Magic Spike Mandala Square – 12″ (UK version)

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- US – I/9, 5.50mm hook
- 135 yds total worsted weight yarn in 4 colors (Lily Sugar'n Cream shown)
- **Special Stitch**: Spike St – Keeping tension on the active loop on the hook, insert hook into specified stitch, yo and pull up a loop to the height of the current row. Yo and pull through both loops.

Instructions:
Round 1: Using Color A, make a magic circle. Working into the ring, ch 4 (counts as first tr and ch 1). [Tr, ch 1] into the ring 7 more times. Join to 3rd ch with   sl st. (8 tr, 8 ch)

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 tr in next ch sp. *Tr in next dc, 2 tr in next ch sp. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to second tr. (24 sts)

Round 3: Using Color B, join with a sl st to top of one of the tr sts that is worked into a tr (not a tr that's worked into the ch sp). Work a spike st into the top of the tr from Round 1 directly below. Dc in the next st, dc between posts of previous st and next st, dc in next st. *Work a spike st into the top of the tr from Round 1 directly below the next st. Dc in the next st, dc between posts of previous st and next st, dc in next st. Repeat from * to end. Join with a sl st to top of first spike st. (32 sts)

Round 4: Ch 1, dc in first st. Ch 4, skip next 3 sts. *Dc in next st, ch 4, skip next 3 sts. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to first dc of round. (40 sts)

Round 5: Using Color C, join with a sl st to the top of a dc st from previous round. Ch 1, htr in same st. [2 tr, ch 1, 2 tr] in ch sp. *Htr in next st, [2 tr, ch 1, 2 tr] in ch sp. Repeat from * to end. Join with a sl st to first htr of round. (48 sts)

Round 6: Ch 1, htr in first st. Skip next 2 sts, work 6 tr in ch sp. Skip next 2 sts. *Htr in next st, skip next 2 sts, work 6 tr in ch sp. Skip next 2 sts. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to top of first htr of round. (56 sts)

Round 7: Using Color D, join with a sl st to the top of a htr from previous round. Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 4 directly below. Dc in the next 3 sts, dc between posts of previous st and next st, dc in next 3 sts. *Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 4 directly below the next st. Dc in the next 3 sts, dc between posts of previous st and next st, dc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * to end. Join with a sl st to top of first spike st. (64 sts)

Round 8: Ch 1, dc in first st. Ch 4, skip next 3 sts. *Dc in next st, ch 4, skip next 3 sts. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to first dc of round. (80 sts)

Round 9: Using Color A, join with a sl st to the top of a dc st from previous round. Ch 1, htr in same st. Work 4 tr in ch sp. *Htr in next st, 4 tr in ch sp. Repeat from * to end. Join with a sl st to first htr of round. (80 sts)

Round 10: Ch 1, htr in first st. Skip next 2 sts, work 5 tr between posts of previous and next st (second and third sts of group). Skip next 2 sts. *Htr in next st, skip next 2 sts, work 5 tr between posts of previous and next st. Skip next 2 sts. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to top of first htr of round. (96 sts)

Round 11: Using Color B, join with a sl st to top of one of the htr sts from previous row. Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 8 directly below. Dc in the next 5 sts. *Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 8 directly below the next st. Dc in the next 5 sts. Repeat from * to end. Join with a sl st to top of first spike st. (96 sts)

Round 12: Ch 1, dc in first st. Ch 6, skip next 5 sts. *Dc in next st, ch 6, skip next 5 sts. Repeat from * to end. Break yarn and seamless join to first dc of round. (112 sts)

Round 13: Using Color C, join with a sl st to top of one of the dc sts from previous row. *Dc in the first st, then [dc 4, htr] in the next ch sp, tr in the next st, then [tr 3, ch 1, dtr 3] in the next ch sp, then [trtr, ch 3, trtr] in the next st. [Dtr 3, ch 1, tr 3] in the next ch sp, tr in the next st, then [htr, dc 4] in the next ch sp, dc in the next st. Repeat * from 3 times, starting with a dc in the next st (rather than the first). Join with a sl st in the first dc. (128 sts)

Round 14: Ch 1, *htr in the first st. Tr in the next 3 sts, ch 1, tr in the same st as the previous st, tr in the next 2 sts. Htr in the next st, tr in the next 3 sts, tr in the ch sp, tr in the next 3 sts, htr in the next st, work [tr 2, ch 1, tr 2] in the ch sp. Htr in the next st, tr in the next 3 sts, tr in the ch sp, tr in the next 3 sts, htr in the next st, tr in the next 3 sts, ch 1, tr in the same st as the previous st, tr in the next 2 sts. Repeat from * 3 times, starting with a htr in the next st. Break yarn and seamless join to first htr of round. (152 sts)

Round 15: Using Color D, join with a sl st to the center htr of any side (between the corners). *Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 12 directly below the next st. Dc in the next 3 sts, dc in the ch sp, dc in the next 3 sts. Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 12 directly below the next st, dc in the next 7 sts. Work a spike st into the top of the trtr from Round 13 directly below the next st, dc in the next 2 sts, work [dc, ch 2, dc] in the ch sp, dc in the next 2 sts. Work a spike st into the top of the trtr from Round 13 directly below the next st, dc in the next 7 sts. Work a spike st into the top of the dc from Round 12 directly below the next st, dc in the next 3 sts, dc in the ch sp, dc in the next 3 sts. Repeat from * 3 times, starting with a spike st in the next st. Join with a sl st to the top of the first spike st. (164 sts)

Round 16: (NOTE: You can adjust the height of the sts in this round if needed to get to 12″ exactly. Be sure to measure before you break the yarn.) Ch 1, skip the first st. *Htr in the next 7 sts, skip the next st, htr in the next 7 sts. Skip the next st. Htr in the next 3 sts, work 3 htr in the ch sp, htr in the next 3 sts, skip the next st. Htr in the next 7 sts, skip the next st, htr in the next 7 sts.** Skip the next st. Repeat from * 2 times and then from * to ** 1 time. Double check measurements, then break yarn and seamless join to the 2nd htr of the round. (148 sts)