Naissance Mandala

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Materials and Equipment

Yarn - DROPS Paris:
16 white
02 light turquoise
21 light mint green
35 vanilla
27 peach
33 medium pink

4.5mm hook
Yarn/darning needle
Scissors

Abbreviations

ch   chain
ch sp   chain space
dc   double crochet
htr   half treble
tr   treble
ss   slip stitch

Stitch Information/Notes

4 tr Cluster = yarn over hook, work the first part of the treble stitch omitting the last stage to leave two loops on hook, work next three stitches in the same way, you should now have 5 loops on hook, yarn over hook and pull through all five loops).

5 tr Cluster = yarn over hook, work the first part of the treble stitch omitting the last stage to leave two loops on hook, work next four stitches in the same way, you should now have 6 loops on hook, yarn over hook and pull through all six loops).

You can read all about the mandala and why it is called the Naissance Mandala over at my blog, where you will find a step by step photo tutorial illustrating each round.

The Pattern

Foundation Chain: ch5, ss into 1st chain to form a ring

Round 1: ch3 (counts as first htr, plus ch1), *htr, ch1* into foundation chain 11 times. Ss into 2nd of initial ch3. Fasten off. 12 spokes

Round 2: Join new colour, bring loop to front through chain space. (ch3, tr, ch1), *2tr, ch1* into chain space 11 times. Ss into 3rd of initial ch3. Fasten off.

Round 3: Join new colour, bring loop to front through chain space. (ch3, 4tr cluster) into chain space. *ch4, 5 tr cluster into chain space* 11 times. ch4, ss into top of first cluster. Fasten off.

Round 4: Join new colour, bring loop to front through chain space. ch1, *2 dc, htr, ch1, htr, 2 dc* into chain space 12 times. Ss to initial ch1. Fasten off.

Round 5: Join new colour, bring loop to front in chain space below ss (top of cluster stitch from row 3). ch3, ss into chain space between the two htr from the previous row. *5 tr fan into space above cluster stitch (i.e., between 2 dc from round 4), ss into chain space between the two htr from the previous row* repeat 11 times. (4tr fan, ss into 3rd of initial ch3. Fasten off.

Round 6: Join new colour, bring loop to front in space at top of triangle (i.e., between the two htr from round 4). ch1, dc into same space. *1 dc into each of the next 5 tr, 2 dc into top of triangle (i.e., between the two htr from round 4). * repeat 11 times. (1 dc into each of the next 5 tr). Ss into first dc. Fasten off.

Round 7: Join new colour, bring loop through space between 2 dc's. (ch3, 2tr fan into same stitch). ch1, miss 2 stitches, 1 htr, 1 htr, ch1, miss 2 stitches * 3tr fan into space between 2dc from previous round, ch1, miss 2 stitches, htr, htr, ch1, miss 2 stitches* repeat 11 times. Ss into 3rd of initial ch3. Fasten off.

Round 8: Join new colour, bring loop through chain space prior to fan stitch, ch3 2tr fan into chain space, *3tr fan into each chain space 23 times. Ss into 3rd of initial ch3. Fasten off. (72 stitches)

Round 9: Join new colour, bring loop to front in chain space between two fans. ch3 (counts as first htr, plus ch1), *1 htr, ch1, 1 htr across top of fan, ch1, 1 htr into chain space, ch1* Repeat all the way around until initial ch3 is reached, ss into 2nd chain of initial ch3. Fasten off.

Round 10: Join new colour, bring loop to front through chain space. ch1, 1 dc into chain space. 2 dc into each chain space all the way around. Ss into initial ch1. Fasten off.
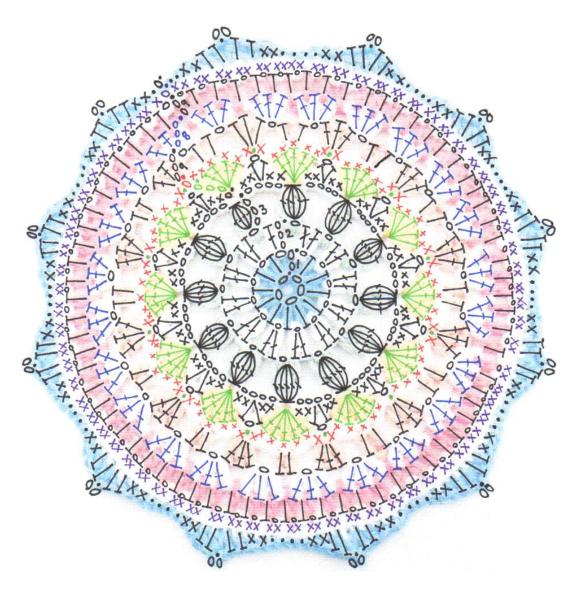
STEAM BLOCK: the mandala would benefit from being steam blocked at this point.

NOTE: the following round is worked into only the back loop of each dc on the previous round.

Round 11: Join new colour, bring loop through back loop of dc, ch1, ss into back loop of next dc, 1 dc into each of next 2 dc (back loops remember!), 1 htr into each of the next 2 dc, PICOT stitch (ch1, slip stitch into back bump of chain), 1 htr into each of the next 2 dc, 1 dc into each of next 2 dc, 1 ss into each of the next 2 dc. To simplify this work the following pattern of stitches across the next 12 dc *2 ss, 2 dc, 2 htr, PICOT, 2 htr, 2 dc, 2 ss* Repeat to end. 1ss, ss into initial ch1. Fasten off.

Darn in ends.