

# Moon Crater

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*Join these amazing motifs together to make a fun bag or cushion :)*

Make your next project just that little bit more interesting with these out of this world Moon Craters !

Instructions included to make both hexagons and squares.



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# Abbreviations

ch - chain                      sc - single crochet  
dc - double crochet      hdc - half double crochet  
st/s - stitch/es              sl st - slip stitch

*This pattern is written using US crochet terminology.*

# You will need...

DK yarn & a 4 mm hook

*Other yarn weights can be used -  
just adjust your hook  
size to suit...*



## Instructions

With your crater colour, ch 4 & join into a circle.

1. Ch 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc), 11 more dc into circle. Join with sl st into top of ch3 (12sts)
2. Ch 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc), 2 dc in each st around, 1dc in same st as 1<sup>st</sup> ch3. Join with sl st into top of ch3. (24sts). Fasten off.
3. Join new colour and ch 1 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> sc). \*2 sc in next st, 1 sc; rep from \* 11 times. 2 sc in next st, join with a sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> chain. (36 sts).



At this point you can either make the motif into a square or a hexagon.

*For a square –*

\*(Ch. 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc) ch 2, 1dc in 1<sup>st</sup> stitch), 1dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc; rep from \* 3 times more substituting a dc for first ch 3. Sl st into top of ch 3. Fasten off.

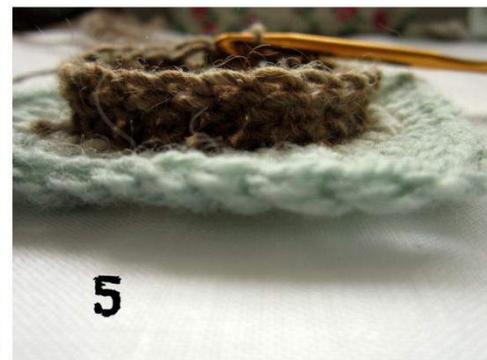
*For a hexagon –*

\*(Ch. 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc) ch 2, 1dc in 1<sup>st</sup> stitch), 1 dc, 3 hdc, 1 dc; rep from \* 5 times more substituting a dc for first ch 3. Sl st into top of ch 3. Fasten off.

***Now for the fun part! To add the crater...***

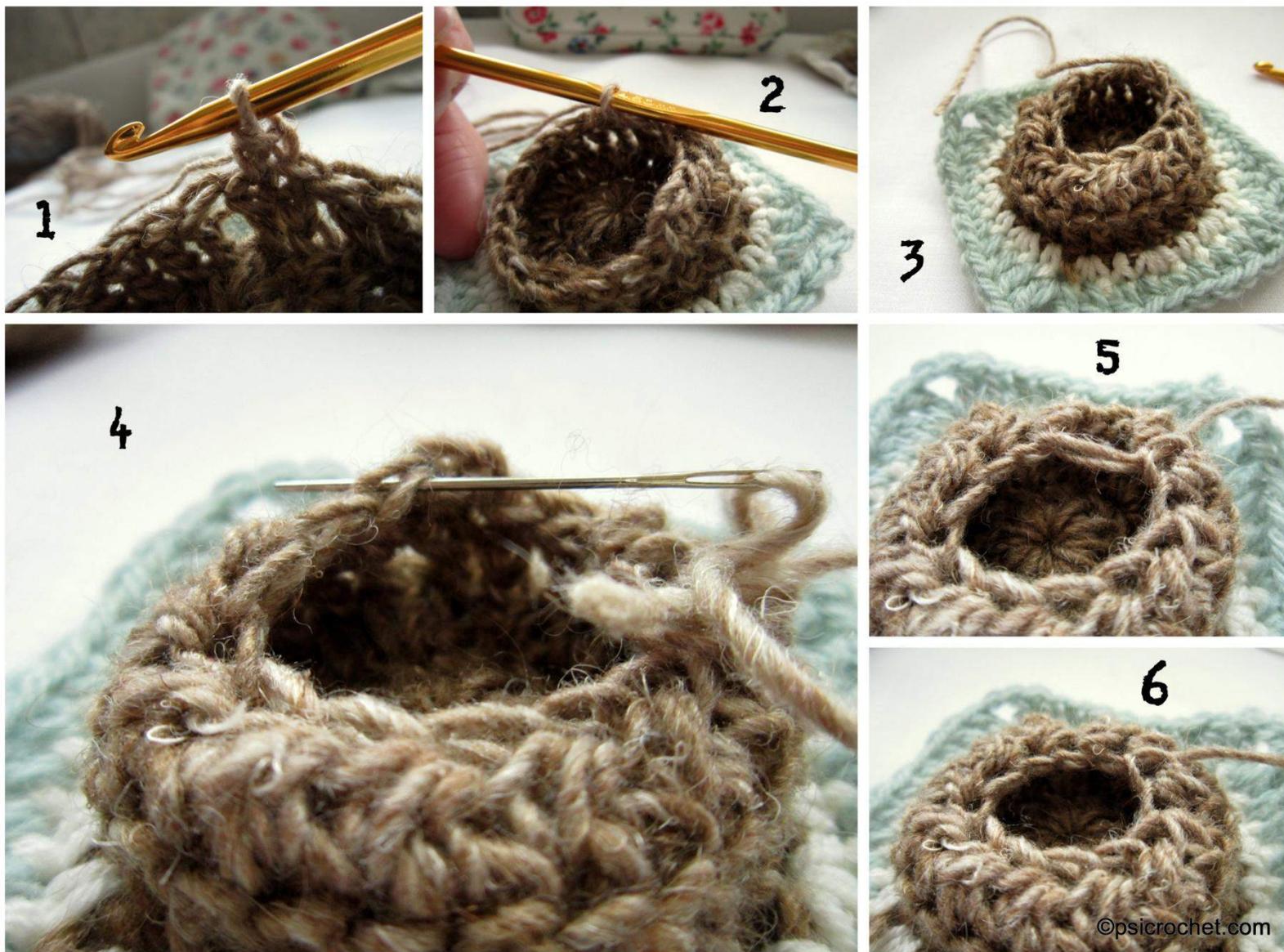
You need to work the stitches around the posts of the previous dc sts, so –

1. Insert hook under post of a dc from round 2.
2. Ch 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc).
3. Work dc around post of next st.
4. Carry on working dc around all 24 sts from round 2.
5. Join with a sl st into top of ch 3.
6. Your stitches should be standing up to attention from the square below.



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### ***To complete the crater –***

1. Ch 1, hdc in next st (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> decrease)
2. Decrease around by working 2 hdc tog around. (To work 2 hdc tog – yarn round hook, insert hook into next st and pull up a loop, yarn round hook, insert hook into next st and pull up a loop, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 loops on hook)
3. Carry on around until you have 12 decreases. Cut yarn and pull the free end out through the loop. Thread it on to a needle.
4. Push the needle under the top 2 loops of the 1<sup>st</sup> decrease.
5. Bring the needle back through the last stitch.
6. Tighten the loop to make a neat finish and fasten off.

These instructions make a large crater – to make the crater a bit more compact substitute hdc stitches for dc stitches when working the 1<sup>st</sup> row of the crater.



## Optional tip for finishing the centre...

I like the closed look that a magic circle/loop brings, however I find them tedious to make, so sometimes I cheat.

To close up the centre hole that is left from working a ch 4 loop then –

1. Work over the waste end when working the 12 dc of row 1. When finished pull the waste end tightly to close up the centre hole.
2. Thread a needle with the waste end and push the needle back under multiple stitches – it is important that you do this in the opposite direction to which the end has been tightened (so if, as in my example, the waste end is under the stitches in a clockwise direction, then sew back in a anti-clockwise direction). Also miss the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, otherwise you'll just undo it!
3. Then bring the end back clockwise again just to make sure everything's nice and tight. Easy!





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