**Star Crossed**

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**12” Afghan Square**
Using worsted/Aran weight Yarn with a 5 to 5.5mm hook.

Approx 10” with Double Knitting and 4 to 4.5 hook

**US terms used throughout.**

**Abbreviations**

St, sts | Stitch, stitches  
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Sc | Single crochet  
Dtr | Double treble crochet  
R | Round  
Hdc | Half double crochet  
Fp | Front post  
Ch | Chain  
Dc | Double crochet  
Bp | Back post  
Sl-st | Slip stitch  
Tr | Treble crochet

[]Hints: Are typed in italics and coloured purple, they are to help and guide you and hopefully make life a little easier, especially for beginners.

Reference to photos is [P] with the relevant photo number

**Crossed Dc:** Skip one stitch and dc in next st. Working in front of dc just made, make a dc into skipped stitch.

Hint:
Working in the back loop of stitches, gives definition to the star, there is a little trick I use, which you can find here, [http://www.crystalsandcrochet.com/crochet-basics/](http://www.crystalsandcrochet.com/crochet-basics/), which will help to stop you getting “stretched” loops when working in the back loop.
1. Starting with a magic ring, ch 5 \([\text{counts as dc plus ch-2}], \) (dc, ch 2) 5 times. Join to 3rd chain with a sl-st. Stitch count: 6 dc, 6 ch-2 spaces.

2. Sl-st into next ch-2 space, ch 1, (in ch-2 space (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc), skip next st) 6 times. Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 6 shells of 2 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc.

3. Join with a standing bpdc around any dc \([\text{R1}], \) (ch 3, bpdc around next dc \([\text{R1}] \)) 5 times, ch 3. Join to standing bpdc with a sl-st. Stitch count: 6 bpdc, 6 ch-3 spaces.
4. Sl-st into next ch-3 space, ch 1, (in ch-3 space (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc), skip next st) 6 times.
Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 6 shells of 2 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc.

5. Join with a standing bpdc around any dc [R3], (ch 4, bpdc around next dc [R3]) 5 times, ch 4.
Join to standing bpdc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 6 bpdc, 6 ch-4 spaces.
6. Sl-st into next ch-4 space, ch 1, (in ch-4 space (sc, hdc, 2 dc, bltr in dc [R2] [P2], 2 dc, hdc, sc), skip next st) 6 times.
Join to 1st sc with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 6 shells of 2 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc, 1 bltr.

7. Blsc in 2nd [middle] dc of shell [R4], [P1]
*sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next st [bltr], hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, blsc in 2nd [middle] dc of shell [R4], skip next 2 sts [R6]. *
Repeat from * to * 6 times, omit last blsc.
Join to 1st blsc, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 24 sc, 6 blsc, 12 hdc, 18 dc.
8. Join with a standing **bldc** in 2\(^{nd}\) [**middle**] dc of any 3 dc point group, make 2 more **bldc** in same st.
* **blhdc** in next st, **blsc** in next 2 sts, **blsc3tog** over next 3 sts, **blsc** in next 2 sts, **blhdc** in next st, 3 **bldc** in next st [2\(^{nd}\) [**middle**] dc of 3 dc point group]. *
Repeat from * to * 6 times, omit last 3 **bldc**.
Join to standing **bldc** with a sl-st.
Stitch count: 24 **blsc**, 6 **blsc3tog**, 12 **blhdc**, 18 **bldc**.

9. Ch 1 and **hdc** in same st,
* 3 **dc** in next st, **hdc** in next st, **sc** in next 2 sts, **sc3tog** over next 3 sts, **sc** in next 2 sts, **hdc** in next st. *
Repeat from * to * 6 times, omit last **hdc**.
Join to 1st **hdc**, fasten off, and secure ends.
Stitch count: 24 **sc**, 6 **sc3tog**, 12 **hdc**, 18 **dc**.
10. Join with a standing **blsc** in 2nd [**middle**] dc of any 3 dc point group, ch 1, **blsc** in same st, [*P1*]
   *blhdc in next st, bldc in next st, bltr in next 2 sts, bldtr in next st, bltr in next 2 sts, bldc in next st, blhdc in next st, in next st (blsc, ch 1, blsc). *
   Repeat from * to * 6 times, omit last sc, ch-1, sc.
   Join to standing blsc with a sl-st.
   Stitch count: 12 blsc, 12 blhdc, 12 bldc, 24 bltr, 6 bldtr, 6 ch-1 spaces.

11. Ch 3 [**counts as dc**], (2 dc in ch-1 space, dc in next 5 sts [**taking care not to skip the 1st st**], 2 dc in next st [**dtr**], dc in next 5 sts) 6 times, omit last dc.
   Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 84 dc.
Hint: before starting to square up I recommend taking the time to place stitch markers, to avoid mistakes. Lay out your work with 1 point at the top, count back 10 sts and place 1st marker, count 21 sts and place next marker, continue until you have 4 markers. Your star will sit evenly with 1 point at the top, 1 at the bottom and 2 on each side.
You may find it helpful to place a marker in the dtr of each corner group, to help identify the stitch in the next round.

12. Join with a standing tr in st before any marker, [P2]
* in marked st (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr), tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, tr in next 2 sts. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last tr.
Join to standing tr with a sl-st.
Stitch count: Per side: 6 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 8 tr, 1 corner dtr.

13. Ch 3 [counts as dc], dc in next 2 sts,
* in corner dtr (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc), dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts. *
Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 3 dc.
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends.
14. Join with a standing dc in any ch-3 corner space, dc, working in front of ch-3 space dtr between pairs of dc into dtr [R12], 2 dc in same corner space, (skip next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st) forming a crossed dc, 14 times, in ch-3 corner space, (2 dc, working in front of ch-3 space dtr between pairs of dc into dtr [R12], 2 dc). * Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last corner group. Join to standing dc with a sl-st. Stitch count: Per side: 4 dc, 14 crossed dc, 1 corner dtr.

15. Sl-st into next st [last dc before corner dtr], ch-3 [counts as dc], *in corner dtr (dc, ch 3, dc), dc in next st, (skip next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st) forming a crossed dc, 15 times, dc in next st. * Repeat from *to * 4 times, omit last dc. Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: Per side: 4 dc, 15 crossed dc, 1 ch-3 corner space.
16. Join with a standing dc in last dc before any ch-3 corner space, *in ch-3 corner space (dc, working in front of ch-3 space tr [4 times round hook] between dc pairs in ch-3 space [R14], dc), dc in next 34 sts.* Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last dc. Join to standing dc with a sl-st. Stitch count: Per side: 36 dc, 1 corner tr.

17. Ch 3 [counts as dc], dc in next st, *in corner tr (2 dc, tr, 2 dc), dc in next 36 sts.* Repeat from * to * 4 times, omit last 2 dc. Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch Count: Per side: 40 dc, 1 corner tr.

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