No Pops Square

Introduction

The square has picots, puffs and post stitches; all the P's but No Popcorns. Designed for the great people in the Block a Month group on Ravelry, I was pleased to be asked back for another year. It is not too difficult, but does require some attention. Lots of photos to help you along the way for the tricky bits. Plenty of fun to keep you awake! Round by Round photos are on pages 6 and 7.

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About My Patterns

- If you prefer magic circle to start, go ahead - just don't pull too tightly.
- Everyone has their own way of doing beginning stitches, so I do not say the starting chains. Chains at the beginning of a round never count as a stitch.
- Because there is always a sl st at the end of a round, I do not include those words; I just say "join."
- When working front post or back post stitches, skip all stitches behind or in front of them, unless otherwise noted. The stitches they are worked around may be used in later rounds. Those will be referred to as the 'st in front of' or 'st behind'
- Stitch counts do not include corners; corners are only included on last round.
- I have started doing back loop rounds without joining the previous round in back loop. I like the way it looks better and it is easier to find that front loop if worked in a later round. So, I no longer write "join in bl" at the end of a round prior to a back loop round.
- Orange notes apply to the next round, Purple notes apply to current round
- I am not normal. I don't always put stitches where you think they go. Trust the pattern! It has been tested.

Abbreviations – American Terms

arnd = around	**beg** = beginning	**bet** = between
BLO = back loop only	**bp** = back post	**ch** = chain stitch
dc = double crochet	**dec** = decrease	**dtr** = double treble - yo 3 times
fl = front loop	**FO** = Fasten Off	**fp** = front post
grp(s) = group(s)	**hdc** = half double crochet	**incl** = include
lp(s) = loop(s)	**prev** = previous	**rnd(s)** = round(s)
sc = single crochet	**sk** = skip	**sl st** = slip stitch
sp = space	**st(es)** = stitch(es)	**tr** = treble - yo twice
yo = yarn over	**Vst** = V stitch (dc, ch 1, dc)	**x4** = stitch count is for each side

What I used:

Red Heart yarn 120 – 130 yds light blue
Size I hook (5.5mm)
Needle and Scissors

I would like to note that thicker yarns, such as Caron One Pound and Red Heart can change the size by an inch. I advise measuring after round 16; it should be 10". Round 17 can be worked as back loop sc, the following rounds can be worked in whatever stitch is needed. Also, a size smaller hook could be used to reach size.

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Special Stitches – *I have bolded the stitches on this list when they first appear in the pattern, that way you know an explanation can be found here*

dbh picot = double **h**dc picot - (hdc, ch 4, sl st in side of hdc just made or in 4th ch from hook, hdc) all in same stitch.

shbphdc = shallow back post – yo, insert hook back to front under top 2 loops of the hdc, continue on and insert hook front to back under top 2 loops of next hdc, yo and pull thru to where you started behind the hdc with picot, complete the hdc as normal. You are working under the top 2 loops like a normal stitch instead of around the post.

htr = half treble – yo twice, insert hook in indicated stitch or space, yo and pull thru, yo and pull thru 2 loops, yo and pull thru last 3 loops.

tr2tog = (yo twice, insert hook in indicated stitch, yo and pull thru, yo and pull thru 2 loops, twice) 2 times, yo pull thru all 3 loops on hook.

P3 = 3 loop puff - (Yo, insert hook into indicated st or space, yo, pull loop thru) 3 times, yo, pull thru all 7 loops on hook, ch 1 to close.

P5 = 5 loop puff -(Yo, insert hook into indicated st or space, yo, pull loop thru) 5 times, yo, pull thru 11 loops on hook, ch 1 to close.

fpdcVst = (fpdc, ch 1, fpdc under 1st one) all around same stitch

Let's get hookin'
1) ch 3, sl st in 1st ch to form ring, 16 hdc in ring, join {*16 hdc*}
2) hdc in join, [bphdc next, hdc in next] 7 times, bphdc next, join {*8 hdc, 8 bphdc*}
3) hdc in join, [**dbh picot** in next, hdc in next] 7 times, dbh picot in next, join {*8 hdc, 8 dbh picot*}
4) hdc in join, [htr in rnd 1 hdc in front of dbh picot, **shbphdc** in hdc with picot, **htr** in same rnd 1 hdc, hdc in next] 8 times, omit last hdc, join {*8 hdc, 8 shbphdc, 16 htr*}

shbp step 1 – back to front

shbp step 2 – front to back

shbp step 3 – yo, pull thru, complete as normal hdc

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5) hdc in each st arnd, join {*32 hdc*} ***should be about 3 1/2" at this point***

6) hdc in join, [2 hdc in next, hdc in next, bpdc next, hdc in next] 8 times, omit last hdc, join {*32 hdc, 8 bpdc*}

7) sl st in next, hdc in same st and in next 3, [dbh picot in next, hdc in next 4] 8 times, omit last 4 hdc, join {*32 hdc, 8 dbh picot*} ***the last dbh picot is worked in the join; I made mine above the sl st, as it will be hidden next round anyway***

8) sl st next, hdc in same st and in next 2, [**tr2tog** in rnd 5 hdc in front of next rnd 6 bpdc, shbphdc next hdc with picot, tr2tog in same hdc as previous tr2tog , sk 2nd hdc of dbh picot and next hdc, hdc in next 3] 8 times, omit last 3 hdc, join {*24 hdc, 8 shbphdc, 16 tr2tog*} ***make sure the picots are all to the front***

9) sl st in next, 5 dc in same st, [sk next hdc, hdc in next 3, sk next, 5 dc in next] 8 times, omit last 5 dc, join in 1st dc {*24 hdc, 8 5dc grps*} ***5dc grps fall in center hdc of prev round***

10) fpdc in join dc and next dc, [**fpdcVst** in next dc, fpdc next 2 dcs, sk next hdc, bpdc next, sk next hdc, fpdc next 2 dcs] 8 times, omit last 2 fpdc, join in fpdc & FO {*8 ch sp, 8 bpdc, 48 fpdc*} ***fpdcVst should fall in center dc of 5dc grp***

11) *sk all fpdc*, rejoin with sc in any ch sp, hdc and sc in same sp, [tr in rnd 9 hdc, 5 dc in next bpdc, tr in next rnd 9 hdc, (sc, hdc, sc) in next ch sp] 8 times, omit last 3 sts, join in sc {*16 sc, 8 hdc, 8 5-dc grps, 16 tr*}

12) hdc in join and next 2, [fphdc next tr, bpdc next 2 dcs, 3 bpdc around next st with 1st lowest on the post and the 3rd highest, bpdc next 2 dcs, fphdc next tr, hdc in next 3 sts] 8 times, omit last 3 sts, join {*24 hdc, 16 fphdc, 56 bpdc in 8 sets of 7*} ***An easy way to do the bpdc on top of each other is to make the 1st one and push it down so there is room for other 2***

13) dc in join, [corner as (2 htr, ch 1, 2 htr) in next st, dc in next 3, hdc in next, sc in next 15, hdc in next, dc in next 3] 4 times, omit last dc, join in dc {*15 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, x4*} ***The next few rounds will have dips, we will fix it***

14) bpdc in join and next 2, [corner as (2 dc, ch 1, 2dc), bpdc next 3, **P5** in next, bpdc next 3, hdc in next 6, **P3** in next, hdc in next 6, bpdc next 3, P5 in next, bpdc next 3] 4 times, omit last 3 bpdc, join in bpdc {*12 hdc, 1 P3, 2 P5, 12 bpdc, x4*}

15) **BLO except puffs**, sc in join and next 4 [corner as (hdc, ch 1, hdc), sc in next 5, hdc in both lps of the closing ch of next P5, sc in next 9, sc in both lps of closing ch of next P3, sc in next 9, hdc in both lps of the closing ch of next P5, sc in next 5] 4 times, omit last 5 sc, join in sc {*29 sc, 2 hdc, x4*}

16) hdc in join and next 5, [corner as (hdc, ch 1, hdc), sk 1, hdc in next 32] 4 times, omit last 6 hdc, join ***Should measure 10" after this round, if closer to 11" work next round as back loop sc and last 2 rounds in stitches needed for size***
The next round will look real funny, it is OK

17) bphdc in join and each of next 6, [corner as (dc, ch 1, dc), bphdc next 7, fptr next 20, bphdc next 7] 4 times, omit last 7 bphdc, join in bphdc {*14 bphdc, 20 fptr, x4*} ***The first hdc behind the fptr may be hiding, push it backwards to make it easier to find and work in.***

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18) hdc in join and next 7, [corner as (hdc, ch 1, hdc), hdc in next 8, working thru both lps of the tr and both lps of the hdc it is worked around hdc in next 20 tr and hdc, hdc in next 8] 4 times, omit last 8 hdc, join {*36 hdc, 38 hdc incl corners, x4*}

This is how it looks from the top
The yellow loops is the hdc the fptr is worked around,
the pink loops is the fptr, the baby blue loops is the start of the hdc,
from here you yo and pull thru, then complete as a normal hdc.
See also the round by round photos on last pages.

19) hdc in join and in next 8, [corner as (hdc, ch 2, hdc), sk 1, hdc in next 37] 4 times, omit last 9 hdc, join & FO {*39 hdc incl corners, x4*}

Weave in ends!

Round by round photos are on next 2 pages

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Round 10

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Round 18

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I know every designer does things a bit differently and how confusing that can get. If you have any problems with this pattern please contact me. I do want you to be happy with your crochet experience. Email me at skyhookdesigns@gmail.com and I will do my best to help. You can also reach me by PM on ravelry or find me hanging out in my ravelry group
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