

The Penny Drops CAL

Part 4: Centre Panel Borders

The centre panel is 188 rows with 50 sts.

Crochet Hook: H/ 8/ 5 mm

Stitch Abbreviations:

ch = chain

st/sts = stitch/stitches

sp/sps = space/spaces

sc = single crochet

Standing sc = standing single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

Standing hdc = standing half double crochet

dc = double crochet

Standing dc = standing double crochet

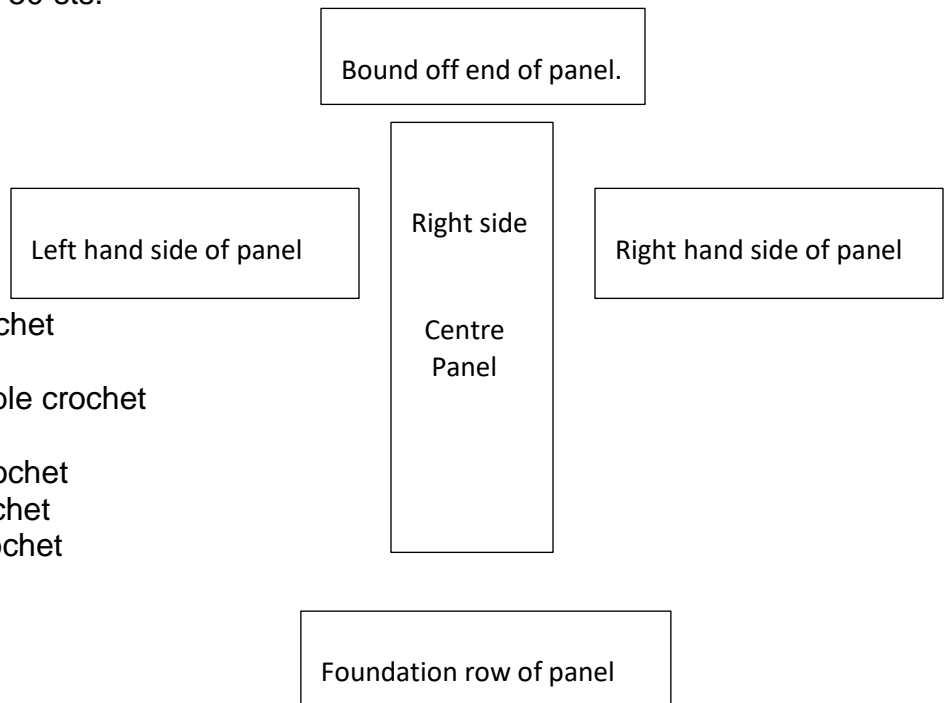
fphdc = front post half double crochet

bphdc = back post half double crochet

fpdc = front post double crochet

bpdc = back post double crochet

tr = triple crochet



[] Hints and notes in each row are written between brackets and italic blue colored letters to help and guide you.

Additional notes:

The suggested crochet hook size is H/ 8/ 5.00 mm. It is crucial that the gauge of the crochet sts is the same as that of the Tunisian panels so that the border doesn't "shrink" or "stretch" the panels lengthwise.

Gauge: 10 sts = 2 ¼ in/ 5.7cm

1. I use chainless or almost chainless turning on all my crochet pieces. For sc, turn, sc in same st; for hdc, ch1, turn, hdc in same st; for dc, ch1, turn, dc in same st. I don't use them in this piece, but for a tr, I would ch2, turn and tr in the same st. It provides a more solid edge without holes and the last st of a row looks like a st and not a messy chain.
2. I carry up the yarn as much as possible so long as it is not more than 2 rows. I will tell you when to cut the yarn you are dropping. You will end up with many less tails to weave in at the end. Leave a 5-inch/ 13 cm tail for weaving in ends.



Completing the border on the right-hand side of the panel (foundation row on bottom, bound off row on top)

Odd numbered rows are the right side and even numbered rows are the back side.

With the right side of the panel facing you, foundation row on your right:

Colour A = the contrast colour you used with the Caron Cakes

Colour B = Caron Cake

Colour C = an additional contrast colour you may choose to use instead of Caron Cake. For the blue blanket, I picked white and for the peach blanket, oatmeal. Depending on “where you are in the Cake”, you may find there is not enough contrast.

Stitch counts: There are **188** rows of TSS so there should always be **188** sts in the border rows.

Stitch markers: If you are going to lose or gain a st it will likely happen at the end of the rows. You might want to put st markers 5 sts from both ends.

Row 1: Join **Colour A** with a standing sc in the first st at the end of the first tss row AND pick up a strand of the starting chain of the foundation row. This will place the first st in the corner; **insert hook in next st and under the carried yarn on the back of the panel and sc in each st across row.** Ch1, turn. *[188 sts now and throughout]*

Row 2: Hdc in turning st and in each st to end of row. Turn. Fasten off *[leave a 5-inch/ 13 cm tail]. [188 sts]*

Rows 3 – 8 are simple basket weave: Rows 3, 4 and 5 use Colour B or C, and rows 6, 7 and 8 use Colour A.

Underlined Rows indicate a colour change.

Row 3: Join **Colour B or C** *[Caron Cake or other contrasting colour]* with a standing hdc in the first st, fpdc in next 3 sts, bpdc in next 4 sts, *fpdc in next 4 sts, bpdc in next 4 sts. * Repeat from * to * until there are 4 sts remaining, fpdc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st, ch1, turn. *[188 sts]*

There should be: a hdc at the start of the row, 3 fpdc, 23 groups of 4 bpdc, 22 groups of 4 fpdc, 3 fpdc and a hdc at the end of the row.

Row 4: Hdc in turning st, bpdcc in next 3 sts, fpdc in next 4 sts, *bpdcc in next 4 sts, fpdc in next 4 sts. * Repeat from * to * until 4 sts remain, bpdcc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st, ch1, turn. [188 sts]

Row 5: Hdc in same st as turning, fpdc in next 3 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts, *fpdc in next 4 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts*. Repeat from * to * until there are 4 sts remaining, fpdc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st. Fasten off. Turn. [188 sts]

The post sts in this section are opposite to those in the previous three rows to give the "basket weave" effect.

Row 6: Join **Colour A** with a standing hdc in the first st, fpdc in next 3 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts, *fpdc in next 4 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts. * Repeat from * to * until there are 4 sts remaining, fpdc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st, ch 1, turn. [188 sts]

Row 7: Hdc in turning st, bpdcc in next 3 sts, fpdc in next 4 sts, *bpdcc in next 4 sts, fpdc in next 4 sts. * Repeat from * to * until 4 sts remain, bpdcc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st, ch1, turn. [188 sts]

Row 8: Hdc in same st as turning, fpdc in next 3 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts, *fpdc in next 4 sts, bpdcc in next 4 sts. * Repeat from * to * until there are 4 sts remaining, fpdc in next 3 sts, hdc in last st. Turn. Fasten off. [188 sts]

Row 9: Join **Colour B** [*Caron Cake*] or **C** with a standing hdc, hdc in each st across, ch 1, turn. [188 sts]

Row 10: Sc in turning st, fphdc in each st across until the last st, sc in the last st. Fasten off and join **Colour A** [*carried up from row 8*], ch 1, turn. (188 sts)

Row 11: Dc in same st as turning, *dc in next st, ch1, skip 1. * Repeat from * to * until 1 st remains, dc in last st, turn. [188 sts= 95 dc plus 93 ch-1 sps]

Row 12: Join **Colour B or C** with a standing sc in the 1st st, *dc in skipped space of previous row [*in front of ch 1*], sc in next st. * Repeat from * to * until 1 st remains, sc in last st, ch 1, turn. (188 sts= 93 dc plus 95 sc)

Row 13: Dc in turning st, ch 1, skip next st, *dc in next, ch1, skip 1. * Repeat from * to * until 2 sts remain, dc in last 2 sts. Fasten off. [188 sts= 95 dc plus 93 ch-1 sps]

Row 14: Join **Colour A** (carried up from row 11) with a sc, *sc in next st, dc in skipped st of previous row. * Repeat from * to *, sc in last st, ch1, turn. (188 sts= 93 dc plus 95 sc)

Row 15: Sc in turning st and in each st across. Fasten off. [188 sts]

Completing the border on the left-hand side of the panel

Odd numbered rows are the right side and even numbered rows are the reverse side.

With the right side of the panel facing you, bound off row on your right:

Row 1: Join **Colour A** with a standing sc in the first st at the end of the first tss row, sc in each st to end, ch1, turn. *[188 sts]*

Repeat rows 2 to 15 above.

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