

8x8" Lion Square



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Materials:

5.5 mm (I) hook

1 skein of Knit Picks' Wool of the Andes (110 yds) Caution (Color A)

1 skein of Knit Picks' Wool of the Andes (110 yds) Orange (Color B)

1 skein of Knit Picks' Wool of the Andes (110 yds) Celestial (Color C)

Black scrap yarn for embroidering face

Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

tr: triple crochet

lpst: loop stitch

slst: slip stitch

st: stitch

ws: wrong side

rs: right side

Loop Stitch:

There is a photo tutorial available on my blog:

http://www.alittleloopy.com/Home/Blog/Entries/2012/5/29_Loop_Stitch_Tutorial.html

My loops are about an inch long. Experiment to figure out what you like best!

Instructions

Face

With Color A

Round 1: Make an adjustable ring , ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 11 dc in adjustable ring, slst in top of ch3 to close (12 st)

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same stitch, 2 dc in each st, slst in top of ch 3 to close (24 st)

Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) around, slst in top of ch 3 to close (36 st)

Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st (dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st) around, slst in top of ch 3 to close (48 st)

Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st) around, slst in top of ch 3 to close (60)

Cut yarn and join Color B

Mane

With Color B

Round 1: Ch 1, turn work so ws is facing, lp st in next 20 st, lp st in front loop only of next 5 st (creating ear 1 space), lp st in next 10 st, lp st in front loop only of next 5 st (creating ear 2 space), lp st in next 20 st, slst to close (60 st)

Round 2: Ch 1, with ws facing (lp st in next 4 st, 2 lp st in next st) around, slst to close (72)

Cut yarn, do not fasten off

Ears:

With Color A

Ear 1: Turn work so rs is facing, slst into the first back loop ear 1 space, skip 1 st, 6 tr in next back loop, skip 1 st, slst into next st

Ear 2: Slst into the first back loop ear 2 space, skip 1 st, 6 tr in next back loop, skip 1 st, slst into next st

Cut yarn, fasten off

Square

With Color C

Because the first 2 rounds have lots of dense instructions, they have been split into 5 segments

Round 1:

- With rs facing, join yarn in last stitch from mane and ch1, sc in next st, hdc in next 4 st, dc in next 3 st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st
- Dc in next 3 st, hdc in next 4 st, sc in next 3 st, hdc in next 4 st, dc in next st, ch 2, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in third st on ear, ch 3, skip 6 mane stitches, hdc in next mane st
- Hdc in next 3 st, sc in next 3 st, hdc in next 4 st, ch 3, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in fourth st on ear, ch 2, skip 6 mane st, dc in next mane st
- Hdc in next 4 st, sc in next 3 st, hdc in next 4 st, dc in next 3 st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st
- Dc in next 3 st, hcd in next 4 st, sc in next 2 st, slst to close

Round 2:

- Ch 1, sc in next 2 st, hdc in next 6 st, dc in next 2 st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch 2 space,
- Dc in next 2 st, hdc in next 6 st, sc in next 5 st, hdc in next 4 st, 2 hdc in ch space, dc in next 2 st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch 2 space
- Dc in next 2 st, 3 hdc in ch space, hdc in next 3 st, sc in next 5 st, hdc in next 3 st, 3 hdc in ch space, dc in next 2 st (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch 2 space
- Dc in next 2 st, 2 hdc in ch space, hdc in next 4 st, sc in next 5 st, hdc in next 6 st, dc in next 2 st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch 2 space
- dc in next 2 st, hdc in next 6 st, sc in next 3 st, slst to close

Round 3: Ch 2, [hdc in each stitch until you reach the corner ch 2 space, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in corner space] x 4, hdc in each st until you reach the end of the round, slst to close

To make square larger, repeat optional round until square reaches desired size.

Optional Round: Ch 2, [dc in each stitch until you reach the corner ch 2 space, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space] x 4, dc in each st until you reach the end of the round, slst to close

Finishing: Embroider eyes and face. Weave in any ends.

This square was originally designed for the charity Knit A Square (<http://www.knit-a-square.com/>).

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