**Sweet Caroline**

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**Part 1**

**US terms used throughout**

**Abbreviations**

- **St, sts** Stitch, stitches
- **R** Round
- **Ch** Chain
- **Sl-st** Slip stitch
- **Yo** Yarn over

- **Sc** Single crochet
- **Hdc** Half double crochet
- **Dc** Double crochet
- **Tr** Treble crochet
- **Dtr** Double treble crochet

- **Bl** Back Loop
- **Fl** Front Loop
- **Bp** Back Post

[] 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.

**Repeat instructions**

- **** Repeat instructions between asterisks the amount of times specified.
  This is normally a repeat for a complete side and will consist of multiple instructions.

- () Repeat instructions between parentheses the amount of times specified.
  This is a lower level repeat.
**Special Stitches**

**Beginning Dc Cluster:** Ch 2, yo, place hook in st/sp to be worked, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through two loops, 2 loops on hook. Yo, place hook in same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, 3 loops on hook. Yo and pull through all 3 loops.

**Dc Cluster:** Yo, place hook in stitch or space to be worked, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, 2 loops on hook. Yo, place hook in same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, 3 loops on hook. Yo, place hook in same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, 4 loops on hook. Yo and pull through all 4 loops.

**Beginning Tr Cluster:** Chain 3, yo twice, insert hook into same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops twice (2 loops on hook), yo twice, insert hook into same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops twice (3 loops on hook), yo and pull through all 3 loops.

**Tr Cluster:** Yo twice, insert hook into indicated st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops twice (2 loops on hook), yo twice, insert hook into same st/sp, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops twice (3 loops on hook), yo and pull through all 4 loops.

**Popcorn:** Make 5 dc in same st, remove hook from loop and insert from front to back of 1st dc and then into dropped loop and pull through. Ch 1 to close. This closing chain is not counted in any chains you are asked to make after the popcorn. To make **a beginning popcorn**, simply start with a standing dc or ch 3 as your 1st st.

1. Starting with a magic ring make a beginning dc-cluster,
   (ch 1, dc-cluster) 5 times, into ring, ch 1.
   Join to beginning dc-cluster, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 6 dc-clusters, 6 ch-1 spaces.

2. Join with a standing dc in any ch-1 space, 3 dc in same space,
   (skip next cluster, 4 dc in next ch-1 space) 5 times.
   Join to standing dc, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 24 dc.

3. Join with a beginning popcorn between any 4-dc groups,
   (skip next 2 sts, 5 dc between 2nd and 3rd dc, skip next 2 sts, popcorn between dc groups) 6 times, omit last popcorn.
   Join to beginning popcorn, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 30 dc, 6 popcorns.

4. Join with a beginning tr-cluster between any 5-dc group and popcorn,
   (ch 4, tr-cluster between popcorn and 5-dc group, ch 4, tr-cluster between 5-dc group and popcorn) 6 times, omit last tr-cluster.
   Join to beginning tr-cluster, fasten off, and secure ends.
   Stitch count: 12 tr-clusters, 12 ch-4 spaces.
5. Join with a standing sc in ch-4 space above any popcorn, *skip next cluster, in next ch-4 space (2 sc, working in front of ch-4 space 5-tr-cluster in 3rd dc of 5-dc group, 2 sc), skip next cluster, in next ch-4 space (2 sc, working in front of ch-4 space 5-tr-cluster in popcorn, 2 sc) *. Repeat from * to * 6 times, omit last sc. Join to standing sc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 48 sc, 12 5-tr-clusters.

6. Join with a standing fpsc around any 5-tr-cluster, (skip next st, 4 dc in next 2 sts, skip next st, fpsc around next 5-tr-cluster) 12 times, omit last fpsc. Join to standing fpsc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 12 fpsc, 96 dc.

7. Join with a standing blsc in 1st dc of any 2nd group of 4-dc, (skip next 3 sts, 5 tr in next st [fpsc], skip next 3 sts, blsc in next 2 sts) 12 times, omit last blsc. Join to standing blsc with a sl-st. Stitch count: 24 blsc, 60 tr.

8. Ch 1 and sc in same st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next 3 sts, dc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 12 times, omit last sc. Join to 1st sc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 24 sc, 96 dc.

9. Join with a standing bpdc around last dc of any repeat, (skip next 2 sts [sc’s], bpdc around next 2 sts, bphdc around next st, bpsc around next 2 sts, bphdc around next st, bpdc around next 2 sts) 12 times, omit last bpdc. Join to standing bpdc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 24 bpdc, 24 bphdc, 48 bpdc.

**Hint: tr-clusters will fall in last bpdc and 1st bpsc of each repeat.**


11. Join with a standing fpsc around any cluster, (in next ch-4 space (2 sc, working in front of ch-4 space tr-cluster in 2nd skipped st R9, 2 sc, fpsc around next cluster)) 24 times, omit last fpsc. Join to standing fpsc, fasten off, and secure ends. Stitch count: 96 sc, 24 fpsc, 24 tr-clusters.

**Hint: take care not to miss the 1st st after the fpdc.**


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13. Ch 3 [counts as dc], dc in same st, 
(dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st) 12 times, omit last 2 dc. 
Join to top of ch-3, fasten off, and secure ends. 
Stitch count: 180 dc.

End part 1