

Cartwheels & Clovers

Armhole Borders

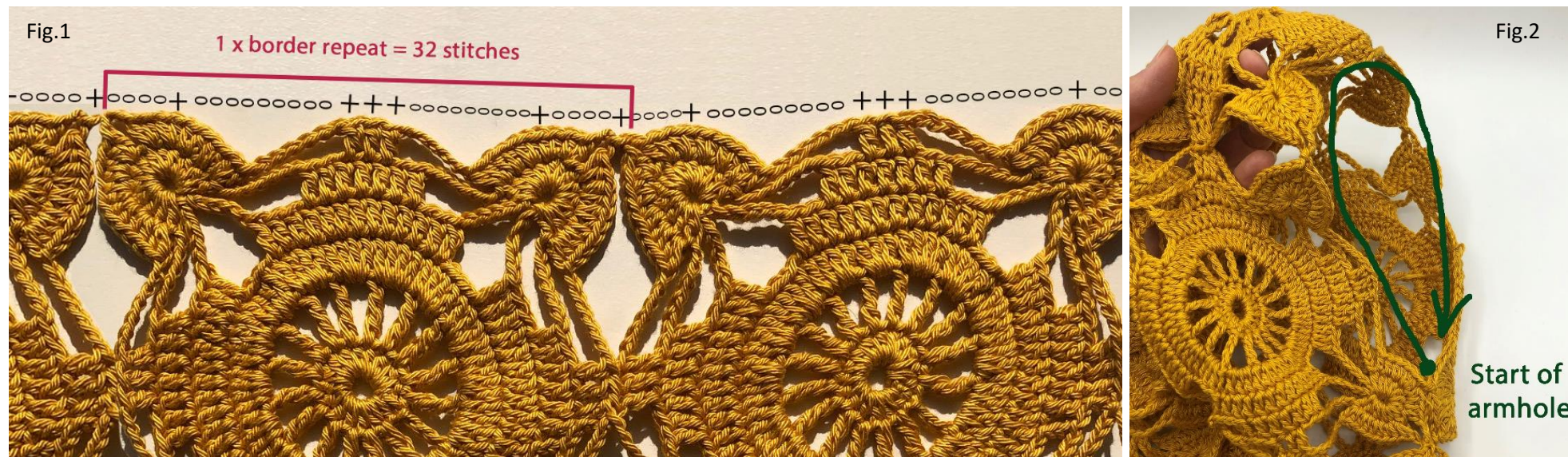
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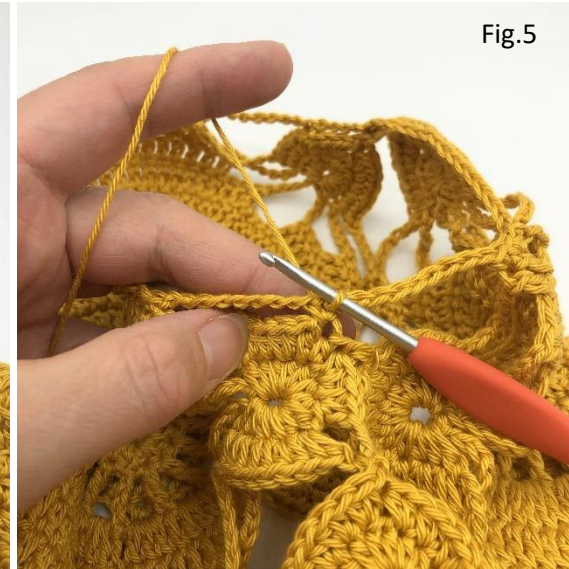
Instructions

Accompanying video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/s0qgOoRgdJc>

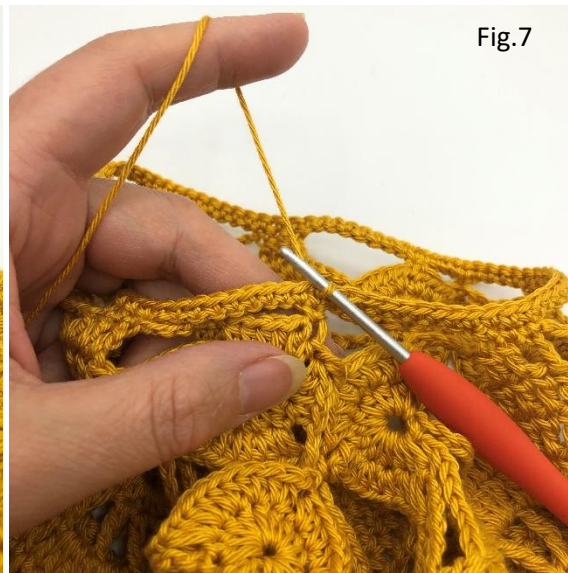


Round 1 – Set up round: The standard set up sequence for bordering these motifs is: 1sc in corner join, ch4, 1sc halfway along corner hdc section (approx. 5th st along), ch9, 1sc in each of the next 3 dc, ch9, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section, ch4 – this repeat is **32 sts per motif** (fig.1). This round needs to be divisible by 3 so you'll need to quickly count round your sleeve opening, using this sequence, to work out how many stitches you'll end up with and then adjust some of the ch9 sections accordingly.

Example: My sleeve opening starts midway on the corner hdc section (fig.2), so I start with a 1sc, followed by ch9, 1sc in each of the next 3 dc, ch9, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section, ch4 = 27 sts. Then I have a full motif = 32 sts. Then another motif the same as the first = 27sts. If I add these up, I get 86 sts which is not divisible by 3. On the sleeve, I don't really want to be creating extra stitches as it will make the armhole flare. I'd rather achieve a very subtle taper, so I'm going to get rid of 2 stitches. The best place to do this is by reducing the chain 9s. Here I will reduce the 2 x ch9 sections on the motif that straddles the shoulder to 2 x ch8.



So my set up round will go like this: join yarn and 1sc in 1st st at under armhole seam (*fig.3*); ch9, 1sc in each of the next 3 dc; ch9, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section; ch4, 1sc in corner join; now moving on to the motif that straddles the shoulder (remember I'm going to reduce the sts on the long ch section) – ch4, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section (*fig.4*); ch8, 1sc in each of the next 3 dc; ch8, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section; ch4, 1sc in corner join; the last section to border is a partial motif - ch4, 1sc in 5th hdc of corner section; ch9, 1sc in each of the next 3 dc; ch9, 1sc in 5th hdc of last corner section (this should be the last stitch before the start of the side seam); join with sl st in 1st sc of the round (*fig.5*) (84 sts).



Round 2 : Ch1, sc in same space; now make 1sc into each chain and each st around (*fig.6*).; join with sl st into 1st sc of the round (*fig.7*). **Tip:** *crochet into the chain as it presents itself, i.e. if the back ridge of the chain is facing up, crochet into that and if the front two loops of the chain are facing up, crochet through those... in this way you are not working against the natural lie of the chain and it will help prevent twisting.*

Note: *I prefer to make one stitch in each chain for neatness because it stops a long series of stitches, for example in the ch9 section, sliding and moving along the chain. However if you struggle with this, you can crochet **around** the chain, i.e. when you get to a chain 9, 9sc around the chain and when you get to a chain 4 you make 4sc around, 8sc for a chain 8, etc.*



Fig.8



Fig.9



Fig.10

Round 3 : ch4 (counts as 1hdc & ch2 sp) sk 2sts; (hdc in next st, ch2, sk 2sts) (fig.8) repeat to end; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch4. (fig.9). At the end of this round your work should look like this (fig.10).



Fig.11



Fig.12

Round 4: ch1, sc in same space; (2sc in each ch2 sp, 1sc in each hdc) (fig.11) repeat around; 2sc in last ch2 sp (fig.12) ; finish the round with a sewn bind off.