

Motif Nine: THE BOBBLE HEXIE

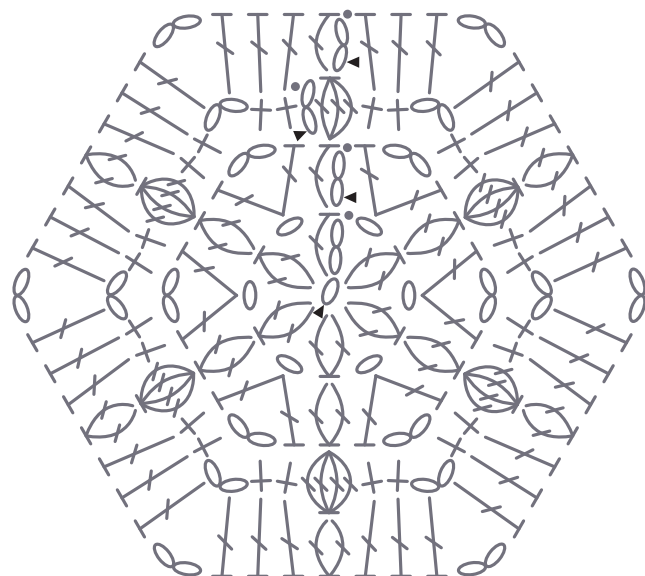
In order to make the bobble stitches pop, you'll need to turn your work over, with the wrong side facing. Just follow the instructions and it'll work out fine.

Rnd 1: ch 3, all in 3rd ch from hook: tr 1, ch 1, *tr2-cl, ch 1; rep from * four more times, sl st to 1st tr to join. (6)

Rnd 2: ch 2, tr 1 in same st as ch 2, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) in 1ch-sp, *tr2-cl in next st, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) in 1ch-sp; rep from * around, sl st to 1st tr to join. TURN. (18)

Rnd 3: ch 2, tr3-cl in same st as ch 2, dc 1, (dc 1, ch 2, dc 1) in 2ch-sp, dc 1, *tr4-cl in next st, dc 1, (dc 1, ch 2, dc 1) in 2ch-sp, dc 1; rep from * around, sl st to 1st tr3cl to join. TURN. (30)

Rnd 4: ch 2, tr 1 in same st as ch 2, tr 2, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) in 2ch-sp, tr 2, *tr2-cl in next st, tr 2, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) in 2ch-sp, tr 2; rep from * around, sl st to 1st tr to join. (42)



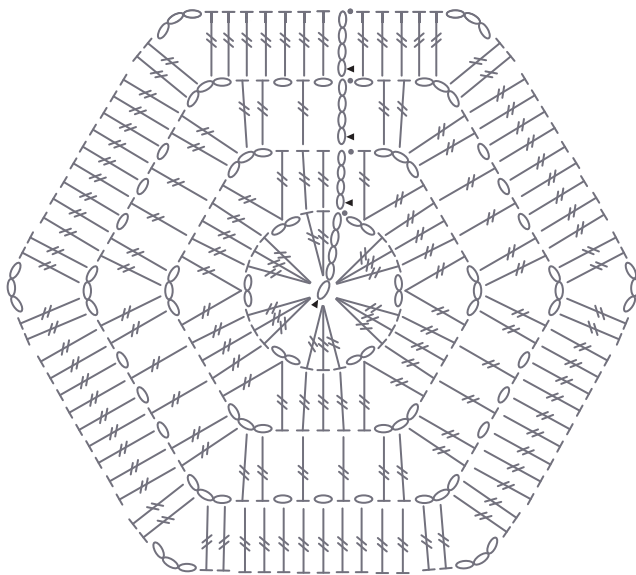


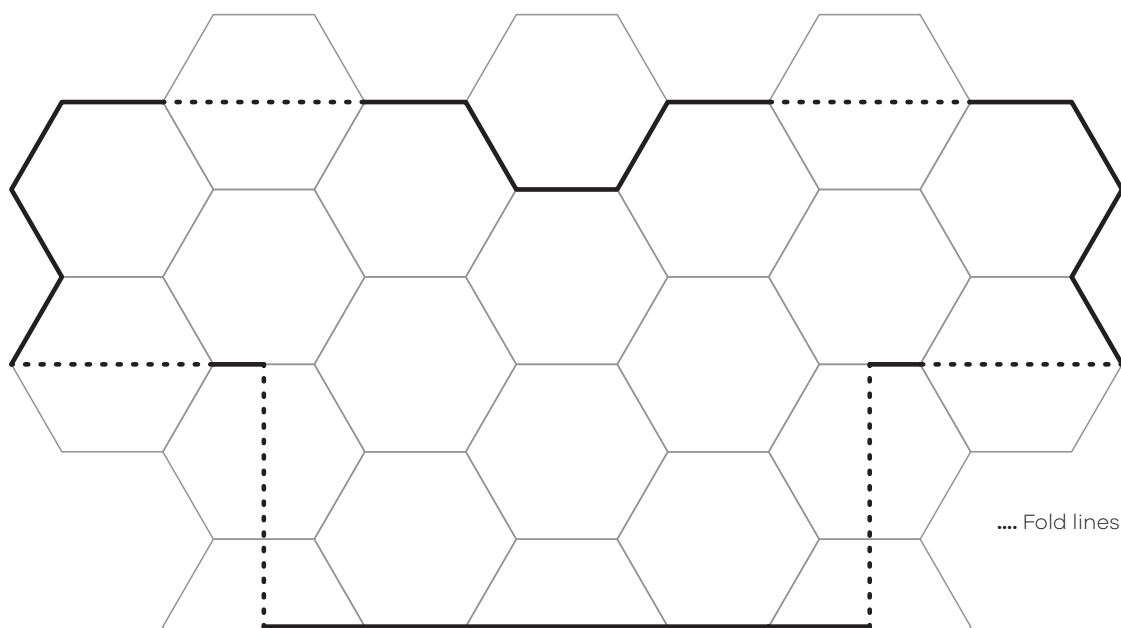
Extra Large

Rnd 1: using 4mm hook and with RS facing, attach yarn to a 3ch-sp at the right vertex of a whole hexie, *dc 1 in 3ch-sp, dc 1 in each st across, dc 1 in next 3ch-sp; ; across a half hexie you will crochet around the stitches at the edge: make dc 6 around each st to centre, dc 1 in centre, make dc 6 around each st to 3ch-sp; rep from * around, sl st to 1st dc to join. (256)

Rnds 2 – 3: ch 1, dc 1 in each st around, sl st to 1st dc to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.





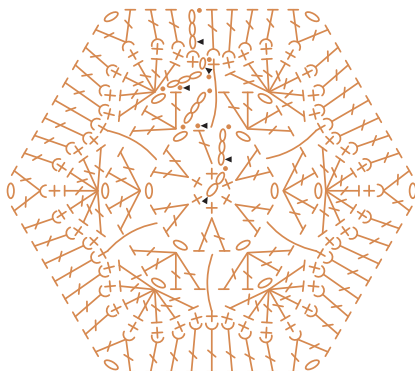
TO FINISH

Sew the motifs together as per the diagram. With RS facing, stitch the hexies together using a whip stitch through the BLO of each motif.

NECK

Rnd 1: using 4mm hook and with RS facing, attach yarn to any stitch and ch 1, dc 1 in each st around, sl st to 1st dc to join. (78)

Rnds 2 – 3: ch 1, dc 1 in each st around, sl st to 1st dc to join.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION

You will need

- 1 ball each Ricorumi DK (25g) in Emerald (42), White (01), Wine Red (29)
- 1 ball of Ricorumi lame (10g) in Gold (002)
- 3.5mm (US E4) crochet hook

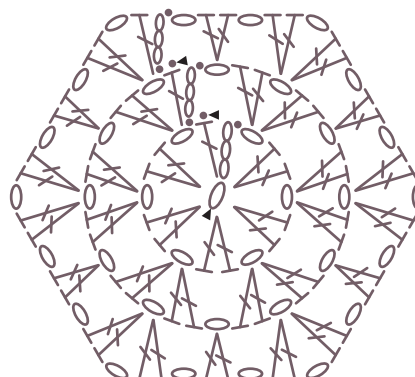
Finished size

Approx 10cm (4in) across

DECORATION (MAKE 2)

Using colours as shown work the African Flower Hexie pattern. Make a hanging loop in Gold by working ch 12 and stitch securely in place.

Using Emerald, and with RS facing, sl st around the edges to join. Fasten off and weave in ends.



EARRINGS

You will need

- DMC Stranded embroidery cotton in Pink (353), Brown (356)
- 2mm (US B1) crochet hook
- Pair of earring findings

Finished size

Approx 4cm (1½in) across

EARRINGS (MAKE 2)

Using colours as shown work the first 3 rounds of the Granny Hexie. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Attach to earring findings using a pair of pliers to loosen and then tighten the fitting.

HEXIES (MAKE 90)

Make rnds 1 – 3 in colour 1, and rnd 4 always in Spring Green. Use traditional join-as-you-go (see Techniques) for the 4th rnd. Follow the chart for arrangement of hexies.

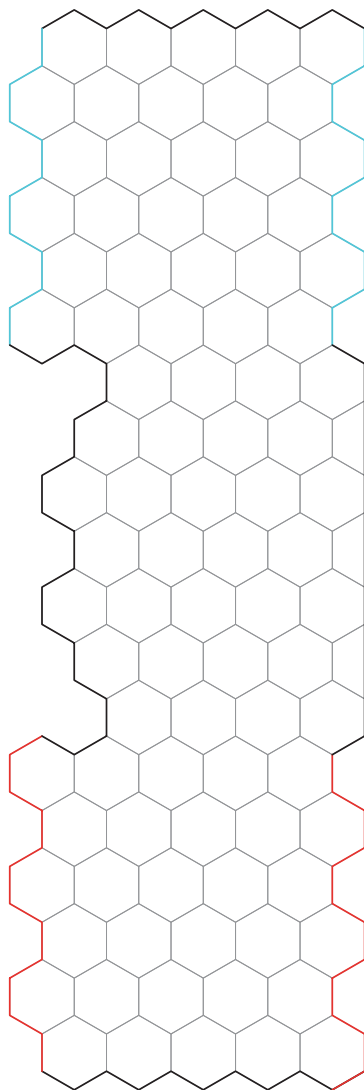
Rnd 1: using 4mm hook, ch 4, tr 11 in 4th ch from hook, sl st to 4th ch to join. (12)

Rnd 2: ch 5 (counts as tr 1 and ch 2), (tr 1, ch 2) in each st around, sl st to 3rd ch to join.

Rnd 3: ch 3, tr 2 in 2ch-sp, *tr 1, tr 2 in 2ch-sp; rep from * around, sl st to 3rd ch to join. (36)

Rnd 4: (see note about sizing above) using 5mm hook, begin between the stitches before a tr 2 in 2ch-sp, ch 3, tr 2 in same space, ch 1, sk 3 sts, (tr 2, ch 1, tr 2, ch 1) between the stitches, *sk 3 sts, tr 3, ch 1 between stitches, sk 3 sts, (tr 2, ch 1, tr 2, ch 1) between the stitches; rep from * four more times, sl st to 3rd ch to join. (42)

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Join blue lines to blue lines
and red lines to red lines



PUFF STITCH

1. To make a puff stitch, *yarn over hook, insert it into the stitch, then pull up a long loop (slightly higher than the stitch before) (A).
2. Rep from * twice more (7 loops on hook) (B).
3. Yarn over and draw the yarn through all loops to complete the stitch (C). Again, the pattern might ask you to close the puff with a ch 1.



SPIKE STITCH

1. To make a double crochet spike stitch, insert the hook in the designated row beneath the next stitch (D).
2. Yarn over and draw a long loop of yarn through the stitch, up to the height of the previous stitch (2 loops on hook) (E).
3. Yarn over and pull the yarn through both loops to complete the stitch (F).

When making the spike stitch, try to keep your tension fairly even: too tight and your work will pucker; too loose and the spikes will lose their crisp appearance.

