Cartwheels & Clovers

Split Motif

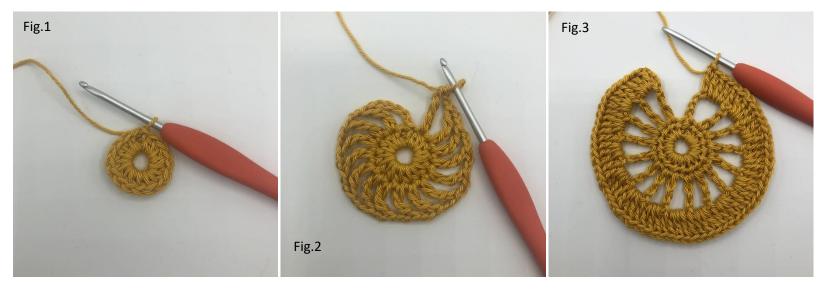
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Instructions

Round 1: Start with a slipknot loop on your hook; ch6, join with a sl st in 1st ch to form a ring; ch2 (counts as 1st hdc), make 15 hdc into in the ring; join with a sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch2 (*fig.1*).

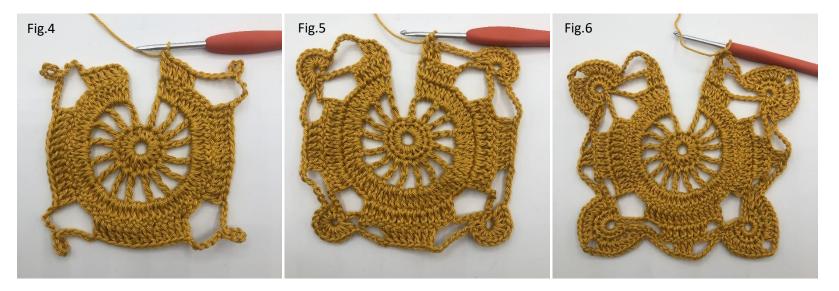


Round 2: ch6 (counts as 1tr & a ch2 space); in the next st (1 tr, chain 2) repeat 14 times; 1 tr in the last st; DO NOT join the round. You should have 16 tr spokes & 15 ch 2 sps (fig.2).

Now you're switching from crocheting in the round to crocheting flat, so you'll stop at the end of each row and turn the work.

Row 3: ch3 (counts as 1st dc); (3dc into next ch2 sp, 1dc into next tr) repeat 15 times; 1dc into the 4th ch of beg ch6 from prev rnd. You should have 61 dc (fig.3).

Row 4: ch3 (counts as 1st dc), 1dc in same sp; 1dc into each of the next 4 stitches; (ch10, sl st into 5th ch from hook, ch5; sk 3dc, 1dc into each of the next 13 stitches) 3 times; ch10, sl st into 5th ch from hook, ch5; sk 3dc, 1dc into each of the next 4 stitches; 2dc in last st. *You should have 2 sections with 6dc, 3 sections with 13dc, and 4 chain sections, each with a ch5 loop (fig.4).*



Row 5: ch3 (counts as 1st dc); 1dc into each of the next 2 sts; (ch6, into the ch5 loop make - 12hdc, ch6; sk next 3dc, make 1dc into each of the next 7sts) repeat 3 times; ch6, sk next 3dc, make 1dc into each of the next 3sts. *You should have 2 sections with 3dc, 3 sections with 7 dc, 4 sections with 12hdc, 8 ch6 spaces (fig.5)*.

Row 6: ch3 (counts as 1st dc); 1dc into the next stitch; (ch6, 2hdc into each of the next 5sts, ch3, sk1st, 2hdc into each of the next 5sts, ch6; sk next 2dc, make 1dc into each of the next 3sts) repeat 3 times; ch6, 2hdc into each of the next 5sts, ch3, sk1st, 2hdc into each of the next 5sts, ch6; sk1 dc, make 1 dc into each of the last 2 sts. *You should have 2 sections with 2dc, 3 sections with 2 dc, 8 sections with 20hdc, 4 ch3 spaces, 8 ch6 spaces (fig.6). DO NOT FASTEN OFF!*

Split Border

We're going to put a single crochet trim along the edge of the split to make it look neat and to add stability to the motif.

Ch1, turn the work 45 degrees and start crocheting into the sides of the dc stitches and chains along the edge of the split. Try to work into the chains and posts of the stiches, rather than around them as this gives a better finish. Work approximately 3sc into the side of each dc and 2 into the starting chains of the rows, make 4dc into the side of the treble (*fig.7*). When you get to the middle, make a sc decrease into the base of last st of round 2 and the 1st stitch of round 2 (you may wish to watch the video to clarify this). Now crochet up along the other side of the split in the same way, i.e. 4sc into the treble (*fig.8*), 3 into the side of each dc and 2 into the starting chains. Fasten off (*fig.9*).



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