

9: Organic Crochet Patchwork

Creative Crochet Patchwork

- consists of square motifs, squares and 'L'-shapes, circles, 'scrumbles' . . . and anything else you care to add, all joined together to make fabric for hangings, cushions, bags or

Colour and Yarns

Gather together lots of different textures and colours that work well together and excite you.

Circles Fabric

Small Circle

4 ch, join into ring with ss.

Round 1: 3 ch, 9tr into ring, ss into top of 3ch. Fasten off. Darn in ends, closing centre hole if possible. Circle forms a bulbous cup shape - convex side usually forms 'right' side (outside).

Choosing a different colour or texture, make second circle, but do not fasten off. To join to first circle, place both together with wrong sides uppermost (so that seam is on the inside) and, always inserting hook through a stitch of both circles simultaneously, work: 1dc into each of 2 adjacent sts. Fasten off. Join further circles into the angles between two previous circles thus: work 2 dc to join to first circle as above (or more as required - see below: Large Circles), then 2 dc to join to 2nd circle.

Make circles of different kinds/sizes and join them in the same way, sometimes using the 'wrong' side as the 'right' side to form contrasting concave surface features.

Flower Shape

Working as for Small Circle make and join 5 or 6 circles (Petals) around the first (Flower Centre)

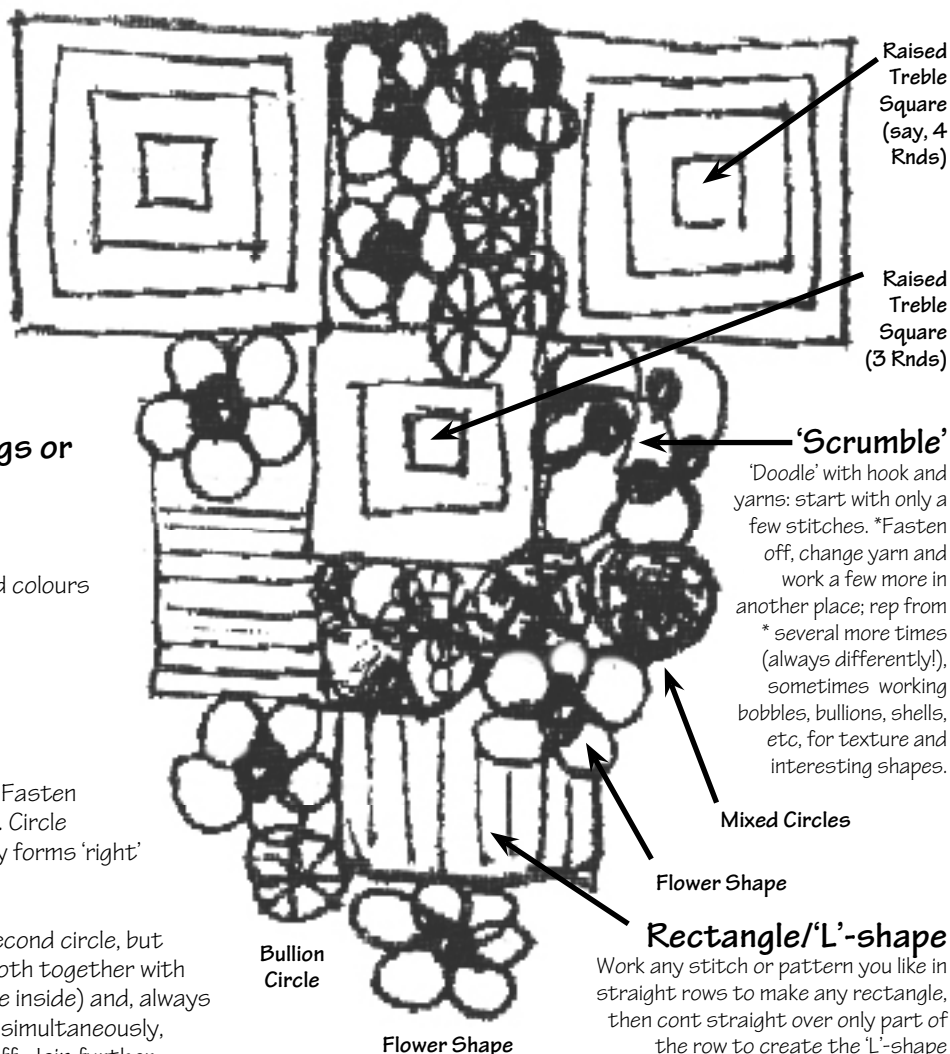
Large Circle

Make larger circles by changing the stitch or working another round. Increase thus: work twice into first stitch and once into next stitch all round - thus keeping the cup shape.

Bullion Circle

4 ch, join into ring with ss.

Round 1: 4 ch, *wrap yarn round hook 10 times, insert hook through centre of ring, pick up yarn and draw through ring, pick up yarn again and pull through **all** loops (this requires fiddling!), 'massage' the coils to neaten, work 1 ch loosely to secure - bullion stitch completed; rep from * 8 more times, ss into top of first bullion to join into cup-shaped circle.



Square/Rectangle

Work any stitch or stitch pattern you like in straight rows until the fabric becomes square or rectangular as required.

Raised Treble Square

4 ch, join into ring with ss.

Round 1: 3ch, 2 tr into ring, (1 ch, 3 tr into ring) 3 times, ss into top of 3 ch to join. Fasten off - new colour.

Round 2: 3 ch (1 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr) all into corner sp, *work 1 raised tr/back round each st to next corner 1 ch sp, ** (2 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr) into sp; rep from * all round ending last rep at **, ss into top of 3 ch to join. Fasten off - new colour. Continue as Rnd 2 for another 1 or 2 rnds or until size required. Square can be varied by working raised tr/front on some rounds.

To Join Organic Patchwork

Make all the pieces separately and join either by sewing [a flat, woven seam] or crocheting the pieces together with sc or ss. You can butt the pieces up to each other or overlap them.