

My African Valentino



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Description

A romantic texture-rich square inspired by sultry, perfume-filled nights strolling along the golden sands of Africa's South-Eastern Coast under a Valentine moon, arm-in-arm with your loved one.

Square Information

Size: 10" x 10/ 26cm x 26cm (after blocking)

Hook: 4mm/G-6

Crochet Terms: Us/UK

Yarn: Stash Buster-DK Acrylic (Stylecraft, Elle Yarns)

This square was designed to be used as a component in an Afghan or a decorative cushion cover, a frontispiece for a Bag, an eye-catching table runner, or simply framed to make a unique wall-hanging. The final rows are finished off in such a way that the square can easily be upsized.

Stitches Used (US/UK) and Abbreviations

Magic Ring = MR

Slip Stitch = sl st

Stitch = st

Yarn Over = yo

Space = sp

Joining Space = JS

Single Crochet = sc/dc

Half Double Crochet = hdc/htr

Double Crochet = dc/tr

Treble = tr/dtr

Double Treble = dtr/ttr

Front Post = fp

Back Post = bp

Back Loops = b' loops

Puffs = yo x 5, ch1

Popcorns = 5dc/tr, ch1

Video Links

Part One

<https://youtu.be/asAU9IFvYkE>

Part Two

https://youtu.be/vyjdNL1Hc_o

Final Part

https://youtu.be/jyvDAC_egK4

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NOTES

The pattern images are all on separate pages. This gives you the choice to print out text only if you want to save your printer ink! Also, if the Video Links do not “click” open, please type the URL into your browser. This usually does the trick! Any problems with the pattern please email me!

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ROUND 1 / Charcoal

Work a ch2 = 1 hdc/htr + 7 x hdc/htr into a MR. Sl st into top of beginning chains. Fasten off. Work ends in securely = 8 x hdc/htr

ROUND 2/ Lime

Work 1 Puff (yo x 5, ch1) between the 8 x hdc'htr (rnd1), ch1 and repeat = 8 x Puffs + 8 x ch1. To close, sl st into top of 1st Puff. Fasten off.

ROUND 3 / Fuschia

Work *1 Popcorn, ch1, 1 Popcorn between any 2 Puffs (rnd2) ch2, skip next Puff, 1sc/dc (between 2 Puffd rnd2), ch2, skip next Puff * Repeat * to * = 8 x Popcorns, 8 x ch2, 4 x sc/dc. To close, sl st into top of 1st Popcoen. Fasten off.

ROUND 4/ Fondant

Sl st into ch1 sp between Puffs (rnd2), *ch3, 1sc/dc into top of 1st Popcorn (rnd3). 3dc/trtog into ch1 sp (between 2 Popcorns), ch1, 3dc/trtog into same ch1sp. 1sc/dc into 2nd Popcorn, ch3, sl st into next ch1sp between 2 Puffs (rnd2) * Repeat * to * = 8 x 3dc/trtog, 8 x ch3, 4 x sc/dc. To close, remove hook from working yarn, pull yarn through loop to close, use your darning needle to work yarn through the beginning sl st. Fasten off.



ROUND 5/ Pomegranate

Work 1 sc/dcftp over any 1 sc/dc between Puffs (rnds2 and 3).
Work *1 hdc/htr into b'loops of next 3ch (rnd 4). 1hdc/htr into b'loop of 1 sc/dc (worked into top of 1st Popcorn). 1 hdc/htrfp over 1st 3dc/trtog. 1 Puff (as before) into ch1sp, 1 hdc/htrfp over 2nd 3 dc/trtog. 1 hdc/htr into next sc/dc (worked into top of 2nd Popcorn), 1 hdc/htr into b'loops on next 3ch, 1 sc/dcftp over next 1 sc between 2 Puffs (rnds2 and 3) * Repeat * to * = 4 Puffs, 32 sc/dc b'loops, 4 sc/dcftp. To close, sl st into beginning sc/dcftp. Fasten off.

ROUND 6/ Charcoal

In this round we begin by working *1sc/dcbp around 1sc/dc (rnd 4) worked into a Popcorn (rnd3). This will be the 1st Popcorn (rnd3, to the RIGHT before the 2 x 3dc/trtogs). Ch4 behind 2 x 3dc/trtogs, 1sc/dcbp around the next 1sc/dc (rnd4) worked into next (2nd) Popcorn (rnd 3),ch6. * Repeat * to * = 4 x ch4, 4 x ch6, 8 x sc/dcbp. To close sl st into beginning sc/dcbp, sl st into 1st ch4sp and ch1 = 1ch (=1hdc). Do not fasten off.

ROUND 7/ Charcoal

3 hdc/htr into ch4sp = *4hdc/htr. Skip over 1sc/dcbp (rnd6). 12 hdc/htr into ch6sp, skip 1sc/dcbp (rnd6)*. Repeat * to * = 12 htc/htr x 4 = 48 hdc/htr + 4 x 4 hdc/htr = 16 hdc/htr. To close, sl st into beginning ch2= 1 hdc/htr. Fasten off.



ROUND 8/ Lime

Begin * in your 12 hdc/htr “area”. Skip first 2 hdc/htr, work 1 Puff (as before= yo x5, ch1), ch1, skip 2 hdc/htr, work 1 Puff as before. Do this 3 x more. = 5 x Puffs, 4 ch1. Ch5, 1sc between the 2 x 3dc/trtogs (rnd4). Ch5. NOTE: you will be working at the back of the 4hdc/htr (rnd7). * Repeat * to * = 8 x ch5, 4 x 1sc, 20 x Puffs, 16 x ch1. To close, sl st into top of 1st Puff. Fasten off.

ROUND 9/ Charcoal

Begin *in ch5sp to your RIGHT. 1sc/dc, 1hdc/htr, 1dc/tr, 1tr/dtr, 1 dtr/ttr, ch1, skip over 1sc (rnd8), into next ch5 (your LEFT), 1d-tr/ttr. 1tr/dtr, 1dc/tr, 1hdc/htr, 1sc/dc. 2sc/dc between Puffs = 8sc/dc. * Repeat * to * = 32 sc/dc (worked between Puffs) + 8 dtr/ttr, 8 tr/dtr. 8 dc/tr, 8 hdc/htr, 8 sc/dc (worked into 8 x ch5sp’s). To close, sl st into beginning 1sc/dc. Fasten off.

ROUND 10/ Fuschia

Begin with 2chfp = *1hdc/htrfp over 1st Puff, ch2, 1hdc/htrfp over next Puff. Repeat 3 x more = 5 x hdc/htrfp + 4 x ch2. Ch4, work 1 Popcorn as before, into ch1sp between 2 dtr/ttr (rnd9), ch2, 1 Popcorn into same ch1sp, ch4.* Repeat * to * = 8 x Popcorns, 4 ch2 (between Popcorns), 20 hdc/htrfp, 16 ch2 (between hdc/htrfp), 4 x ch4.







ROUND 11/ Charcoal

Begin with *2sc/dc into ch2sp between Popcorns (rnd10), 5sc/dc into ch4, 2sc between all the hdc/htrfp's, 5 sc/dc into next ch4. *

Repeat * to * = 80 sc/dc. To close sl st into 1st sc. Fasten off.

ROUND 12/ Stone

Begin * in JS between 2 sets of 2sc/dc (rnd11) above 3rd hdc/htrfp (rnd10). Ch4 = 1tr/dtr, 2 x 2tr/dtrtog into same sp = 1 x 3tr/dtrtog, ch1 to close, ch2. Do this 3 x more = 4 x 3tr/dtrtogs + 3 x 2chsp. Ch5, work from behind your work to the front, work 1 Puff as before into top of 1 Puff (rnd 5), ch5.* Repeat * to * = 16 x 3tr/dtrtogs, 8 x ch5, 4 x Puff, 12 x ch2 (between 3tr/dtrtogs).To close, sl st into beginning ch4 = 1tr/dtr. Fasten off.

ROUND 13/ Charcoal

Begin in 2nd ch2 between 2 x 3tr/dtrtogs, * ch3 = 1dc/tr + 2dc/tr = 3dc/tr, ch2, 3dc into ch2sp, 1dc/tr fp over 3tr/dtrtog #3, 2 dc/tr into ch2sp, 1 dc/trfp over next 3tr/dtrtog #4, 5 dc/tr into ch5sp, skip over Puff, 5dc/tr into next ch5sp, 1 dc/trfp over next 3tr/dtrtog, 2 dc/tr into ch2sp, 1 dc/trfp over next 3 dc/trtog* Repeat * to * = 40 dc/tr into ch5sp, 16 dc/trfp, 24 corner dc/tr, 4 x ch2 corners, 16 dc/tr between dc/trfp's. To close, sl st into top of beginning ch3 = 1 dc/tr. Fasten off.

ROUND 14/ Stone

In this round you will be working OVER two rounds.

Work * ch4 = 1tr/dtr + 7 more times over 2sc (rnd11) worked in ch2sp between 2 Popcorns (rnd10) and the JS between 2 sets of 5dc/tr (rnd13) worked over the ch5's (rnd12), ch6, 1sc/dc into space between 2nd and 3rd 3tr/dtrtog (rnd12), ch6.* Repeat * to * = 32 x tr/dtr, 8 x ch6, 4 x sc/dc. To close, sl st into top of beginning ch4 =1 tr/dtr. Fasten off.

ROUND 15/ Lime

Begin in ch6 sp to your LEFT. Ch4 = 1tr/dtr + 2 tr/dtr (= **3 tr/dtr) into ch6sp. Skip over 1 tr/dtr (of 8), *tr/dtr3tog, skip next 1tr/dtr* Repeat * to * = 7 x 3tr/dtrtog. 3 tr/dtr into next ch6 sp, 1sc/dc into sp between 2 x 3 corner dc/tr (rnd13) ** Repeat ** to ** = 28 x 3 tr/dtrtog, 24 x tr/dtr, 4 x sc/dc. To close, sl st into top of beginning ch4 = 1tr/dtr. Fasten off.



ROUND 16/Charcoal

Begin this round by counting 3 x 3tr/dtrtpg (rnd 15) from RIGHT to LEFT. * Into space before 3tr/dtrtog (#4) work ch3 =1dc/tr + 2dc/tr, = *3dc/tr, ch2, skip over #4, 3 dc/tr into space before #5, 1 dc/trfp over #5, 1 dc/tr into next sp, 1dc/trfp over #6, 1 dc/tr into next sp, 1dc/trfp over #7. 1dc/tr after last dc/trfp, work 1 dc/tr between next 3 tr/dtr (rnd15). Skip 1sc/dc between 2 x 3dc/tr (rnd13), 1 dc/tr between next 3 tr/dtr (rnd15) , 1dc/tr before #1 tr/dtrtog . Together this will = 8 dc/tr between the last 1 x 3tr/dtrtog and the next 1 x 3tr/dtrtog. 1dc/trfp over 1st 3tr/dtrtog, 1 dc/tr, 1 dc/trfp over 2nd 3tr/dtrtog, 1dc/1tr, 1 dc/trfp over 3rd 3tr/dtrtog *

Repeat * to * Each “corner” = 18 dc/tr, 1 ch2, 6 dc/trfp x 4 to get overall round stitch count. To close, sl st into beginning ch3 = 1dc/tr. Fasten off.

ROUND 17/ Pomegranate

Begin in any ch2sp (rnd16). Work *1 Popcorn (as before), ch2, 1 Popcorn into same ch2sp. 1 dc/tr over next 10 stitches (rnd16). 1 Popcorn, ch2, 1 Popcorn into ch2sp between 2 sets of 3dc/tr (rnd 13) AND over JS between 4th and 5th dc/tr (rnd16). 1 dc/trfp over next 10 stitches (rnd16)* Repeat * to * = 16 Popcorns, 8 ch2sp, 80 dc/trfp. To close, sl st into top of 1st Popcorn. Do Not Fasten Off!

ROUND 18/ Pomegranate

*Work 1 Popcorn, ch2, 1 Popcorn into ch2 corner sp, 1 dc/trfp over next Popcorn (rnd17), 1 dc/trfp over next 10 dc/trfp, 1sc into next Popcorn, 2sc/dc into ch2sp, 1sc/dc into next Popcorn. 1 dc/trfp over next 10 dc/trfp, 1 dc/trfp over next Popcorn *

Repeat * to * = 88 dc/trfp, 8 x Popcorns, 4 x ch2, 16 sc/dc. To close, after last dc/trfp, sl st into top of first corner Popcorn.

Fasten off.





ROUND 19/ Charcoal

Work 2ch = 1hdc/htr + 1 hdc/htr = *2 hdc/htr into ch2 corner sp between Popcorns (rnd18), ch2, 2 hdc/htr into same sp. 1 hdc/htr into next Popcorn (rnd18). 1hdc/htr into 1st dc/trfp, 1 dtr/ttrfp over #1 (of 3) corner LEFT 1dc/tr (rnd16).

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1 hdc/tr into next 10 dc/trfp. 1 tr/dtrfp over the ch2sp where you worked 2 Popcorns (rnd17), 1 hdc/htr into 1st Popcorn (rnd17), 1 hdc/htr into next 2 sc (rnd17), 1 hdc/htr into 2nd Popcorn. 1 tr/dtrfp over the same ch2 sp as before (rnd17 where the 2 Popcorn are worked into). 1 hdc/htr into next 10 dc/trfp, 1 dtr/ttrfp over next corner #3dc/htr corner RIGHT (rnd16), 1 hdc/tr into next dc/trfp* Repeat * to * = 8 x dtr/ttrfp, 8 x tr/dtr, 104 hdc/htr + 16 hdc/htr corners + 4 ch2 corner sp. To close, sl st into beginning ch2 = 1hdc/htr. Fasten off.

ROUND 20/Charcoal

Begin in any ch2 corner sp, ch2=1 hdc/htr, ch2, 2 hdc/htr into same sp. Work 1 hdc/htr into all the stitches, repeat corners and continue. Each side = 38 hdc/htr x 4 + 4 x 2ch corners. To close, sl st into beginning ch2 = 1 hdc/htr. Fasten off.

THE END





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