

FREE PATTERN

STAR DREAMCATCHER



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This is a quick and easy project that makes a great gift. Crochet the small mandala of 8 rounds with a little bit double-sided texture. That means that we work in this mandala on the Right Side (as usual) and we work one round on the Wrong Side. This is a way to get a texture on both sides of the mandala.

Decorate the dreamcatcher with whatever you like, such as wooden or gemstones beads, shells, coloured ribbon or self-made tassels.

The project contains:

- ✓ graph / chart,
- ✓ written instructions,
- ✓ very detailed step-by-step pictures,
- ✓ written instructions in English language, American terminology,
- ✓ graph symbols using US crochet terminology.

Skill level:

- ✓ Upper beginner till intermediate
- ✓ Upper beginner should know some special stitches

Finished size

The size of the finished mandala depends on the yarn and hook you use.

Notice that the mandala should always be smaller than your ring, otherwise it is not stretched enough in the ring.

Materials

Ring: wooden or wire rings respectievelijk 10, 15 or 20 cm.
Scissors, tapestry needle to weave in ends.

You can use any similar yarn and suitable hook.



Abbreviations (US terms):

Sl st	slip stitch
Ch(s)	chain(s)
Hdc	half double crochet
Dc	double crochet
Sp	space
St(sts)	stitch(es)



Special stitches:

3dc cl – [yarn over and insert hook into indicated stitch or space. Yarn over, pull a loop, yarn over pull through 2 loops] 3 times. You have 4 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through 4 loops.

Fptr - yarn over twice, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of indicated stitch, yarn over, draw up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times.

Fphdc - yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of indicated stitch, draw up a loop, pull through 3 loops.

Pattern notes:

- ✓ Choose an option to start the mandala; start with a **magic ring** or with a **ring of chains**, secured with a slip stitch.
- ✓ Please make yourself familiar with front **post stitches** before you start.
- You can finish off each round with a slip stitch.
- ✓ This pattern includes a **chart** on page 3.
- ✓ Start every round by the mark 'start' and the number of round on the chart. Follow the round from right to left.
- ✓ Pay attention in round 7 than we crochet on the wrong side.

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Chart

I love crochet charts/diagrams, because they show exactly what stitch we're using.

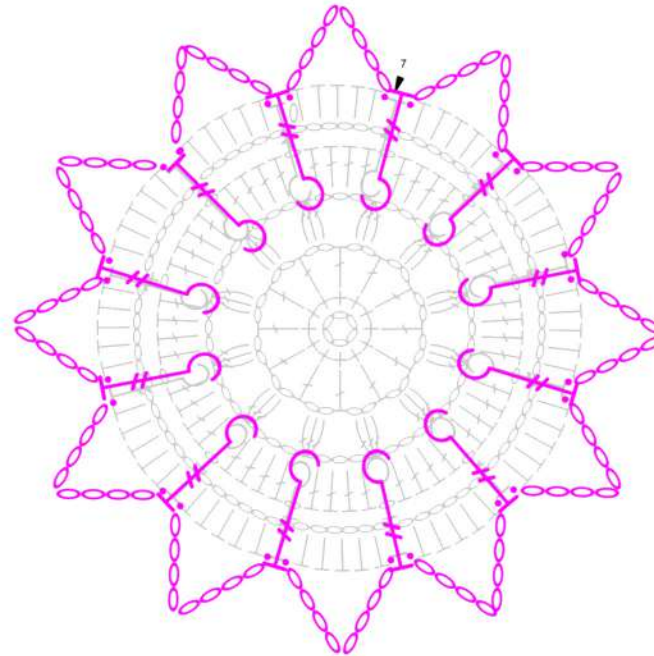
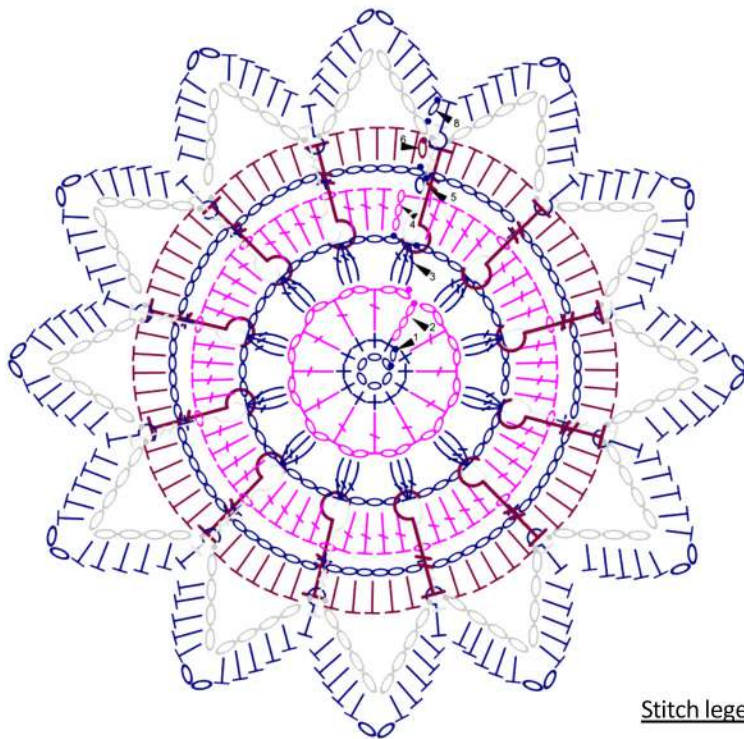
Diagrams are created using internationally recognized symbols that correspond to each stitch and instruction. In other words, they enable you to crochet in any language. Let's start with the chart.

Right Side

Rounds 1- 6 and round 8 are crocheted on the Right Side. The coloured stitches are made on the Right Side, grey stitches are on the Wrong side.

Wrong Side

Round 7 is crocheted on the Wrong Side. The coloured stitches are made on the Wrong Side, grey stitches are on the Right side.



Stitch legend:

3dc cl

ch

+ sc

hdc

dc

fphdc

fptr

start

sl st

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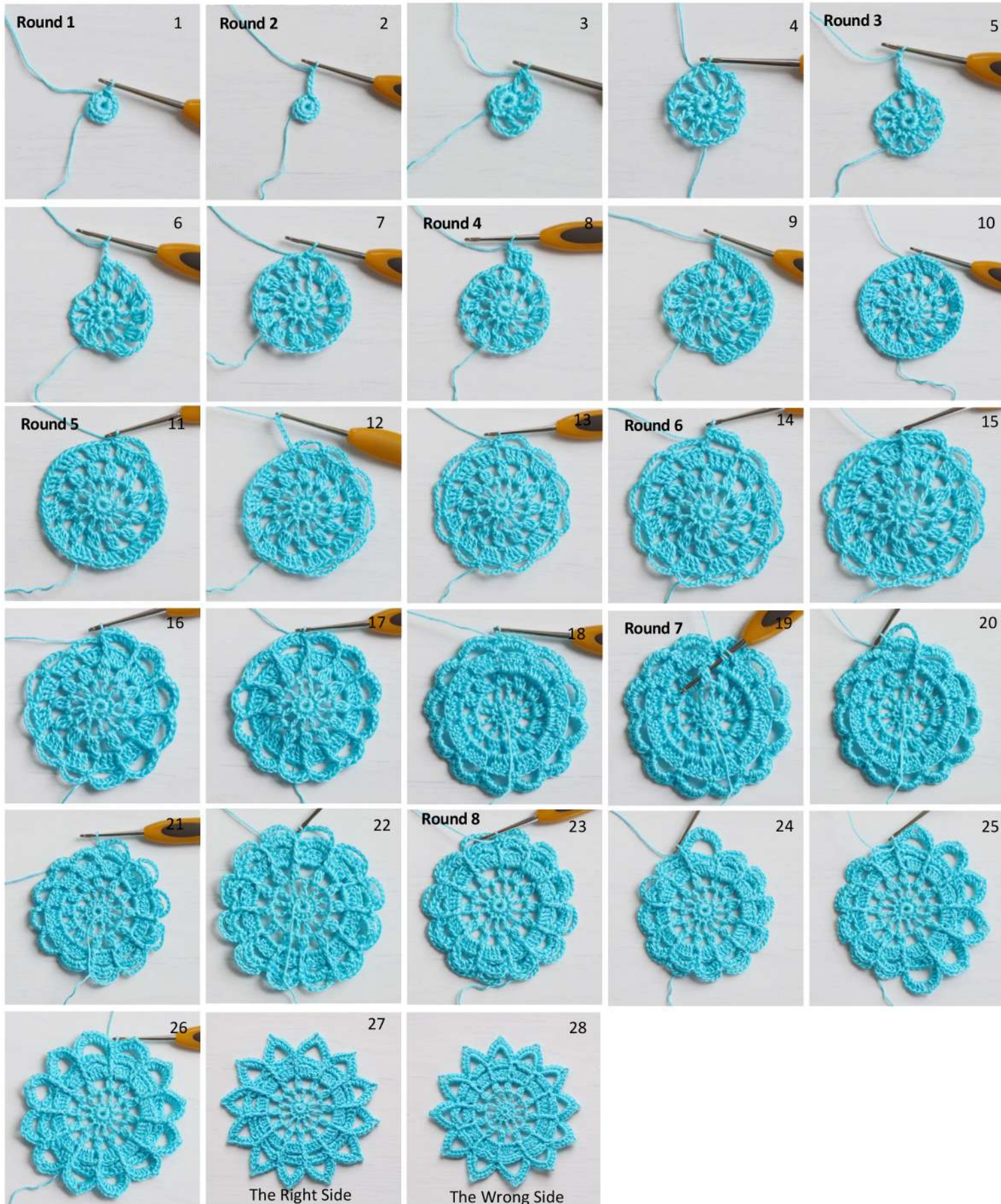
Written instructions (Pattern is written in US terms)

... Repeat the section inside
 [...] group of sts worked in the same st/sp
 RS Right Side
 WS Wrong Side

Round	Instructions	Photo number	Stitch count
Round 1 RS	Start: ch6 join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Ch1 (doesn't counts as a stitch) 12 sc in the ring. Join in ch1.	1	12sc
Round 2 RS	Sl st in 1 st sc, ch5 , (counts as 1 st dc ch2), dc ch2 in every sc. Join in the 3 rd ch of initial ch5.	2-4	12dc, 12 ch2-sp
Round 3 RS	Sl st in ch2-sp, ch2 2dc cl (counts as 3dc cl), ch3 . Work 11 times: *3dc cl, ch3* in every ch2-sp. Join in the top of 1 st 3dc cluster.	5-7	12 3dc cl, 12 ch3-sp
Round 4 RS	Sl st in ch3-sp, ch3 (counts as 1st dc), 3 dc in the same ch3-sp, skip 3dc cl. Work 11 times: *ch1, 4 dc in ch3-sp, skip 3dc cl*. Join with hdc in 3 rd ch of initial ch3.	8-10	48 dc, 12 ch1-sp
Round 5 RS	Ch1 (counts as sc) ch6 . Work 11 times: *sc in ch1-sp, ch6* . Join in 1 st ch1 (counting as 1 st sc).	11-13	12 ch6-sp, 12 sc
Round 6 RS	Ch1 (doesn't counts as a stitch), 5 hdc in ch6-sp, fptr around 3dc cluster from round 3. Work 11 times: *5 hdc in ch6 sp, fptr around 3dc cluster from round 3*. Join in ch1.	14-18	60 hdc, 12 fptr
Round 7 WS	<u>Turn to the Wrong Side</u> , sl st between fptr and 1 st hdc, ch8 , sl st between 5 th hdc and fptr, fptr around 3dc cl in round 3, sl st between fptr and hdc. Work 11 times: *ch8, sl st between 5 th hdc and fptr, fptr around 3dc cl in round 3, sl st between fptr and 1 st hdc*. No join, turn your work around.	19-22	12 ch8-sp, 12 fptr, 24 sl st
Round 8 RS	<u>Work on the Right Side</u> , ch1 (doesn't counts as a stitch), work [5 hdc, ch2, 5 hdc] in ch8-sp, fphdc around fptr in round 6. Work 11 times: *[5 hdc, ch2, 5 hdc] in ch8-sp, fphdc around fptr in round 6*. Join in ch1. Double Star Mandala for a Dreamcatcher is ready.	23-26	120 hdc, 12 ch2-sp, 12 fphdc

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Photo tutorial, round 1 - 8



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Blocking

The finishing touch is blocking if desired. My mandala is blocked by **spray blocking**. You can do that by laying the mandala flat on the blocking board and pin it from the center out to the edges. Spray the pinned mandala with water. Let it dry completely before removing the pins (photo A)

Joining

You can cover the wire ring with sisal twine (photo B), fabric or paint the ring in the colour you like. Wrap yarn around wire ring tightly to cover entire ring. You can also use wooden macramé rings or the inside frame of embroidery hoops.

Place and sew each flower in 10 cm ring (photo D-K).

- ✓ Fold the yarn (about 20 cm long) in half to create a loop. Place the loop underneath crocheted middle piece and pull the loop to the front. Thread the ends of the yarn through the loop and pull tight to secure it.
- ✓ Position the mandala in the middle of the hoop.
- ✓ Tie the middle piece to the hoop in four different places, one at the top, one at the bottom and on each side. Continue with the rest of the corners of the middle piece.
- ✓ Weave in the ends into the crocheted mandala.
- ✓ Tie all your decorative items to the bottom of the hoop.
- ✓ Make a loop at the top for hanging your dreamcatcher.

Decorate the dreamcatcher with whatever you like, such as gemstones, beads, coloured ribbon or self-made tassels.

Decorate the dreamcatcher:

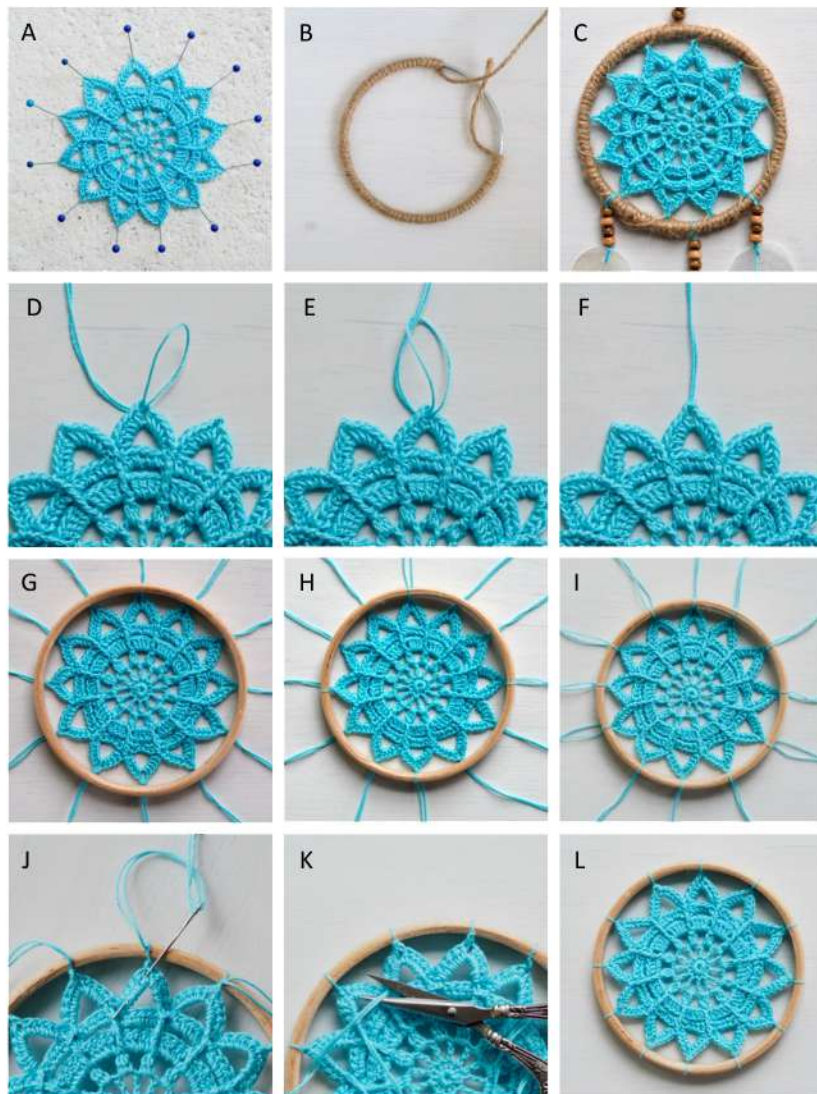
✓ Ribbon tails. Cut ribbon in pieces, fold it in half. Take the loop portion of the ribbon and pull it through the wall hanging bottom. Pull the loose ends of the ribbon through the ribbon loop. Repeat with the other pieces of ribbon.

✓ Thread beads onto the ribbon or string. Thread a bead onto your strip of fabric or string. Position the bead to where you want it on the string. Tie a small knot underneath the bead. The knot will hold the bead in place.

✓ Hang feathers. Groups of two or three feathers together, secured and decorated with a bead. Thread a bead onto small ribbon or a piece of yarn. Tie a knot around the tops of the feathers to secure them and pull a bead on the top of the feathers.

Use the materials of your choice to decorate; ribbon, crocheted feathers and beads etc. That is absolutely up to you.

These suggestions are for inspiration. Let your creativity flow and give your own finishing touch to your wall hanging, using decorations you like, make whatever your heart desires!



Preferred Yarn to use from Vardhman Knitting Yarn:
**COTTON DREAMZ YARN, COTONE YARN,
COOL KNIT YARN, BLUEBELL/BIGBOSS YARN**



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