Palm Trees along the Shore

Palm trees standing tall along the tropical shores provide a little welcome shade. This final square which will become the centre of our blanket, and also the square in each corner, is inspired by all those beautiful palms, make sure you look up!

This square is made with the right side (RS) facing at all times.

Make 5 of these squares.

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

Round 1 (RS) 3ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 11tr into the ring, ss to top of first 3 ch to join, fasten off. [12 sts]

Round 2 Join **Yarn D** in-between any 2 sts, 3ch, 1tr into same space, (miss next st, 2tr in space in-between next 2 sts) to end, miss final st, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [24 sts]

Round 3 Join **Yarn F** into any st from **Round 1**, 3ch, 1tr in same st, miss all the sts from Round 2 and continue with 2tr in each st from Round 1 to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, **do not** fasten off. [24 sts]

Round 4 ss into next st, ss into space between 2-tr groups, 3ch, 2tr into same space, (miss next 2 sts, 3tr in next space between the 2-tr groups) to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [36 sts]

Round 5 Join **Yarn H** into space between any 3-tr groups, 3ch, 3tr into same space, (miss next 3 sts, 4tr in next space between the 3-tr groups) to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [48 sts]

Round 6 Join **Yarn F** to second st in from right of any 4-tr group, 2ch (counts as first htr), *1htr into next st, miss next st working 3FPdtr around central st of 3-tr group below in Round 4, miss next st **, 1htr in next st, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [60 sts]

Round 7 Join **Yarn H** to right raised dtr st of any 3-dtr group, 2ch (counts as first htr), 1htr into each of next 2 sts, * miss next 2 sts working 1FPdtr around second st in from right of 4-tr group below in Round 5, 1ch, 1FPdtr around next st of 4-tr group in Round 5 **, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [12 groups of raised sts with 3 sts in-between]

Round 8 Join **Yarn F** into any 1-ch-sp between the 2 raised sts, 2ch (counts as first htr), 3htr into same space, * miss next 5 sts working 1FPdtr around each of the raised sts below in Round 6**, 4htr in next 1-ch-sp, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [84 sts]

Round 9 Join **Yarn H** to central raised dtr st of any 3-dtr group (this will be the first corner), 4ch (counts as first dtr), (1dtr, 2ch, 2dtr in same st), * 1dtr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, 1htr in next 3 sts, 1tr in next 3 sts, 1dtr in next 2 sts, **(2dtr, 2ch, 2dtr) all in next st, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 4 ch, fasten. [24 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

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Round 10 Join **Yarn D** to any corner ch-sp, 5ch (counts as 1 tr and 2 ch), 1tr in same corner ch-sp, *1ch, miss first st of side, 1 popcorn in next st, (2ch, miss 2 sts, 1 popcorn in next st) to final st of side, 1ch, miss final st **, (1tr, 2ch, 1tr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to second ch of beginning 5 ch, fasten off. [8 popcorns on each side]

Round 11 Join **Yarn E** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same corner ch-sp, *miss next st, 3tr in next 1-ch-sp, (miss next popcorn, 3tr in next 2ch-sp) 8 times to end of side, miss final st**, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) 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 with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 12 Join **Yarn G** to any corner ch-sp, 2ch (counts as first htr), (1htr, 2ch, 2htr) in same corner ch-sp, *miss next 2 sts, 3htr in space between 3-tr groups, (miss 3 sts, 3htr in space between next 3-tr groups) to end of side, miss final 2 sts**, (2htr, 2ch 2htr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [34 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Half Treble stitches are unique in that they have 3 loops/strands at the top of the stitch. Make sure that in Round 13 you are inserting your hook into just the **one very back loop only (blo)** which sits towards the back of the work. This ensures that two loops remain to the front of the work.

Round 13 (RS) Join **Yarn A** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same corner ch-sp, *1tr in blo of each st to end of side (pay attention to crochet into the very first htr st of the side which is less clear to see), (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1htr in blo of each st to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [38 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 14 (RS) Join **Yarn B** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, (1tr, **1ch**, 2tr) in same corner ch-sp, *1tr in each st to end of side, (2tr, **1ch**, 2tr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1tr in each st to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [42 sts on each side with 4 x corner 1-ch-sps]

Weave in all ends.

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