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The Blooming Tote Bag

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Notes on the pattern

The Blooming Lotus Square is a beautiful intricate floral overlay crochet square that was designed together with Tess and Inas back in 2020. It has been made many many times all over the world and we are so very proud to see it bloom in the variety of colors, yarns and projects.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful makes with us through the hashtag #BloomingLotusSquare as well as sweet DM:s and emails. It's all very special and dear to our hearts.

To celebrate the upcoming summer season; Tess decided to make a Blooming Lotus Tote Bag which is sooooo gorgeous. It measures 40 cm x 40 cm (without handles) and there is so many fun ways you can make your own take on it, we are eager to see what you all will come up with. Happy crocheting!

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You Will Need

For this pattern you will use an aran weight yarn along with a 5 mm hook, darning needle and a pair of scissors. You will also need some handles for your bag, you can also choose to crochet a set of handles/shoulder strap.

For this pattern we used the yarn Cahlista (50 g skeins/aran weight) by Scheepjes in the following colors:

- A. Lemonade (403), less than one skein
- B. Vintage Peach (414), less than one skein
- C. Icy Pink (246), less than one skein
- D. Old Rose (408), two skeins
- E. Linen (505), two skeins (or 3 check it out)
- F. Lime Juice (392), less than half a skein
- G. Light Orchid (226), less than half a skein

We also used a pair of bamboo handles in D-shape.

*Tip! For more inspiration and makes;
check out the hashtag #BloomingLotusSquare and
#BloomingLotusBag on social media*

Abbreviations

US-terminology

st - stitch

rnd - round

FP - Front Post

BLO - Back Loop Only

ch - chain stitch

ch sp - chain space

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

tr - treble crochet

puff - puff stitch

(yarn over 3 times + 1 closing ch)

cl - cluster

(stated amount of sts worked together in/around the
same st)

tog - together

(a decreasing st worked over stated amount of sts)

The Pattern

To begin:

rnd 1 (A)

Make 12 hdc into a magic circle, close with a sl st in initial sc

- 12 hdc

rnd 2 (A)

*1 dc3cl + ch 2 in the next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the first ch

- 12 dc3cl, 12 ch2-sps

rnd 3 (B)

*1 FPsc around the next dc3cl, + ch 4, skip the next ch2-sp; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the first ch

- 12 FPsc, 12 ch4-sps

rnd 4 (B) *Note! You'll be skipping and working entirely **behind** the ch4-spaces and only around the ch2-spaces from round 2*

*4 dc around the next ch2-sp, skip next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 48 dc

rnd 5 (C) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 3 and 4*

*1 dc3cl + ch 2 + 1 dc3cl + ch2 + 1 dc3cl around the next ch4-sp from rnd 3, skip the 4 dc from rnd 4 that is placed behind this section, 1 sc in the next 4 sts from rnd 4, skip the next ch4-sp of rnd 3; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 18 dc3cl, 12 ch2-sps, 24 sc

Do you find something tricky? We are here to help!

Watch the video tutorial:

www.Youtube.com/SistersInStitch

Use the "Pattern Quick Click" in the information box below the video and go directly to the round you wish to see!

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rnd 6 (D) - *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 3 and 5. Begin around any first ch2-space from round 5*

*3 dc around the next ch2-sp from rnd 5, 1 FPdc + ch 2 + 1 FPdc around the next st, 3 dc around the next ch2-sp from rnd 5, 1 FPhdc around the next st, skip the next 4 sts, 1 dc3cl around the next skipped ch4-sp from rnd 3, 1 FPhdc around the next st from rnd 5; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 36 dc, 12 FPhdc, 12 FPdc, 6 dc3cl, 6 ch2-sps

rnd 7 (A)

Work 12 surface sl st around the legs of the stitches from rnd 1, close with an invisible join

- 12 sl st

rnd 8 (B) - *Work behind your work and only in the skipped dcs from round 4, begin in any first of a set of four*

*2 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st + ch 3; rep from * till end, close with a sl st to the first st

- 36 dc, 6 ch3-sps

rnd 9 (B) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 8 and 6. Begin in any first dc from rnd 8*

*1 hdc in the next 6 sts, skip the next ch3-sp, 1 FPdc + ch 3 + 1 FPdc around the dc3cl from rnd 6; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 36 hdc, 6 ch3-sps, 12 FPdc

rnd 10 (A) *Begin in any first hdc*

*1 hdc in the next 6 sts, skip the next st, 1 dc3cl + ch 2 + 1 dc3cl + ch 2 + 1 dc3cl around the next ch3-sp, skip the next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

Tip! Place stitch markers in the skipped hdc's, you'll be working in them later on round 14

- 36 hdc, 18 dc3cl, 12 ch2-sps

rnd 11 (C) *Begin around any first ch2-space*

* (1 dc + ch 2 + 1 dc + ch 2 + 1 dc around the next ch2-sp, 1 FPdc around the next st) x 2 times, skip the next st, 1 BLOdc in the next 4 sts, skip the next st, 1 FPdc around the next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 36 dc, 18 FPdc, 24 BLOdc, 24 ch2-sps

rnd 12 (B) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 11 and 6. Begin in any first BLOdc from round 11*

* 1 sc in the next 2 sts + ch 2, 1 sc around the skipped ch2-sp of rnd 5 + ch 2, 1 sc in the next 2 sts of rnd 11, 1 FPsc around the next st, skip the next st, (3 sc around the next ch2-sp, skip the next st) x 2 times, 1 FPsc around the next st, (3 sc around the next ch2-sp, skip the next st, 1 FPsc around the next st) x 2; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 102 sc, 12 ch2-sps, 18 FPsc

rnd 13 (A) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 12 and 11. Begin around any middle FPsc on a peak from round 12*

* 1 FPdc around the next st, 1 puff in the next 6 sts, 1 FPtr3tog over the next FPdc (rnd 11) + sc (rnd 12) + FPdc (rnd 11) (*the video tutorial is very helpful here*), ch 1, 1 puff in the next 6 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 6 FPdc, 72 puffs, 6 FPtr3tog, 6 ch1-sps

rnd 14 (E) *Work entirely behind your work and begin in any first skipped hdc from round 10*

* 1 sc in the next skipped hdc from rnd 10 + ch 5; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 12 sc, 12 ch5-sps

rnd 15 (E)

* 3 dc + ch 1 + 3 dc + ch 1 around the next ch5-sp, skip the next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 72 dc, 24 ch1-sps

rnd 16 (E) *Begin in any first dc*

*(1 sc in the next 3 sts, 1 sc around the next ch1-sp) x 2 times, 1 hdc in the next 3 sts, 1 dc in/around the next 2 sts, 1 tr in the next 2 sts, ch 2, skip the next ch1-sp, 1 tr in the next 2 sts, 1dc in/around the next 2 sts, 1 hdc in the next 3 sts, 1 sc around the next ch1-sp; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 36 sc, 24 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 17 (E)

*2 hdc + ch 2 + 2 hdc around the next ch2-sp, 1 hdc in the next 23 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 108 hdc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 18 (E)

*2 dc + ch 2 + 2 dc around the next ch2-sp, 1 dc in the next 27 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 124 dc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 19 (D) *Note! Work this round around the stitches from round 13, begin around any first FPdc in the middle of a petal*

*1 FPsc around the next 2 sts, (1 sc around the next sp between 2 puffs, 1 FPsc around the next st) x 5 times, 1 FPsc3tog over the three legs from the tr3tog, (1 FPsc around the next st, 1 sc around the next sp between 2 puffs) x 5 times, 1 FPsc around the next st; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 78 FPsc, 60 sc, 6 FPsc3tog

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rnd 20 (D) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from both round 19 and 13. Begin around any middle FPdc of a petal from round 13*

*1 FPdc + ch 2 + 1 FPdc around the next st from rnd 13, 1 hdc in the next 5 sts from rnd 19, 1 sc in the next 5 sts, 1 sl st in the next st, skip the next st, 1 sl st in the next st, 1 sc in the next 5 sts, 1 hdc in the next 5 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 12 FPdc, 6 ch2-sps, 60 hdc, 60 sc, 12 sl st

rnd 21 (E) *Note! Work this round in the stitches from round 18*

*2 hdc + ch 2 + 2 hdc around the next ch2-sp, 1 hdc in the next 31 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 210 hdc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 22 (F)

*3 dc + ch 2 + 3 dc around the next ch2-sp, (skip the next 2 sts, 1 dc2cl + ch 1 + 1 dc2cl in the next st) x 11 times, skip the next 2 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 24 dc, 4 ch2-sps, 88 dc2cl, 44 ch1-sps

rnd 23 (G)

*3 dc + ch 2 + 3 dc around the next ch2-sp, 1 dc in the next 3 sts, skip the next st, (1 dc2cl + ch 1 + 1 dc2cl around the next ch1-sp, skip the next 2 sts) x 11 times, 1 dc in the next 3 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 48 dc, 4 ch2-sps, 88 dc2cl, 44 ch1-sps

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rnd 24 (D) *Note! For this round you'll be working in stitches from round 13, 20, 22 and 23. The video tutorial will be very helpful for this round. Begin around the ch2-space of a petal from round 20 starting on the sides with only 1 petal in it*

For the sides with 1 petal

2 dc around the ch2-sp from rnd 20, 1 sl st around the ch1-sp of the 6th dc2cl from rnd 23, 2 dc around the same ch2-sp from rnd 20 you just worked in

1 FPdc2cl around the next st of rnd 20, skip the next st, 1 sc in the next 8 sts, skip the next 2 sts (sc + sl st), ch 2, 1 FPdc2cl around the center tr of the FPtr3tog from rnd 13, ch 2, skip the next 2 st from rnd 23 (sl st + sc), 1 sc in the next 8 sts, skip the next st

For the sides with 2 petals

1st petal: 2 dc around the next ch2-sp from rnd 20, 1 sl st around the gap between the 2nd and 3rd dc2tog from rnd 22, 2 dc around the same ch2-sp from rnd 20; rep as above from * til * one time

2nd petal: 2 dc around the next ch2-sp from rnd 20, 1 sl st in the gap between the 9th and 10th dc2tog from rnd 22, 2 dc around the same ch2-sp from rnd 20; rep as above from * till * one time

Close with an invisible join to the second st

- 24 dc, 6 sl sts, 18 FPdc2cl, 96 sc, 12 ch2-sps



rnd 25 (E) *Note! Work this round entirely in the stitches from round 23, begin around any first ch2-space*

*2 sc + ch 1 + 2 sc around the next ch2-sp, 1 FPhdc around the next 7 sts, ch 1, skip the next ch1-sp, (1 FPhdc2tog over the next 2 dc2cls, ch 2, skip the next ch1-sp) x 9 times, 1FPhdc2tog over the next 2 dc2cls, ch 1 , skip the next ch1-sp, 1 FPhdc around the next 7 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 16 sc, 12 ch1-sps, 56 FPhdc, 40 FPhdc2tog, 36 ch2-sps

rnd 26 (E)

*1 dc + ch 2 + 1 dc around the next corner ch1-sp, 1 dc in the next 9 sts, 1 dc around the next ch1-sp, (1 FPdc around the next st, 2 dc around the next ch2-sp) x 9 times, 1 FPdc around the next st, 1 dc around the next ch1-sp, 1 dc in the next 9 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 160 dc, 36 FPdc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 27 (E)

*1 dc + ch 2 + 1 dc around the next ch2-sp, 1 dc in the next 49 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 204 dc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 28 (D) *Note! This is the first extra round of the bag*

*1 hdc + ch 2 + 1 hdc around the next ch2-sp, 1 hdc in the next 51 sts; rep from * till end, close with an invisible join to the second st

- 212 hdc, 4 ch2-sps

rnd 29 (D)

*1 hdc + ch 2 + 1 hdc around the next ch2-sp, 1 hdc in the next 51 sts; rep from * till end, close the rnd as described below

- 212 hdc, 4 ch2-sps

First square: Close with an invisible join to the second st

Second square: Close with a sl st into the first st of the rnd and continue with the assembly round

The Assembly

When you have finished both your squares it's time to join them together to make the body of our Blooming Lotus Tote Bag.

Block your squares before continuing to make sure that they line up more easily, and that they have the correct size from the beginning. If you need some help, check out our blocking tutorial on www.YouTube.com/SistersInStitch

Then, simply place the squares with the wrong side facing each other, use stitch markers to help keep them in place, and crochet through both squares as following:

Step 1. (D) *Note! You will now be joining the sides of the squares together, begin in any second ch st of a corner*

*1 sl st in the next st, (1 sl st in the 53 sts, 3 sc around the next ch2-sp) x 2 times, 1 sl st in the next 53 sts, 1 sl st in the next ch st of the corner, close with an invisible join

- 6 sc, 161 sl sts

You should now have three of the squares sides joined together with sl sts.

Step 2. (E) *Note! You will now give your bag some sturdiness with sl sts around the opening. Work only in the unworked stitches from rnd 29 and in one square at a time (i.e. not together), begin in any given:*

*1 sl st in the first ch st of a corner, 1 sl st in the next 54 sts, 1 sl st in the next ch st of a corner) x 2 times; close with an invisible join to the second st

- 112 sl sts



The Handle - Repeat for both sides of the bags opening

The handle attachments will first be crocheted in seven rows to create an airy rectangle to then be folded over your bamboo handles and sewn into place through the stitches of the first and last row.

Please note that the turning chains (tch) does not count as a stitch on its own, it's used to get the correct height of the next round.

row 1 (B) *Work in the stitches from rnd 29, begin in the 13th hdc from of the side (not counting the corner hdc)*

*1 sc in the next 26 sts, 1 tch + turn

- 26 sc

row 2

*1 sc in the next 4 sts, (ch 2, skip the next 2 sts, 1 sc in the next 2 sts) x 4 times, ch 2, skip the next 2 sts, 1 sc in the next 4 sts, 1 tch + turn

- 16 sc, 5 ch2-sps

row 3

*1 sc in the next 2 sts, (ch 2, skip the next 2 sts, 2 sc around the next ch2-sp) x 5 times, ch 2, skip the next 2 sts, 1 sc in the next 2 sts, 1 tch + turn

- 14 sc, 6 ch2-sps

row 4

*1 sc in the next 2 sts, (2 sc around the next ch2-sp, ch 2, skip the next 2 sts) x 5 times, 1 sc in the next 2 sts, 1 tch + turn

- 16 sc, 5 ch2-sps

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and patterns on our
YouTube channel: SistersInStitch*

row 5

Repeat row 3

row 6

repeat row 4

row 7

1 sc in/around each st across, ch 1 + cut off a long thread (approximately 30 cm).

- 26 sc

Now fold your rectangle around the bamboo handle base then sew the first and last row together to make it secure. Fasten off!



*Well done, your
Blooming Lotus Tote Bag
is now finished!*

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