half double crochet |

Special Stitches:

- **berry stitch:** berry stitches will be worked on back side by making sc and tr in the same st or in indicated sts.
- **beginning 4-tr-cluster** (4 tr together in the same stitch): Chain 3, *yarn over twice, insert hook into same stitch, pull yarn, (pull through 2 loops) twice* *[two loops on hook]*. Repeat * to * two more times *[4 loops on hook]*, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.
- **4-tr-cluster** (4 tr together in the same stitch): *Yarn over twice, insert hook into stitch and pull yarn, (pull through 2 loops) twice* *[two loops on hook]*. Repeat * to * three more times (5 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

- **sc2tog:** Insert hook in the ch-3 space right before the 4-tr cluster/petal and pull yarn (two loops on hook) [photo 1], insert hook through next ch-3 space and pull yarn [three loops on hook] [photo 2], yarn over and pull yarn through all three loops [photo 3].



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- **bobble stitch** (3 dc together in the same stitch): *Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, pull yarn, pull yarn through 2 loops* [two loops on hook]. Repeat * to * two more times [four loops on hook], yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.
- **bp joining (back post joining):** remove hook and insert it through below the same st from back side [photos 1 and 2], then insert your hook through next st from front to back [photo 3] and set loop back on hook [photo 4], pull loop first to front side [photo 5], then to back side and pull yarn gently to get the loop smooth and even sized [photo 6]. Yeah, it's ready and it's worth it!



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Instructions:

Make a magic ring.

- Round 1** Into a magic ring, ch 4, *[counts as 1st dc + ch]*, (dc and ch 1) seven times.
Join with sl-st to 3rd ch of the first ch 4.



Stich count: 8 dc and 8 ch-1.

- Round 2** *[On this round you'll make berry stitches in both the 1-ch sp and dc from the previous round.]* Turn over your work *[back side facing you]*, make 1 ch *[doesn't count as a stitch]* (sc and tr) to same st where you joined *[photos 1-3 below]*, *(sc and tr) to the ch sp, (sc and tr) to the dc*, repeat * to * 6 more times, (sc and tr) to the ch sp. Join with sl-st to 1st sc *[photos 5 and 6]*.

On last photos below you see how the berry stitches looks from back and front sides, respectively.

Stich count: 16 berry stitches [includes sc and tr]

Note: *During the first rounds your work might become a bit wavy. Don't worry, it will flatten out later.*



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Round 3 Continue working on the back side into the sc's only, skip over all tr's on previous round. Ch 1 [*doesn't count as a stitch*], (tr, sc) into the same st you joined [*photos 1 and 2*], *(sc, tr, sc) in next sc*, repeat * to * 14 more times. Join with sl-st to 1 st ch [*photo 3*].

Stich count: 16 berry stitches and 16 sc.



Round 4 *Hint: You will work this round from the front side. All stitches are made only into the sc within the berry stitch (berry stitch is sc and tr in the same st) not to the sc which was made right after the berry stitch (red arrow in photo 3 indicates correct sc). Note that last round was made on back side, and now when you look the work from right side the stitches are in opposite order and there is first sc and then berry stitch (tr and sc). Skip all other sc's and tr's.*

You may want' to crochet the chains a bit looser especially if you have a tendency for crocheting tight.

Turn work [*right side facing you*] and make a **beginning 4-tr-cluster** to same stitch where you joined [*photos 1 and 2*], (3 ch, **4-tr-cluster** to second sc after next berry [*photo 3*] 15 times, 3 ch. Join with sl-st to top of 1st cluster [*photo 5*].

Stich count: 16 petals (with four tr's) and 16 ch-3 sps.



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Round 5 Ch 1 *[doesn't count as a stitch]*, (**Sc2tog** on both sides of the petal *[photos 1-3]*, 3 sc to the ch sp) 16 times *[see Special Stitches for sc2tog]*. Join by making “**bp joining**” *[photos 4-5]* – see *Special Stitches!*

Stich count: 16 sc2tog and 48 sc.



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Round 6 3 ch [counts as 1st bpd], **bpd** in next 63 st [photos 1 and 2, first real bpd comes around sc2tog on round 5]. Join with sl-st to 3rd ch [photo 3].

Stich count: 64 bpd.



Round 7 *Hint: On this round you'll make bobble stitches (basically 3 dc's together in same st – see Special Stitches). When making the next sc, you can push the bobble gently with your finger from back side to help the bobble structure remain on the right side.*

1 ch and sc to same st where you joined [photo 1], *(**bobble stitch**, sc) to next st [which should be just above the petal and sc2tog, photos 2 and 3], sc in next 3 st [photo 4]*, repeat * to * 14 more times, (**bobble stitch**, sc) to next st, sc in next 2 st. Join with sl-st to first sc [photo 5].

Stich count: 16 bobble stitches and 64 sc.



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- Round 8** On this round you'll change the form from circle to square:
 Make 1 ch and sc to the same st where you joined *[photo 1]*, sc in next 2 st *[2nd of three sc's should fall above bobble st]*,
 *hdc in next 3 st *[photo 2]*,
 dc in next 3 st *[1st dc should fall above bobble st, photo 3]*,
 tr in next 2 st *[photo 4]*,
 (2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr) in next st *[which should be above bobble st, photo 5]*,
 tr in next 2 st,
 dc in next 3 st *[3rd dc should fall above bobble st]*,
 hdc in next 3 st *[photo 6]*,
 sc in next 3 st *[2nd sc should fall above bobble st]**.
 Now you have done first quarter of the square.
- Repeat * to * three more times *[see photos 1-6]*, omit last three sc's on last repeat.
 Join by making "Bp joining".

Stich count per **repeat**: 3 sc, 6 hdc, 6 dc, 8 tr, and ch-3 corner sp.



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Round 9

Hint: All back post stitches should be made as shallow post stitches. A shallow post stitch is very much like a traditional post stitch, it is just made around the upper part of stitch (like when making single crochet post stitches). We are looking only for a light border that separates the sections in the square better. Ordinary back post stitches are more structured and won't give you the desired result. Just make sure that you work all post stitches the same for a beautiful effect. If you're still unsure, tutorial videos can be found via Google [Shallow post stitch].

ch 3 [counts as 1st **bpdc**], **bpdc** in next 13 st,
*(2 dc, 3 ch, 2 dc) in the corner space, **bpdc** in next 23 st*, repeat * to * two more times, (2 dc, 3 ch, 2 dc), **bpdc** in next 9 st. Join with sl-st to 3rd ch.

Stich count per **side**: 4 dc, 23 bpc and ch-3 corner sp.



Round 10 ch 3 [*counts as 1st dc*], dc in next 15 st [*photo 1*], *(2 dc, 3 ch, 2 dc) in the corner sp [*photo 2*], dc in next 27 st* [*be careful not to miss the first st*], repeat * to * two more times, dc in next 11 st. Join with sl-st to 3rd ch [*photo 3*].

Stich count per side: 31 dc and ch-3 corner sp.



Round 11 ch 1 and a bobble stitch in the same stitch where you joined [*photo 1 and 2*], (sc in next 3 st [*photo 3*], **bobble stitch** in the next st) four times, sc in next st, *(2 sc, ch-1 [*place stitch marker*], 2 sc) in the corner sp [*photos 5 and 6*], sc in next st [*be careful not to miss the first st*], (**bobble stitch**, sc in next 3 st) seven times, **bobble stitch** in next st, sc in next st*, repeat * to * two more times, (2 sc, ch-1 [*place stitch marker*], 2 sc) to corner sp, sc in next st [*be careful not to miss the first st*], (**bobble stitch**, sc in next 3 st) three times, Join with sl-st to top of 1st bobble stitch [*photo 4*].

Stich count per side: 8 bobble sts, 27 sc's and ch-1 corner sp.



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Round 12 3 ch, *[counts as 1st dc]*, dc in next 19 st, *(dc, 3 ch, dc] in corner sp, dc in next 35 st *[be careful not to miss the first st]**, repeat * to * two more times, (dc, 3 ch, dc) in corner sp, dc in next 15 sts. Join by making “bp joining”.

Stich count per **side**: 37 dc and ch-3 in each corner



Round 13 *Hint. Make all back post stitches as shallow post stitches again 😊. Option: You can also adjust your square size by replacing this round with bpsc's if you want a bit smaller square or with bpdcs or longer back post stitches if you want the square be bigger.*

ch-2 [counts as 1st bphdc, photos 1-3], **bphdc** in next 21 st, *(2 hdc, 2 ch, 2 hdc) to corner sp [photo 4], **bphdc** in next 37 st*, repeat * to * two more times, (2 hdc, 2 ch, 2 hdc) to corner sp, **bphdc** to 15 next st. Join by pulling the loop to back side through 1st bphdc. Cut the yarn, pull it through the loop and secure ends.

Stich count per **side**: 37 bphdc, 4 hdc and ch-2 corner sp.



Hint: In order to secure the yarn ends, see photos 1- 4 below. Remember to pull gently the center yarn end first and make a knot before weaving the end around the center point to avoid magic ring getting loose during use.



Congratulations! Now you have finished Cheerful Echinacea square. Let it joy and cheer and block it before further use. I hope you enjoy crocheting this design as much as I did when creating it.



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With all love,

Sari

Ps. I'd love to see how your Echinacea's Cheers... please share your photos on social media with #crochetcheerfulechinacea ☺

Oh, did you wish to use more colors? Then you can check this appendix where Cheerful Echinacea meets Crayons! You will love it! Just click this [link!](#)