Overlay Mosaic Crochet from the center out

This tutorial will show you the different corners and the invisible join that I use for my projects and patterns.

The first two pages contain the basic information given in any of my patterns. After that follows a ‘test pattern’ that is crocheted for the tutorial. The photo tutorial will go through all the different techniques used for that.

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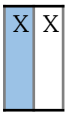
Charts - How To

The charts contain a couple of different Fields.



An empty field is a single crochet in back loop only.

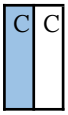
The color of this field has no relevance. Even if it is blue and you're working on a white rnd, you still do the single crochet back loop only in the white color. There will be an X in the field above it, that causes the color change of this field.



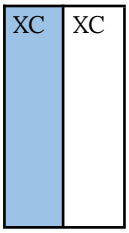
A field with an X represents a double crochet in the front loop of the previous rnd of the same color. A blue double crochet will be in the front loop of a blue stitch one rnd below.

In contrary to the single crochet fields, the fields with an X will only be shown in the color of the rnd that you're working in. You'll never see a white field with an X when you're working on a blue rnd.

For the middle out version, there are also these:



C is for Corner. This is made by doing a sc (back loop only), chain, sc (back loop only), and is made in the back loop of the chain of the corner of the previous rnd. (except rnd 1, there it's done in a sc)



XC is for Double Corner. This is made by doing a DC, chain, DC. The DC's are made in the front loop of the previous corner of the round in the same color you're working with. If the stitch before and after the XC is also a X (DC), this will be in the same loop, so the front loop of the chain will have DC (final stitch), DC (first DC of XC), chain, DC (second DC of XC), DC (first stitch of repeat) all in the same loop.

Every round is 'closed' with a slip stitch and chain or the invisible join.

The color of the rnd number shows you what color is used in the rnd you are starting. If it's not clear to you which color is which, check out the clean picture (on the previous page). Every 'blue rnd' is for the blue part of the clean picture. Every 'white rnd' is for the white part in the clean picture.

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Written Pattern - How to

Abbreviations

In the written pattern, I use a couple of abbreviations. These are similar to a lot of other crochet patterns, but please make sure that for Overlay Mosaic, you only use the back loop for single crochet and the front loop of the previous rnd for the Double Crochet.

SC = Single Crochet in back loop only

DC = Double Crochet in front loop of previous rnd

C = Corner. This is made as sc, ch, sc. For the sc, like in the other stitches, use the back loop only.

XC= Double Corner. This is made as DC, ch, DC. The DC is placed in the front loop of the chain of the previous corner of the same color. If the stitch before and after the XC is also a X (DC), this will be in the same loop, so the front loop of the chain will have DC (final stitch), DC (first DC of XC), chain, DC (second DC of XC), DC (first stitch of repeat) all in the same loop. I will show this in the photo tutorial at the end of this file.

Repeats for middle out pattern

All four sides of the work are the same. So the pattern is repeated four times. These repeats are indicated with [...] *4. Every round ends with a slip stitch or the invisible join.

Placement of Corners and stitches before and after

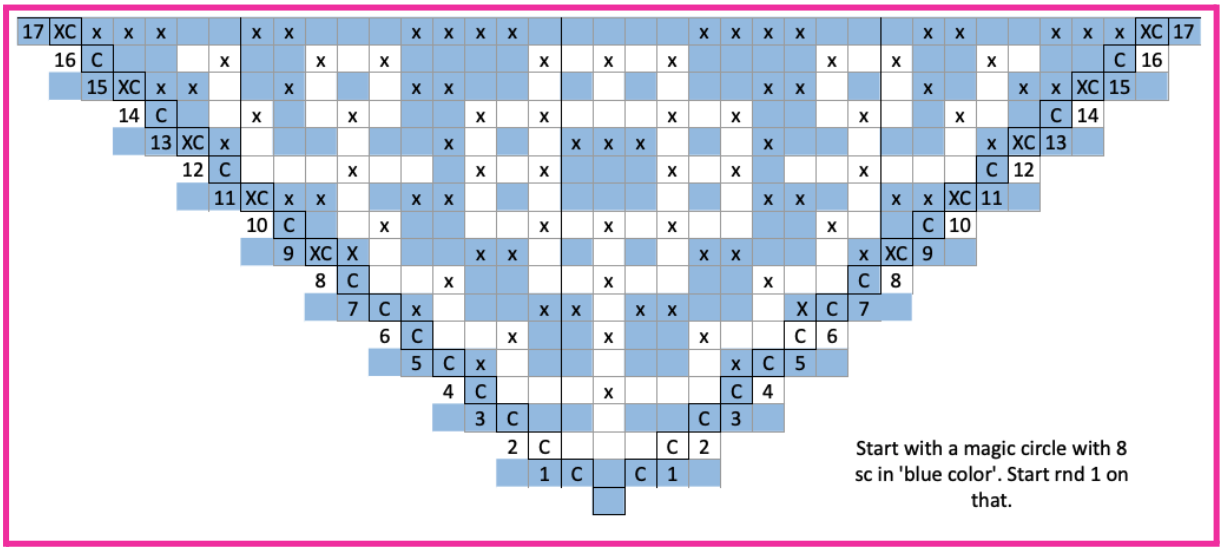
Corners always go in the front loop of the chain one row below. XCorners always go in the front loop of the chain of the corner 2 rows below (of the same color).
Is there a double crochet before or after the corner? Please make sure you have gotten the correct placement. This goes straight down into the stitch two rows down. for a DC before or after the corner, this means the chain of the corner 2 rows below. So, when there is a DC before an XCorner, this DC will go into the same loop as the XCorner. If there also is a DC after the Xcorner, this will also go into that same loop (so this loop will have DC, XCorner (DC,ch,DC), DC).

Is there a DC before a Corner? This will go into the front loop of the chain of the corner two rows down. The corner will go into the back loop of the chain of the corner one row below. If there is a DC after the corner, this will go into the same front loop as the DC before the corner.

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The testpattern

Start with a magic circle with 8 sc (in 'blue color'). Start Rnd 1 on that.	
Rnd 1	(C, 1sc,) *4
Rnd 2	(C, 3sc,) *4
Rnd 3	(C, 5sc,) *4
Rnd 4	(C, 3sc, 1DC, 3sc,) *4
Rnd 5	(C, 1DC, 7sc, 1DC,) *4
Rnd 6	(C, 2sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 2sc,) *4
Rnd 7	(C, 1DC, 3sc, 2DC, 1sc, 2DC, 3sc, 1DC,) *4
Rnd 8	(C, 2sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 2sc,) *4
Rnd 9	(XC, 1DC, 3sc, 2DC, 5sc, 2DC, 3sc, 1DC,) *4
Rnd 10	(C, 2sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 2sc,) *4
Rnd 11	(XC, 2DC, 2sc, 2DC, 9sc, 2DC, 2sc, 2DC,) *4
Rnd 12	(C, 3sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 3sc,) *4
Rnd 13	(XC, 1DC, 6sc, 1DC, 3sc, 3DC, 3sc, 1DC, 6sc, 1DC,) *4
Rnd 14	(C, 2sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 3sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 2sc,) *4
Rnd 15	(XC, 2DC, 2sc, 1DC, 3sc, 2DC, 9sc, 2DC, 3sc, 1DC, 2sc, 2DC,) *4
Rnd 16	(C, 3sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 4sc, 1DC, 1sc, 1DC, 2sc, 1DC, 3sc,) *4
Rnd 17	(XC, 3DC, 2sc, 2DC, 3sc, 4DC, 5sc, 4DC, 3sc, 2DC, 2sc, 3DC,) *4



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Photo Tutorial



I used a larger hook for this tutorial, so the stitches have better definition. Because of this, the result looks a bit 'holey'. When you use the correct hook and tension, this will not be the case!

First, start with a magic loop (or your preferred way to start crochet from the center out) with 8 single crochet. I started with a dark bright pink.



On the right is the picture of 8 sc in the circle.

To join the rounds, I'll show you the invisible join.

This is made by pulling the loop you're working with through the two loops of the first stitch of the previous round. On the left, I'll show you the two loops. You will not pull it through from the front like this, but from the back, like shown on the picture on the right.





When the loop is pulled through, it's a circle like on the left here.

If the next round has the same color (like now), add one chain before you continue.



Rnd 1 starts with a corner in the first stitch. This is a single crochet-chain-single crochet.



You'll make this in the first of the single crochets that you made in the circle. Be aware you only crochet into the back loop. In the left picture you can see where the hook is inserted in the loop. On the right, the first corner is done. After the corner is a single crochet.



'Corner-sc' is crocheted 4 times total for this round. You can see the shape turning a bit more square. On the left is the picture before the invisible join and color change for Rnd 2.



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To change the color in the less visible way, you again pull the loop through the two loops of the first stitch of the previous Rnd. From the backside, like shown on the picture on the left.



I add a light pink yarn for a nice contrast. Pull the yarn through your loop and make an extra chain. On the right is the yarn pulled through. Left is with the extra chain.

Pull the dark pink yarn a bit, so it's a bit tighter.

The next stitch is the corner for Rnd 2. Like the last Rnd, a sc-ch-sc.

Make sure you only use the back loop of the chain of the previous corner. In the picture with the arrow I show you which one I mean.



On the right is shown how the hook is inserted.

When using the invisible join, make sure you crochet the first stitch for the corner over the dark pink yarn, so it is easier to pick up on the next Rnd and will not show as much on the back.



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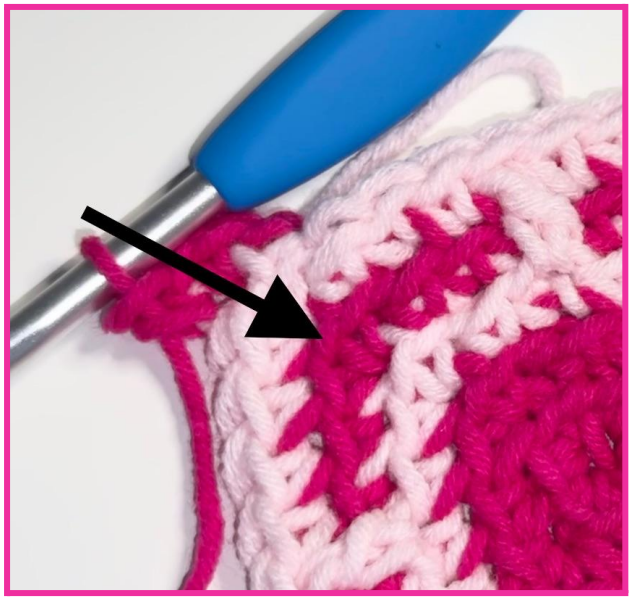


On the left is the corner of Rnd 2 done. The rest of this Rnd is pretty basic. Just sc and corners. After 4 times the corner-3sc it should look like the picture on the right. Join with the invisible join again.

Rnd 3 and Rnd 4 are also more of the same (although there are DC in Rnd 4, but those are in the middle and just like regulate overlay mosaic.



I'm gonna fast-forward to Rnd 5.



Rnd 5 start with a corner (like you are probably getting used to by now, sc-ch-sc). However, after this corner comes a DC instead of an sc. As you know, DC in overlay mosaic crochet goes into the front loop of the previous row/round of the same color.

When looking at Rnd 3, the stitch under the DC needed in Rnd 5 is the corner of Rnd 3.

Because of this, we make the DC in the chain of the corner in Rnd 3. In the image on the left, the arrow indicates where this DC should go. Make sure you only use the front loop for your DC.

After the 7 sc's, another DC is needed. This also goes into the chain of the corner of Rnd 3. The DC before and after the corner go into the same loop.





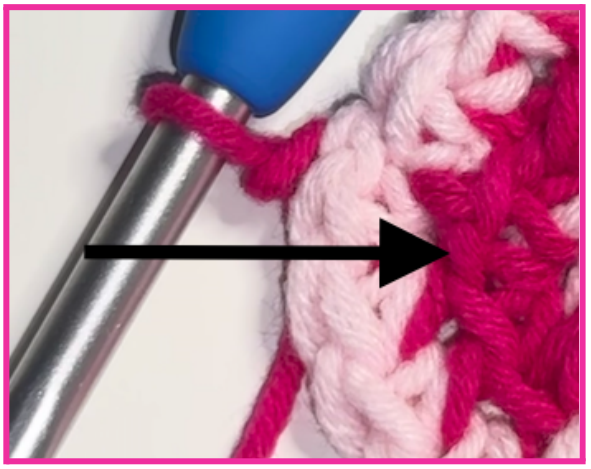
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After Rnd 5, your work should look like this.



In Rnd 6, you repeat the corners like before. Rnd 7 has the DC after and before the corners again like Rnd 5. Rnd 8 is basic corner again. So I will fast forward to Rnd 9 here. With the new color ready to go for the XC or Large Corner.





This large corner is a 'DC-ch-DC'. Because DC always goes down 2 rows, you will make these in the front loop of the corner chain of Rnd 7.

In the image on the right, i've tried to show you again which loop this is.

Like mentioned, this corner is a DC-ch-DC. After this corner is another DC. Like we did in Rnd 5 and 7, we'll make this in the same corner chain that we did the corner.



First Corner DC + chain



Second Corner DC



DC after the corner

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Watch out when making the first sc after the DC. The corner can 'push' your work a bit to the left, so make sure you crochet the sc in the correct stitch (see picture on the right).





When you reach the final DC of the Rnd you'll have to take care. This DC goes into the same loop as the first corner. The Rnd already seems finished, so I often forget this stitch and frogging the whole Rnd isnt that bad when its small like this, but when a round is over 1,000 stitches, you really dont want to have to frog... So, add the final stitch with the first corner in the loop of the chain in Rnd 7. This loop will have DC-DC-ch-DC-DC like every corner in the Rnd now.



In the left picture you'll see the work ready for the final DC of the Rnd.

Below, is the picture of the complete Rnd, with the yarn for the next round ready to go.



I think we have covered all the different corners, stitches before and after corners, and the invisible join.

Feel free to reach out when you have additional questions!

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The end result



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