Day 3 - @coastalcrochet

You Will Need

Knitcraft 'Cotton Blend Plain' (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) 1 ball in each of the following colours: **Yarn A**: Lilac, **Yarn B**: Mustard, **Yarn C**: White, **Yarn D**: Bright Blue.

5mm hook, scissors, yarn needle and stitch marker.

Abbreviations

In **UK** Crochet Terminology.

bobble: make a bobble (see Pattern Notes below)

ch: chain

ch-sp(s): chain space(s)

dc: double crochet

dtr: double treble

htr: half treble

mm: millimetres

RS: right side

ss: slip stitch

st(s): stitch(es)

tr: treble

Pattern Notes

Bobble: Complete all the following in the same stitch: with contrasting colour yarn, *yarn over hook (yoh), insert hook into st, yoh, pull contrasting yarn through to front, yoh, pull through 2 loops; repeat from * 4 times more in same st (you should now have 5 contrasting colour loops and 1 main colour loop on hook), pull main colour yarn through all the loops on the hook (1 bobble made), continue with main colour, push bobble towards front of work, carry contrasting colour yarn along behind work and crochet next stitches over it to trap it in between the stitches and carry yarn along invisibly behind the work.

This Ammonites and Shells Granny Square is crocheted with the RS facing at all times. It may help to put a stitch marker into the top of the starting/ turning chains at the beginning of each round making it easier to identify them as a stitch and the correct place to insert your hook into at the end of the round.

How to Make

Using **Yarn A**, make 4ch, ss in first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 (RS): 2ch (counts as first htr), 7htr in centre of ring. (8 sts)

Half Treble stitches are unique in that they have three loops/strands at the top of the stitch. To ensure that two loops remain to the front of the shell to create the spiral, make sure you crochet into just the **one very back loop only** which sits towards the back of the work (behind the top two loops). The ammonite is made in a continual spiral as follows:

Round 2: 2htr in **back loop only** of top ch of first 2 ch from **Round 1**, continue with 2htr in back loop only of each of next 7 sts. (16 sts)

Round 3: 2tr in back loop of each of next 9 sts, 2dtr in back loop of each of next 5 sts joining with **Yarn B** at last stage of final dtr (the final yoh of st), fasten off Yarn A and continue with 2dtr in back loop of next st, 1tr in back loop of final st. (31 sts).

There are no more htr sts to work into so the following round is worked into the standard back loops of each st (the back loop of the top two loops). **Round 4 is only half a round** used to close the ammonite into a full circle:

Round 4: 1tr in back loop of next st, 2tr in back loop of next st, 1tr in back loop of next st, 1htr in back loop of next st, 2htr in back loop of next st, 1htr in back loop of each of next 2 sts, 2dc in back loop of next st, [1dc in back loop of each of next 2 sts, 2dc in back loop of next st] two times, ss to next st, **do not fasten off**. (The circle is now formed and there are 36 sts in total around)

Round 5: 3ch, 1tr in back loop of next st, 2tr in back loop of next st, [1tr in back loop of each of next 2 sts, 2tr in back loop of next st] four times, now crochet into the sts as normal and continue with [1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in next st] to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. (48 sts)

Round 6: With the ammonite facing upright and imagining a square around it, join **Yarn C** to any st to the outer right side (this will be the first corner), 4ch (counts as first dtr), [1dtr, 2ch, 2dtr] in same st, *1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 1htr in next 2 sts, 1tr in next 2 sts**, [2dtr, 2ch, 2dtr] all in next st*; repeat from * to * three times, ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 4 ch, fasten off. (15 sts on each side with 4 x 2-ch-sps)

Round 7 Join **Yarn D** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, [1tr, 2ch, 2tr] in same corner ch-sp, 1tr in each st to end of side, *[2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in corner ch-sp, 1tr in each st to end of side; repeat from * two times more, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. (19 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps)

Round 8: Join **Yarn B** to any outer right st of any side (the st just after a corner), 1ch (counts as first dc) [miss 2 sts, 5tr in next st, miss 2 sts, 1dc in next st] three times, 7tr in corner ch-sp, *1dc in next st **(pay attention to go into the first st of the side)**, [miss 2 sts, 5tr in next st, miss 2 sts, 1dc in next st] three times, 7tr in corner ch-sp; repeat from * two times, ss to first ch, fasten off. (3 shells on each side with 4 x corner shells]

Round 9: Join **Yarn C** to central tr of any outer right shell of any side (**not** the corner 7 tr shell), 1ch (counts as first dc), *[miss 2 sts, 5tr in next st, miss 2 sts, 1dc in next st] to end of side, 3ch, miss 1 st, 1dc in next st; repeat from * three times, miss 2 sts, 5tr in next st, miss 2 sts, ss to first ch, fasten off. (4 shells on each side)

Round 10: Join **Yarn D** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, [2tr, 2ch, 3tr] in same corner ch-sp, *[miss next dc st working 1dtr below it into the same st it is worked into from **Round 8**, continue around shell in **back loops only** of each st with 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr] four times, miss next dc st working 1dtr below it in the same st it is worked into from **Round 8** **, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in corner ch-sp; repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. (31 sts on each side)

Round 11: Join **Yarn B** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as 1 dc and 2 ch), 1dc in same corner ch-sp, *1dc in first st of side, 1 bobble with **Yarn A** in next st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 1 bobble with **Yarn A** in next st] seven times, 1dc in final st of side, **[1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in corner ch-sp; repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to first ch of beginning 3 ch, fasten off. (33 sts on each side including 8 bobbles)

Round 12: Join **Yarn C** to any corner ch-sp, 1ch (does not count as st), 3dc in same corner ch-sp, continue with 1dc in each st around working 3dc in each corner ch-sp, ss to first st, fasten off and weave in ends.