Strelitzia Square
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## Materials

### Elle Pure Gold

4mm crochet hook (6 in US size)
Tapestry needle for sewing away the yarn tail ends
Scissors

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<td>B</td>
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<td>D</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>036 Ivory</td>
<td>38g</td>
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*Yarn quantities are provided as a guideline only. Bear in mind that gauge differences and yarn differences may affect the outcome of the blanket.
Hook Size

A size 4mm hook was used for this project.
- If you have a loose tension, it is recommended that you adjust your hook sizes down from the recommended sizes in this pattern, to obtain the correct gauge.
- If you have a particularly tight tension, you should adjust your hook sizes up to obtain the correct gauge.

Gauge

Gauge worked in sc and measured over 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 inches) must be:

20 rows x 17 sts

If you are finding it difficult to achieve the correct height, but your width is correct, then please Google “Crochet Golden Loop”. You will find several video tutorials which will assist you to easily understand why this is happening and how to adjust your crochet technique to achieve the correct gauge.

Difficulty

I have given this pattern an easy rating.

UK to USA Conversions

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| chain       | ch           |
| slip stitch | sl st        |
| single crochet | sc        |
| half double crochet | hdc   |
| double crochet | dc         |
| treble      | tc           |
| double treble | dtc        |
Abbreviations

Please note that my patterns always use US terminology.

Listed below you will find the abbreviations used in my patterns as well as the long name. Where applicable, the abbreviation is linked to a video tutorial.

Terms are listed alphabetically by the abbreviation.

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<td>treble crochet three together – this is demonstrated in the video tutorial</td>
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Other Techniques and Special Stitches

Fasten off and secure ends
Half Double Crochet Join
Invisible Join
Magic Circle

Video Tutorials

⚠️ This symbol will be found at the start of each round. Next to the symbol you will see a notation for example, 00:01:30, this shows the minutes and seconds of the location of that round in the various video tutorials. This will make it easy for you find the exact starting point of each round. The link to the video tutorial is as follows:

Right-Handed
Left-Handed
Blocking

Why Block?

It is my considered opinion that blocking of most projects is a very important step towards achieving a professional finish. If you would like to know more about this important process, please download a document I have prepared about this subject.
Pattern

This entire square is worked with right-side facing.

**Round 1**
Using colour A.
Ch4 and sl st in the beg ch to form a ring. Alternatively you can start with a magic ring/circle. Ch2 to count as the first hdc, working over the tail work 11hdc in the ring. Pull tail to close the gap.
Join with a sl st in the top of the 2nd chain of beg ch2;
**Do not fasten off.**

*Stitch count: 12 hdc.*

**Round 2**
Using colour A.
Ch1 (does not count as a st), 2sc in each of the next 12 sts;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg sc. Secure ends.

*Stitch count: 24sc.*
Round 3
Using colour B.
Join with a st-sc in any stitch, (ch3, sk 2 sts, 1sc in the next st) 7 times, ch3, join with a sl st in the beg st-sc;
Do not fasten off.

Stitch count: 8sc and 8 ch-3 sps.

Round 4
Using colour B.
[Sl st in the next ch-3 sp, ch9, now work in the ch-9 just made – see picture below, sk 3 sts, 1sc in each of the next 2 sts, 1hdc in each of the next 2 sts, 1dc in each of the next 2 sts, sl st in the ch-3 sp (leaf made), ch2] 8 times;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg sl st. Secure ends.

Stitch count: 8ch-9, 8ch-2 sps, 16 sl sts, 16sc, 16hdc and 16dc.
Tip: This Round is worked in the ch-3 sps on Round 3. Work in front of the leaves formed in Round 4. Fold each leaf back to make it easier to work in the ch-3 sp.

Round 5
Using colour C.
Join with a st-sc in any ch-3 sp below a leaf on Round 3, (1hdc, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) in the same ch-3 sp, [ch3, (1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) in the next ch-3 sp below a leaf] 7 times, ch3;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-sc. Secure ends.

Stitch count: 8ch-3 sps, 16sc, 16hdc and 8dc.

Tip: We will be working in the ch-2 sp on Round 4 (located between the leaves) and over the ch-3 sp on Round 5. The leaves will be in front of the ch-6 sps. Continue as follows;

Round 6
Using colour D.
Join with a st-lsc in any ch2 sp on Round 4, 2lsc in the same sp, [ch6, 3lsc in the next ch-2 sp on Round 4] 7 times, ch6, join with a sl st to the beg st-lsc;
Do not fasten off.

Stitch count: 24lsc and 8 ch-6 sps.
**Round 7**
Using colour D.
Sl st to the next lsc (being the centre lsc), ch4 (counts as beg tc), tc2tog in the same st (beg tc3tog made), (ch4, working behind the leaf, sc in the next ch6 sp, ch4, sk st, tc3tog, sk st)7 times, ch4; fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg tc2tog. Secure ends.

*Stitch count: 8tc3tog, 16ch4 sps and 8sc.*

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**Round 8**
Using colour E.
Join with a st-sc in any tc3tog, [(4sc in the next ch-4 sp) 2 times, 1sc in the next tc3tog] 7 times, (4sc in the next ch-4 sp) 2 times, join with a sl st to the beg st-sc; Do not fasten off.

*Stitch count: 72sc.*
Round 9
Using colour E.
Ch2 (counts as beg hdc) in the beg sc, 1hdc in each of the next 4 sts, insert your hook in the ch-3 sp on Round 4 (at the top of the leaves) and work 1 hdc in the next st on Round 8 (anchoring the leaf), [1hdc in each of the next 8 sts, insert your hook in the ch-3 sp on Round 4 (at the top of the leaves) and work 1 hdc in the next st on Round 8 (anchoring the leaf)] 7 times, 1hdc in each of the next 3 sts; fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the ch-2 (beg hdc). Secure ends.

Stitch count: 72hdc.

Round 10
Using colour A.
Join with a st-dc in any st, (ch2, sk st, 1dc in the next st) 35 times, ch2; fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-dc. Secure ends.

Stitch count: 36dc and 36 ch-2 sps.
**Round 11**
Using colour C.
Join with a st-sc in any dc,
(worked in front of the ch2 from Round 10, 2dc in the sk st on Round 9, sc in the next st) 35 times,
2dc in the last sk st on Round 9;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-sc.
Secure ends.

*Stitch count:*  72dc and 36sc = 108 sts.

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**Round 12**
Using colour A.
Join with a st-fpdc around any dc on Round 10, ch3,
(fpdc around the next dc on Round 10, ch3) 35 times;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the beg st-fpdc. Secure ends.

*Stitch count:*  36fpdc and 36 ch-3 sps.
Tip: In this round we will be turning our circle in a square.

Round 13
Using colour B.
Join with a st-tc in any ch-3 sp just after a leaf – see picture below, work 2 more tc in the same sp, 3dc in the next ch-3 sp, 3hdc in next ch-3 sp, (3sc in the next ch-3 sp) 2 times, 3hdc in the next ch-3 sp, 3dc in the next ch-3 sp, 3tc in the next ch-3 sp, [(2tc, ch2, 2tc) in the next ch-3 sp to form a corner, 3tc in the next ch-3 sp, 3dc in the next ch-3 sp, 3hdc in the next ch-3 sp, (3sc in the next ch-3 sp) 2 times, 3hdc in the next ch-3 sp, 3dc in the next ch-3 sp, 3tc in the next ch-3 sp] 3 times, (2tc, ch2, 2tc) in the last ch-3 sp; fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-tc. Secure ends.

Stitch count: 6tc, 6dc, 6hdc and 6sc per side.
Corners: (2tc, ch2, 2tc) in each corner.

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Round 14
Using colour D.
Join with a st-dc in any ch-2 corner sp, work 1 more dc, ch2, 2dc in the same sp, bpdc around each of the next 5 sts, bphdc around each of the next 18 sts, bpdc around each of the next 5 sts, [(2dc, ch2, 2dc) in the corner ch-3 sp, bpdc around each of the next 5 sts, bphdc around each of the next 18 sts, bpdc around each of the next 5 sts] 3 times; fasten off and join with an invisible join to top of the beg st-dc. Secure ends.

Stitch count: 10 bpdc and 18 bphdc per side.
Corners: (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in each corner.
**Round 15**
Using colour E.
Join with a st-sc in any ch-2 corner sp, 1sc in each of the next 32 sts *don’t sk the hs*,
[(1sc, ch2, 1sc) in the corner ch-2 sp, 1sc in each of the next 32 sts *don’t sk the hs*] 3 times,
1sc in the corner ch-2 sp and join with a hdc join to the top of the beg st-sc;
**Do not fasten off.**

*Stitch count:* 32sc per side.
*Corners:* (1sc, ch2, 1sc) in each corner.

**Round 16**
Using colour E.
Ch3 *(counts as beg dc)*, then work 1dc in the sp under the hdc join,
sk st, *(count the hs)*, 1dc in the next st, then crossing in front of the st just made, 1dc in the sk st
*(this will form a cross double crochet - cr dc)*,
(cr dc) 16 more times,
(2dc, ch2, 2dc) in the ch-2 corner sp, (cr dc) 17 times
*times* 3 times,
2dc in the ch-2 corner sp and join with a hdc join to the top of the beg ch-3;
**Do not fasten off.**

*Stitch count:* 17 cr dc per side.
*Corners:* (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in each corner.
Tip: When forming your cr-dc’s for Rounds 17 & 18, work in the sp between the sts rather than the top of the st – see arrows in the picture below.

**Round 17**
Using colour E.
Ch3 (counts as beg dc), then work 1dc in the sp under the hdc join, (cr dc) 19 times working into the sps between the cr-dc from Round 16, [(2dc, ch2, 2dc) in the ch-2 corner sp, (cr-dc) 19 times working into the sps between the cr-dc from Round 16] 3 times,
2dc in the corner ch-2 sp and join with a hdc join to the top of the beg ch-3;
Do not fasten off.

Stitch count: 19 cr dc per side.
Corners: (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in each corner.

**Round 18**
Using colour E.
Ch3 (counts as beg dc), then work 1dc in the sp under the hdc join, (cr dc) 21 times,
[(2dc, ch2, 2dc) in the ch-2 corner sp, (cr dc) 21 times] 3 times,
2dc in the corner ch-2 sp and join with a hdc join to the top of the beg ch-3;
Do not fasten off.

Stitch count: 21 cr dc per side.
Corners: (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in each corner.
**Round 19**

Using colour E.

Ch2 (*counts as beg hdc*), 1hdc in each of the next 46 sts (*don’t sk the hs*),

[(1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in the corner ch-2 sp, 1hdc in each of the next 46 sts (*don’t sk the hs*)] 3 times,

1hdc in the corner ch-2 sp, ch2;

fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg ch-2 (hdc). Secure ends.

*Stitch count: 46hdc per side.*

*Corners: (1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in each corner.*

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**Round 20**

Using colour D.

Join with a st-hdc in any ch-2 corner sp, bphdc around each of the next 48 sts,

[(1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in the corner ch-2 sp, bphdc around each of the next 48 sts] 3 times,

1hdc in the corner ch-2 sp, ch2,

fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-hdc. Secure ends.

*Stitch count: 48hdc per side.*

*Corners: (1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in each corner.*
**Round 21**

Using colour A.
Join with a st-hdc in any ch-2 corner sp, working in the blo, 1hdc in each of the next 50 sts (*don’t sk the hs*),

[(1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in the corner ch-2 sp, working in the blo, 1hdc in each of the next 50 sts (*don’t sk the hs*)] 3 times,

1hdc in the corner ch-2 sp, ch2;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-hdc. Secure ends.

*Stitch count:* 50hdc per side.
*Corners:* (1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in each corner.

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**Round 22**

Using colour B.
Join with a st-hdc in any ch-2 corner sp, working in the blo, 1hdc in each of the next 52 sts (*don’t sk the hs*),

[(1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in the corner ch-2 sp, working in the blo, 1hdc in each of the next 52 sts (*don’t sk the hs*)] 3 times,

1hdc in the ch-2 sp, ch2;
fasten off and join with an invisible join to the top of the beg st-hdc. Secure ends.

*Stitch count:* 52hdc per side.
*Corners:* (1hdc, ch2, 1hdc) in each corner.