Blue Mandala Throw

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SKILL LEVEL

■■■□ INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 44 inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein): 4 skeins #9759 ocean
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch marker

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

7 sc = 1½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Do not join at end of each round unless otherwise stated.

Place marker at end of each round.

When told to join, join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Double crochets worked in each bottom half circle will be wrong side facing.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Double crochet cluster (dc cl): Keeping last lp of each st on hook, 2 dc in indicated st, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Cluster V-stitch (cl V-st): (**Dc cl**—see *Special Stitches*, ch 3, dc cl) in next st.

Beginning cluster V-stitch (beg cl V-st): (Ch 2, sc, ch 3, dc cl) in next st.

Picot: Ch 6, sc in 5th ch from hook.

Cluster V-stitch picot (cl V-st picot): (Dc cl, **picot**— see *Special Stitches*, ch 1, dc cl) in indicated st.

Bottom half circle: Ch 16, sl st in 12th ch from hook, ch 3, sk next 2 chs on ch-16, sc in next ch, 6 dc in ch-12 ring, sk next 3 sts on previous rnd, sc in next st on previous rnd, 8 dc in ch-12 ring.

Top half circle: Working opposite bottom half circle, 16 dc in next ch-12 ring.

AFGHAN

Rnd 1: Ch 5, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in 5th ch from hook to form ring, [ch 6, sc in ring] 5 times, **do not join** (see *Pattern Notes*), **place marker** (see *Pattern Notes*).

Rnd 2: *Ch 6, 3 sc in next ch-6 sp, rep from * 4 times.

Rnd 3: *Ch 6, 3 sc in next ch-6 sp, sc in each of next 2 sts, sk next st, rep from * 4 times.

Rnd 4: *Ch 6, 3 sc in next ch-6 sp, sc in each st across to st before next ch-6 sp, sk next st, rep from * 4 times.

Rnds 5–25: Rep row 4. *(5 ch sps, 245 sc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 26: *Ch 5, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in each st across to last st before next ch-6 sp, sk last st, rep from * 4 times. *(10 ch sps, 240 sc)*

Rnd 27: *[Ch 5, sc] in each ch-5 sp around to next sc section, ch 5, sk first sc of next sc section, sc in each st across to st before next ch-5 sp, sk next st, rep from * 4 times. *(10 ch sps, 235 sc)*
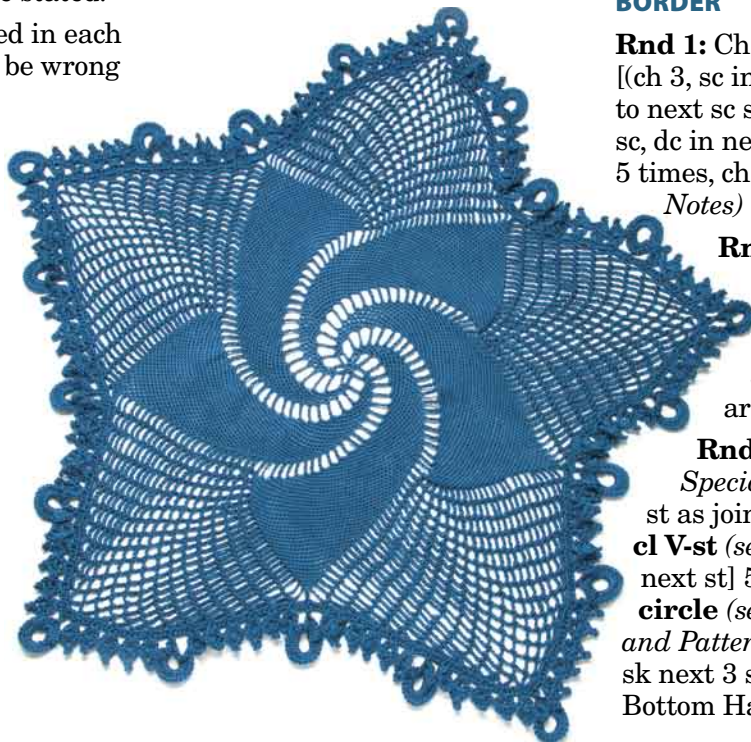
Rnds 28–50: Rep rnd 27. *(10 ch sps, 20 sc at end of last rnd)*

BORDER

Rnd 1: Ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, [(ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp) across to next sc section, ch 3, sk next sc, dc in next sc, sk next st] 5 times, ch 3, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, hdc in same st as beg ch-1, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp, [hdc in next sc, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp] around, join in first st.

Rnd 3: Beg cl V-st (see *Special Stitches*) in same st as join, [ch 1, sk next 3 sts, cl V-st (see *Special Stitches*) in next st] 5 times, **bottom half circle** (see *Special Stitches and Pattern Notes*), *[{ch 1, sk next 3 sts, cl V-st} 5 times, Bottom Half Circle] twice,

This beautiful throw is created from a single oversize motif featuring a large center star and dainty circles around the edge.

[{ch 1, sk next 3 sts, cl V-st} 6 times, Bottom Half Circle] twice, rep from * around, ch 1, join with sc in top of first cl V-st. *(110 cl V-sts, 20 bottom half circles)*

Rnd 4: Cl V-st picot *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc cl, sc in next ch-1 sp,

[sc in next dc cl, cl V-st in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc cl, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, **top half circle** *(see Special Stitches)*, sc in next ch-1 sp, *[{sc in next dc cl, cl V-st picot in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc cl, sc in ch-1 sp} 5 times, top half circle, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, [{sc in next dc cl, cl V-st picot in next ch-3 sp, sc in

top of next dc cl, sc in next ch-1 sp} 6 times, top half circle, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, rep from * around, join in first st. Fasten off. *(110 cl V-st picots, 20 top half circles)*

Weave in ends. **CW**