Mandala Bolster

US terms are used throughout.

Stitch key	Special stitches
Sc - single crochet	Beginning Cluster - ch 3, 2 dc, learn more here.
Hdc - half double crochet	Cluster - 3 dc, learn more here
Dc - double crochet	Fptr - front post treble crochet, *yarn over twice.*
Sl-st - slip stitch	V stitch - dc, ch 1, dc in same st.
Ch - chain	

Instructions

Make two mandalas for each end of the bolster.

Ends

1. Starting with a magic ring make a beginning cluster, (ch 3, cluster) 3 times, ch 3. Join to beginning cluster, fasten off and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 4 clusters, 4 ch-3 spaces.

2. Join with a sl-st in any cluster, *in next ch-3 space (cluster, ch 2, cluster, ch 2, cluster) sl-st into next cluster from Round 1.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Join to 1st sl-st, fas-

3. Working over sl-st, join with a standing tr in any Round 1 cluster, *(ch 2, 3 sc in next ch-2 space) twice, ch 2, tr in next Round 1 cluster.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Join to standing tr, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 24 sc, 4 tr, 12 ch-2 spaces.

4. Join with a standing sc in 2nd sc of 3 sc group, AFTER any tr, *skip next st, 5 dc in next ch-2 space, skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st and ch-2 space, 5 dc in next tr, skip ch-2 space and next st, sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Join to standing sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 8 sc, 40 dc.

5. Join with a standing dc in any tr, *ch 1, skip next st, (bl cluster in next st, ch 2) twice, bl cluster in next st, ch 1, skip next st, tr in next st.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 8 tr, 24 clusters, 16 ch-2 spaces.

6. Join with a standing dc in any tr, *dc in ch-1 space, (skip cluster, 3 dc in next ch-2 space) twice, skip cluster, dc in ch-1 space, dc in tr.* Repeat from * to * 7 more times. Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 72 dc.

7. Join with a standing **fptr** around any tr from Round 5, *sc in 1st dc made in ch-1 space and next 2 sts, **fptr** around same tr, sc in next 3 sts, dc in central cluster from Round 5, sc in next 3 sts, **fptr** around next tr from Round 5.* Repeat from * to * 7 more times. Join to standing fptr, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 72 sc, 8 tr, 16 fptr.

8. Join with a standing dc in any st, dc in each st around. Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch Count: 96 dc.

9. Make a surface round of sl-st around the post of each st from Round 8.

You now have two completed ends.

Centre

The main part of the bolster cover is made in rows. You have the choice of using a magic knot to join new colours and have no ends to weave in or work in your own preferred way of changing colour.

1. Make 44 ch plus 2 [*counts as 1st hdc*], hdc in 3rd back bump from hook [*work in back bumps to give an even edge to join to at the end of the project*] hdc in each of the 43 back bumps left.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.
For the next 2 repeats this will be a hdc row.

2. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, (skip next st, V st in next st) 21 times, skip next st, dc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 2 dc, 21 V st.

3. Ch 4 and turn, [*counts as dc and ch-1*], (cluster in next V st, ch 2) 21 times, dc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 2 dc, 21 cluster.

4. Ch 1 and turn, hdc in same st, hdc in ch-1 space, (skip cluster, 2 hdc in next ch-2 space) 21 times, hdc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

5. Ch 1 and turn, hdc in same st and each st across.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

6. Repeat row 5.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

7. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, 3 dc in same st, (skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st, 5 dc in next st) 10 times, skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st, 3 dc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 11 sc, 56 dc.

8. Ch 1 and turn, sc in same st, (ch 2, dc in sc from Row 7, ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of next dc group) 11 times.
Stitch Count: 12 sc, 11 dc, 22 ch-2 spaces.

9. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, (2 dc in next ch-2 space, skip next st) 22 times.
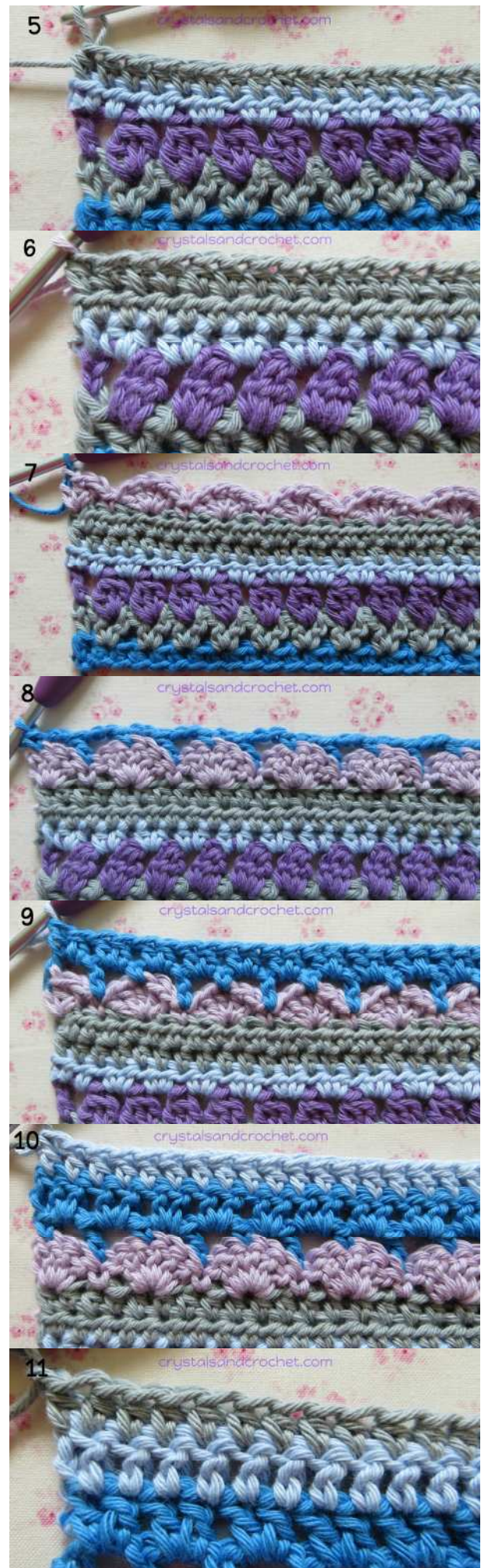Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 dc.

10. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, dc in each st across.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 dc.

11. Ch 1 and turn, hdc in same st and each st across.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

12. Repeat row 11.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

13. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, (skip next 2 sts, in next st {cluster, ch 2, cluster}) 14 times, skip next 2 sts, dc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 2 dc, 28 cluster.

14. Ch 4 [*counts as dc plus ch 1*] and turn, (dc in ch-2 space, ch 1, dc between clusters, ch 1) 13 times, dc in last ch-2 space, ch 1, dc in last st.
Stitch Count: 29 dc, 28 ch-1 spaces.

15. Ch 3 [*counts as dc*] and turn, 3 dc in same st, ***working only in dc made between clusters***, (sc in next, 7 dc in next) 6 times, sc in next, 4 dc in last st.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 7 sc, 50 dc.

16. Ch 1 and turn, hdc in same st, (in next sc (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr), hdc in 4th dc,) 7 times.
Join new colour as you complete last st.
Stitch Count: 8 hdc, 28 tr.

17. Ch 1 and turn, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in each st and each ch space, 2 hdc in last st.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

18. Ch 1 and turn, hdc in same st and each st across.
Stitch Count: 45 hdc.

Repeat rows 1 to 18 twice more.
Secure any remaining ends.

Edging

Starting with right side facing, make a standing sc in 1st hdc, work 1 sc in each hdc and 2 sc in each dc along edge.
Stitch Count: 78 sc.

Ch 2 and turn, dc in each st across.
Stitch Count: 78 dc.

Turn to right side facing and make a row of sl-st around posts of each dc.
Repeat on other edge and secure all ends.

Joining

With wrong sides together **whip stitch** join, through back loop [*inner loop*] only, skipping 18 stitches at even intervals on end part but use every st of centre part.

Repeat with 2nd end.

Place pillow inside and whip stitch join along centre giving a smooth, flat, invisible seam.