

# MELANIE'S MANDALA



BABY  
BLANKET

*Part 1...*



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## IMPORTANT PATTERN NOTE:

If you are working with a cake yarn or in one colour, do not fasten off your yarn at the end of each round, just slip stitch to the indicated stitch or corner space and continue. In certain rounds you might need to cut your yarn and re-join.

### Round 1

Using colour (CW 1 BLUE CANARD)/(CW 2 PEACH), make a magic circle.

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), dc 12 into mc, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (**12 dc**), do not cut the yarn.

Total stitch count: 12

## IMPORTANT PATTERN NOTE:

When I end with one colour yarn and start with another colour yarn, I will finish off the round with the following instruction:

- ♥ "ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (**st count**), cut yarn and weave in ends"
- ♥ OR you can finish with a needle join

If you do not know how to make a needle join, please refer to the abbreviations which will be found in the pattern preamble.

### Round 2

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), dc into same st, fpdc around same st, \*dc into next st, fpdc around same st\*, rep \*.\* 10 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (**12 dc, 12 fpdc**), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 24

## IMPORTANT PATTERN NOTE

When I start a new round, I use a standing stitch however if you do not know how to make standing stitches you can replace the starting stitch with chains:

- ♥ Chain 1 replaces a single crochet
- ♥ Chain 2 replaces a half double crochet
- ♥ Chain 3 replaces a double crochet
- ♥ Chain 4 replaces a treble crochet

### Round 3

Using colour (CW 1 PRINCESS TURQUOISE)/(CW 2 PRINCESS SALMON), start in any fpdc from previous round,

\*fpdc around fpdc, dc 2 into next st\*, rep \*.\* 11 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (**24 dc, 12 fpdc**), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 36

#### Round 4

Using colour (CW 1 PRINCESS AQUA)/(CW 2 BALLET PINK), start in any fpdc from previous round,

\*[dc, tr 2, dc] into fpdc, hdc into next st, sc into next st, ss into next st, sc into next st, hdc into next st\*, rep \*.\* 5 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (6 ss, 12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 48

#### Round 5

Helpful hint: please note that you will be making the single crochet into the space between the two treble stitches and not into the treble stitch itself, but when you make the [tr 4, ch 1, tr 4] you are working into a stitch.

Using colour (CW 1 PALE SAGE)/(CW 2 PRINCESS PINK), start in any space between 2 tr sts from previous round,

\*sc into sp between 2 tr sts, sk next 4 sts, [tr 4, ch 1, tr 4] into next st, sk next 4 sts\*, rep \*.\* 5 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (6 ch 1, 6 sc, 48 tr), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 54 (excluding chains)

#### Round 6

Using colour (CW 1 PALE KHAKI)/(CW 2 NATURAL), start in any sc from previous round,

\*fphdc around sc, bpdc around next 4 sts, hdc 3 into ch 1 sp, bpdc around next 4 sts\*, rep \*.\* 5 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (18 hdc, 6 fphdc, 48 bpdc), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 72

#### Round 7

Using colour (CW 1 PALE BLUE GREY)/(CW 2 STONE), start in any fphdc from previous round,

\*[tr 2, dc 3, tr 2] into fphdc, sk next 3 sts, hdc into next st, sc 2 into next st, sc into next st, sc 2 into next st, hdc into next st, sk next 3 sts\*, rep \*.\* 5 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (30 sc, 12 hdc, 18 dc, 24 tr), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 84

#### Round 8

Helpful hint: we are making an increase stitch into every 7<sup>th</sup> stitch in this round, so watch your stitch count.

Using colour (CW 1 BLUE GREY)/(CW 2 PALE KHAKI), start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> dc of any [2 tr/3 dc/ 2 tr rep] from previous round,

\*dc 2 into 2<sup>nd</sup> dc, dc into next 6 sts\*, rep \*.\* 11 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (96 dc), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 96

## Round 9

Using colour (CW 1 WASHED DENIM)/(CW 2 PALE SAGE), start in the 1<sup>st</sup> dc of any dc inc sts from previous round,  
fpdc around dc, dc into next st (place a sm into this st as this is where you will place the 1st st for the next round), \*fpdc around next st, dc into next st\*, rep \*.\* 46 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (48 dc, 48 fpdc), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 96

## Round 10

Helpful hint: your work might start to cup, but it will flatten out over the next few rounds.

Using colour (CW 1 CLOUD BLUE)/(CW 2 KHAKI), start in the st where you placed the stitch marker in the previous round,  
\*[\*tr, ch1\*, rep \*.\* 4 more times, tr] into dc, sk next 3 sts, hdc into next st, sk next 3 sts\*, rep \*.\* 10 more times, ss into 1<sup>st</sup> st (60 ch 1, 12 hdc, 72 tr), cut yarn and weave in ends.

Total stitch count: 84 (excluding chains)

YOU HAVE REACHED THE END OF PART 1

I hope you are enjoying making this blanket.

Melanie

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