

Drop in the Bucket 12" Square copyright © 2004 by Janie Herrin used with permission

Materials: RH w.w. yarn
Aran (MC)
Country Print (CA)
Country Blue (CB)
Size I hook or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: first 4 rounds = $7 \frac{1}{4}$ "

V-Stitch: (dc, ch 1, dc) in same st or sp

Square

With MC, ch 5, join to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 5 (equals first tr plus ch 1), in ring work (tr, ch 1) 15 times, join to 4th ch of beg ch-5; finish off. (16 tr, 16 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 2: Join CA with slip st in any tr, ch 3, holding last lp on hook, tr in same st, YO, draw thru both lps on hook (beg tr-cl made), ch 2, holding last lp of each st on hook, 2 tr in next tr, YO, draw thru all 3 lps on hook (tr-cl made); (ch 2, tr-cl in next tr) around, ch 2, join to top of beg tr-cl; finish off. (16 clusters, 16 ch-2 sps)

Rnd 3: Join MC with slip st in any ch-2 sp, (beg tr-cl, ch 2, tr-cl) in same sp, *(tr-cl, ch

2, tr-cl) in next sp; rep from * around, join as before. (32 tr-cl, 16 ch-2 sps)

Rnd 4: Slip st in ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, *sc in sp bet next 2 clusters, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp; rep from * around, end with sc bet last 2 clusters, join to beg sc; finish off. (16 shells with sc bet each shell)

Rnd 5: Join CB with sc in any ch-2 sp, (ch 6, sc in next ch-2 sp) around, ch 6, join to beg sc. (16 ch-6 lps)

Rnd 6: Slip st in next sp, ch 4, in same sp work (3 tr, ch 3, 4 tr) corner made, *(3 dc, 3 hdc) in next lp, 6 sc in next lp, (3 hdc, 3 dc) in next lp, in next lp work (4 tr, ch 3, 4 tr); rep from * around, end with slip st to beg tr; finish off. (32 tr, 24 dc, 24 hdc, 24 sc)

Rnd 7: Join MC with slip st in any corner sp, ch 4, 8 tr in same sp, *(skip 2 sts, V-st in next st) 8 times, skip next 2 sts, 9 tr in next corner sp; rep from * around, end with slip st to beg tr. (32 V-sts, 36 tr)

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in next 3 tr, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next tr, dc in next 4 tr, (3 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st) 8 times, dc in next 4 tr; rep from * around, end with slip st to beg tr; finish off. (144 dc)

(**Note:** measure square before going to the next round, if your square equals 11 1/2" proceed with the last round, if you only have 11" work hdc instead of sc's)

Rnd 9: Join CA with sc in any corner sp, 2 sc in same sp, sc in each dc around working 3 sc in each corner, end with slip st to beg sc; finish off. Weave in ends.