

Radiant Mandala Wall Hanging

A layered crochet mandala worked flat in the round, alternating plain colour bands with scalloped picot edges. Finished with a hanging loop for the wall, or leave it flat as a decorative doily.



Original Loop Patterns illustration — finished mandala shown in a seven-colour palette.

CRAFT Crochet	SKILL LEVEL Intermediate	SIZE Approx. 14" (35.5cm) diameter
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MATERIALS

DK weight cotton or cotton-blend yarn in 6–7 contrast colours (any brand). Sample uses small amounts (approx. 20–30g each) of 7 shades.

4mm (US G/6) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.

A wooden ring or dowel, approx. 6–8" (15–20cm) wide, for hanging (optional).

Stitch marker, yarn needle, blocking pins and mat.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 measure approximately 4" (10cm) across, after blocking. Gauge is not critical — a different hook or yarn weight will simply change the finished size.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch = Chain

Sc = Single crochet

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Tr = Treble crochet

Sl st = Slip stitch

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Sp(s) = Space(s)

MR = Magic ring

SPECIAL STITCHES

Picot = Ch 3, sl st in first ch made (back into the top of the last stitch worked).

Shell = (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) worked in the same st or sp.

Puff Stitch (Puff) = *Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook); rep from * once more in same st (5 loops on hook), yo, pull through all 5 loops.

NOTES

This pattern uses **US crochet terms** and is worked in joined rounds, turning between rounds is not required. Join each round with a slip stitch to the first stitch of the round unless stated otherwise, then fasten off and rejoin the next colour where indicated.

MANDALA

ROUND 1 (RS, colour A)

MR, ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc into ring. Join with a sl st to top of beg ch-3. (16 dc) Fasten off.

ROUND 2 (colour B)

Join in any st. Ch 1, 2 sc in same st. *Ch 2, skip next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to first sc. (8 ch-2 sps) Fasten off.

ROUND 3 (colour C)

Join in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same sp. *5 dc in next ch-2 sp; rep from * around. Join to top of beg ch-3. (8 groups of 5 dc) Fasten off.

ROUND 4 (colour D)

Join between any two 5-dc groups. Ch 1, sc in same sp. *Ch 4, skip next 5-dc group, sc between next two groups; rep from * around, ending with ch 4, join with a sl st to first sc. (8 ch-4 sps) Fasten off.

ROUND 5 (colour E)

Join in any ch-4 sp. Work (2 dc, picot, 2 dc, ch 1) in same sp. *(2 dc, picot, 2 dc, ch 1) in next ch-4 sp; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to first dc. (8 picot points) Fasten off.

ROUND 6 (colour F)

Join in any ch-1 sp between points. Ch 1, sc in same sp. Ch 5. *Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 5; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to first sc. (8 ch-5 sps) Fasten off.

ROUND 7 (colour G)

Join in any ch-5 sp. Work Shell in same sp. Ch 2. *Shell in next ch-5 sp, ch 2; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to top of first shell. (8 shells) Fasten off.

ROUND 8 (colour A)

Join in ch-1 sp at centre of any shell. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp. Dc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (picot made), dc in next 2 sts. *3 dc in ch-1 sp of next shell, dc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (picot made), dc in next 2 sts; rep from * around, working (skip ch-2 sp between shells as you pass it). Join to top of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

ROUND 9 (colour B — outer scalloped edge)

Join in any st. Ch 1, sc in same st. Skip next st, 5 tr in next st, skip next st, sc in next st. *Skip next st, 5 tr in next st, skip next st, sc in next st; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to first sc. Fasten off, weave in ends.

HANGING LOOP (optional, colour of choice)

Cut a length of yarn approximately 16" (40cm) long. Fold in half and, working from the wrong side, thread the folded end through 2–3 sts at the top back edge of the mandala, then thread the loose ends back through the loop and pull to secure, leaving a loop long enough to hang over a hook or nail. Alternatively, sew the mandala centred onto a wooden ring or dowel using matching thread.

FINISHING

Weave in all remaining ends. Wet block, pinning out each of the 8 outer scallops evenly on a blocking mat to open up the lace pattern. Let dry fully before unpinning.

SIZING NOTE

For a larger mandala, add 1–2 extra rounds after Round 7 before working the final scalloped edge round, repeating the shell-and-picot pattern established in Rounds 7–8 and increasing the shell count by 8 each additional round.

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