

Fade to Black (or whatever shade you want to fade to)

This month we are going to take a bit of a break on the complicated stuff and play with color and space. This block used all dc but it is the spacing and color order that makes the difference.

Supplies:

Size G hook

Four shades of dk wt. yarn (color 1, 2, 3, 4) arranged darkest to lightest shade.

Instructions:

Row 1: Starting with your darkest yarn shade ch 24, in the third ch from the hook dc. Dc 1 into each ch space across the row (23 st include ch turn st).

Row 2: Still using color 1, turn, ch 2, dc into 1st stitch from turn, ch 1, sk 1 st, dc 1 into each of the next tw st. repeat the dc 2, ch 1 sk 1 across to the last 3 st. dc 3.

Row 3: Change to color 2. Turn, ch 2, dc 1 into next sp from hook, *ch 1, sk 1, dc into next sp. in row below (pull your st up level with the current row before completing the pull through motions of this stitch), dc into next stitch**. Repeat from * to ** across row to last st. dc 1, turn.

Row 4: ch 2, dc across (23 st), turn.

Row 5: ch 2, dc 1 into next 2 st, ch 1, sk 1 st. repeat from * to ** to last 2 st. dc 2. break and secure color.

Row 6: change to color 3, turn, ch 2, dc 1 into 2nd sp from hook then *dc into next sp in row below (pull your st up to level with the current row before completing the pull through options of this stitch). ch 1, sk 1 st,, dc into next sp** repeat from * to ** across row to last st, turn.

Row 7: ch2, dc 1 into each sp across (23 st), turn,

Row 8: change to color 4, ch 2, dc into next sp and dc across (23 st), turn.

Row 9: ch 2, dc in first ch from ch, *ch 1, sk 1, dc 1 into next two sp, repeat from * to ** across to last sp. turn.

Row 9: Change to color 3 and repeat the stitches in row 3

Row 10: Continuing in color 3, dc across (23 st), turn.

Row 11: change to color 2, repeat row 2 using this color.

Row 12: Continuing to color 2, repeat row 3.

Row 12: change to color 1, ch 2 dc across (23 st).



Filet Crochet Concentric Square

Filet Crochet has a long history in lace-making. In crochet a mesh or grid system is formed by creating a series of dc 1, ch 1, dc 1. Stitches are always placed into the ch sp at the top of the row below. Attempt to line the stitches up with each other as well as you can. Interior designs are formed by 'filling' the grid with an additional dc stitch. When using a filet crochet diagram empty squares represent a blank space and x represents a filled space.

Supplies:

G Crochet hook
Yarn: dk weight yarn.

Instructions:

To Start: ch 26, turn.

Row 1: in second ch from hook sc 1, sc 1 in each st across (25 st), turn.

Follow chart for rows 2-10 turning at the end of each row.

Row 11: ch 2, sc 1 into each sp across, cut yarn and secure.

