

TWO STARS

Two Stars is a cozy crocheted rug that, due to the thickness of two layers, will feel luxurious under your feet. This project will light up your room with a splash of color and a bold eye-catching diamond pattern with a star motif inside.

The working process is easy, yet interesting; it is fascinating to watch the color changes and see the diamonds take shape.

The simple construction of the rug allows for many options. You may want to make each side different and flip it over when you feel like changing the look of your room. Smaller motifs can also be turned into coasters, potholders, pillow covers, or chair cushions.

The pattern includes an empty grid layout to colorize and create your own unique design.

MATERIALS

Yarn: Alara by Ice Yarns, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic, DK/8 ply, 153 yd (140 m) per 50 g skein

Hook: US G (4 mm)

Two stitch markers

Yarn needle to weave in ends

YARDAGE

C1 (green) – 580 yards (530 m)

C2 (light green) – 429 yards (392 m)

C3 (blue) – 551 yards (504 m)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

C – color, **ch(s)** – chain(s), **ch-sp(s)** – chain space(s),
dc – double crochet, **FLO** – front loop only, **M** – marker,
PM – place marker, **PR** – pattern repeat, **Rnd** – round,
RS – right side, **sc** – single crochet, **sk** – skip,
sl st – slip stitch, **sp(s)** – space(s), **st(s)** – stitch(es),
WS – wrong side



FINISHED SIZE

24¾" (63 cm) from edge to opposite edge

going through the center

28" (71 cm) from corner to opposite corner

GAUGE

One diamond is 3½" (9 cm) tall and 1½" (3.5 cm) wide

Gauge is not crucial for this design. The size of the rug can be adjusted by working fewer or more rounds.

Bear in mind that if your gauge is different than the stated, your yardage requirements and finished dimensions will change.

GENERAL NOTES

Two Stars rug is double sided. Each side is worked in the round with RS always facing up.

Joining the sides is done as you go while working the last round of the second side.

COLORWORK

The first four rounds are worked in one color. Starting from the fifth round you will use two colors, alternating them each following round.

Each round is worked with one color only.

You will work each color into stitches of the same color (except for the first round of a new color) and in front of the stitches of the previous round, leaving them on WS.

After completing the round, PM in loop and bring the loop and the tail to the RS so it is available to pick up in the next round of the same color. However, if you forget to move the yarn to the front, you could cut the yarn and rejoin instead of frogging.

ROUND NUMERATION

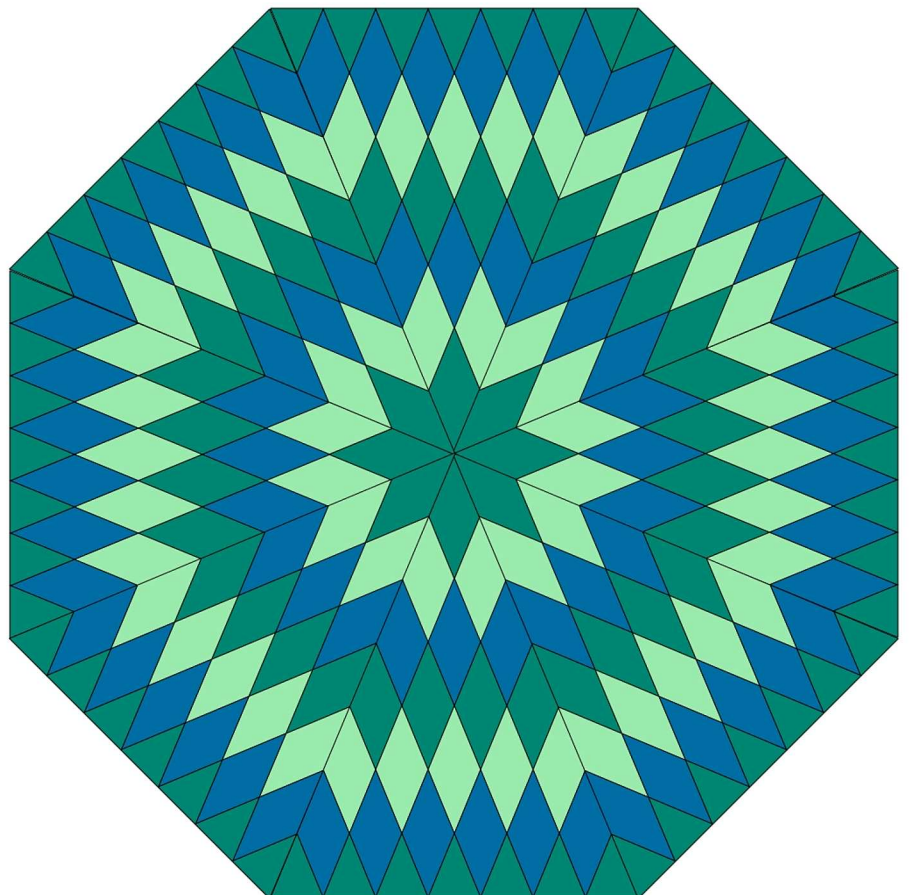
Each diamond consists of 7 rounds.

The pattern does not provide standard round numeration. For convenience, each continuous diamond PR is numbered from Rnd 1 to Rnd 7.

TAILS

The pattern allows for the tails remain unwoven because they will be hidden between the front and back sides.

However, make sure you secure the tails well to prevent unraveling, which will be difficult to fix after the rug is complete.



START, FIRST C1 DIAMOND SECTION

Rnd 1 (C1): Make a magic ring, ch 5 (counts as 1 dc and 2 chs here and throughout), [1 dc, ch 2] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-5. Tighten ring.

Rnd 2 (C1): Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc here and throughout), 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, [3 dc*, ch 2] 7 times, 1 dc in last ch-sp, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3.

* When increasing the diamond, you will always be working (1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc) in each ch-2 sp, and generally 1 dc in each of the following sts. The color in the corners indicates which color is increasing.

Rnd 3 (C1): Ch 3, 1 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, [5 dc, ch 2] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3.

Rnd 4 (C1): Ch 3, 1 dc in each of next 2 dc, 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, [7 dc, ch 2] 7 times, 3 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

FIRST C2 DIAMOND SECTION

Rnd 1 (C2): Join yarn with sl st in any ch-sp, ch 5, 1 dc in same ch-sp, ch 7, [(1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc in next ch-sp), ch 7] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-5. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 5 (C1): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in each of next 2 dc of C1 leaving C2 sts behind your work*, ch 6, [sk next 2 dc, 5 dc**, ch 6] 7 times, sk next 2 dc, 1 dc in each of last 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

* You will work into the same color sts unless otherwise stated. Always leave sts of another color behind your work.

** When decreasing the diamond, you will always be skipping the first st of the previous dc-group and leaving the last st unworked as well. The skipped sts will not always be indicated in the following rows.

Rnd 2 (C2): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, 1 dc in same ch-sp, 1 dc in next dc, 1 dc in ch-7 sp (=3 dc***), ch 5, [3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 5] 7 times, 1 dc in last ch-sp, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

***When increasing from now on, one dc will be made in the same-color ch behind the work at the beginning and end of each dc-group. This will not be indicated in the following rounds.

Rnd 6 (C1): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next st, ch 10, [3 dc, ch 10] 7 times, 1 dc in last st, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 3 (C2): Remove M, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 5 dc, ch 3, [5 dc, ch 2, 5 dc, ch 3] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 7 (C1): Remove M, ch 17 (counts as 1 dc and 14 chs here and throughout), [1 dc, ch 14] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-17. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Rnd 4 (C2): Remove M, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 2, 7 dc, ch 1, [7 dc, ch 2, 7 dc, ch 1] 7 times, 3 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

FIRST C3 DIAMOND SECTION

Rnd 1 (C3): Join yarn with sl st in any C2 ch-2 sp, ch 5, 1 dc in same ch-sp, ch 7, 1 dc in next C2 ch-1 sp, ch 7, [(1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 7, 1 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 7] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-5. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 5 (C2): Remove M, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 6, 5 dc, ch 3, [5 dc, ch 6, 5 dc, ch 3] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 2 (C3): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, [3 dc, ch 5] 2 times, [3 dc, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 5) 2 times] 7 times, 1 dc in last ch-sp, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 6 (C2): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next st, ch 10, 3 dc, ch 5, [3 dc, ch 10, 3 dc, ch 5] 7 times, 1 dc in last st, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 3 (C3): Remove M, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, [5 dc, ch 3] 2 times, [5 dc, ch 2, (5 dc, ch 3) 2 times] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 7 (C2): Remove M, ch 17, 1 dc, ch 7, [1 dc, ch 14, 1 dc, ch 7] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-17. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Rnd 4 (C3): Remove M, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 2, [7 dc, ch 1] 2 times, [7 dc, ch 2, (7 dc, ch 1) 2 times] 7 times, 3 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

SECOND C1 DIAMOND SECTION

Rnd 1 (C1): Join yarn with sl st in any C3 ch-2 sp, ch 5, 1 dc in same ch-sp, (ch 7, 1 dc in next C2 ch-1 sp) 2 times, ch 7, [(1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 7, 1 dc in next ch-1 sp) 2 times, ch 7] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-5. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 5 (C3): Remove M, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 6, [5 dc, ch 3] 2 times, [5 dc, ch 6, (5 dc, ch 3) 2 times] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 2 (C1): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next ch-sp, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 5, [3 dc, ch 5] 2 times, [3 dc, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 5) 3 times] 7 times, 1 dc in last ch-sp, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 6 (C3): Remove M, ch 3, 1 dc in next st, ch 10, [3 dc, ch 5] 2 times, [3 dc, ch 10, (3 dc, ch 5) 2 times] 7 times, 1 dc in last st, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 3 (C1): Remove M, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, [5 dc, ch 3] 3 times, [5 dc, ch 2, (5 dc, ch 3) 3 times] 7 times, 2 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

Rnd 7 (C3): Remove M, ch 17, [1 dc, ch 7] 2 times, [1 dc, ch 14, (1 dc, ch 7) 2 times] 7 times, join round with sl st in third ch of starting ch-17. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Rnd 4 (C1): Remove M, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 2, [7 dc, ch 1] 3 times, [7 dc, ch 2, (7 dc, ch 1) 3 times] 7 times, 3 dc, join round with sl st in top of starting ch-3. **PM in loop and move yarn in front of your work.**

SECOND C2 DIAMOND SECTION

Using C2 for new section of diamonds, repeat Second C1 Diamond Section instructions, working underlined repeats one additional time.

SECOND C3 DIAMOND SECTION

Using C3 for new section of diamonds, repeat Second C1 Diamond Section instructions, working underlined repeats two additional times.

LAST C1 SECTION

Using C1 for the last section of half-diamonds, repeat Second C1 Diamond Section instructions, working underlined repeats three additional times. Cut C1 yarn and fasten off.

SECOND SIDE

Repeat the instructions up to last round. Do not cut yarn. Proceed to joining.

JOINING

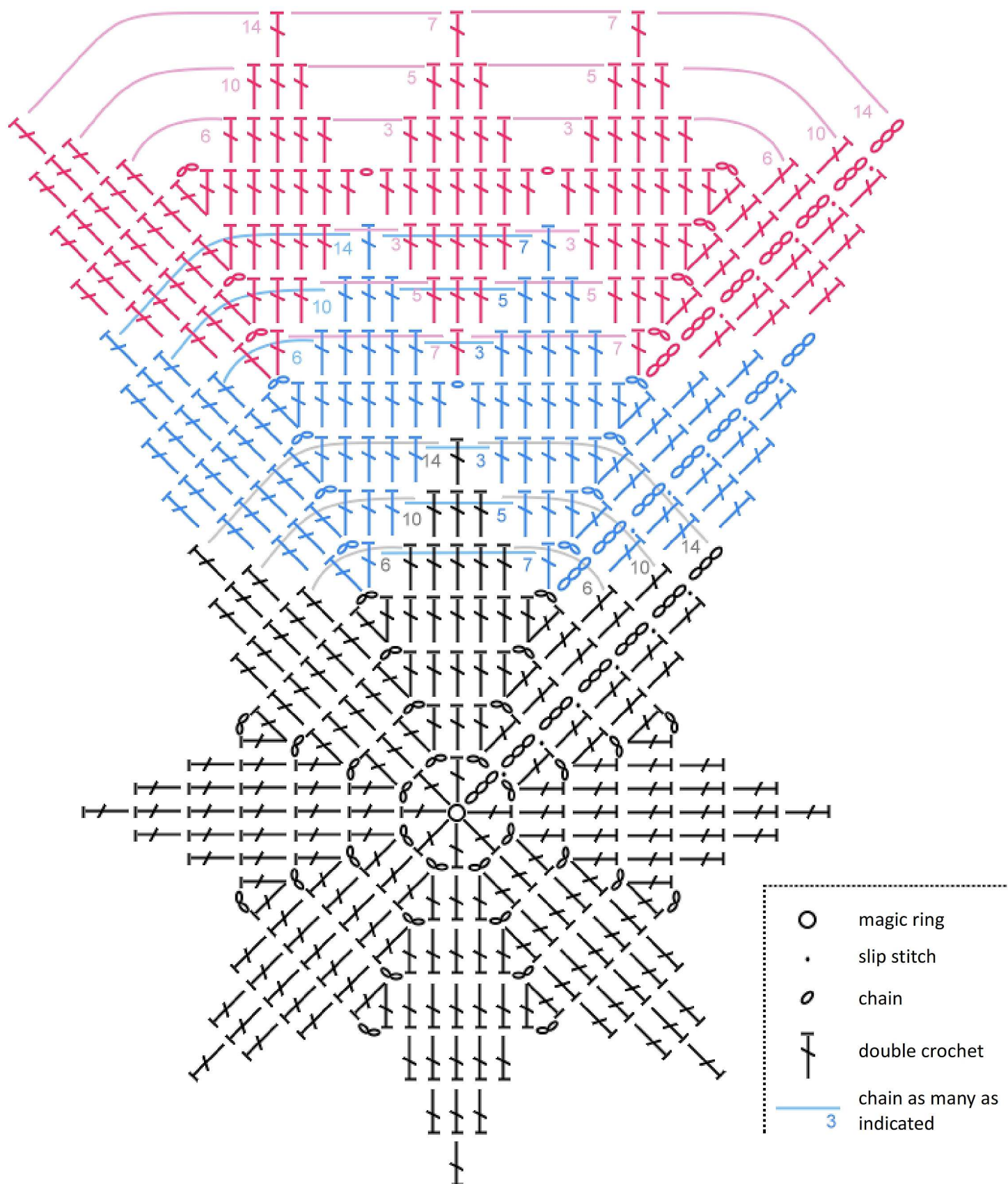
With both RS's facing outward (WS's are inside), work the last Rnd of the second side and join it at the same time.

Joining Rnd (C1): Remove M, ch 3, insert hook in FLO of next after corresponding st of adjoining side, going from back to front. With 2 loops on hook, work dc as per pattern, but finish it using the two loops on hook (just as if it were one loop).

Before working each next dc, insert hook in FLO of next st of adjoining side.

Replace ch-1 sp with 1 sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of adjoining side. Work corner ch-2 sps as per pattern, no joining is needed.

The pattern is partly charted through the first three diamond PRs. Work in the round with RS always facing up.



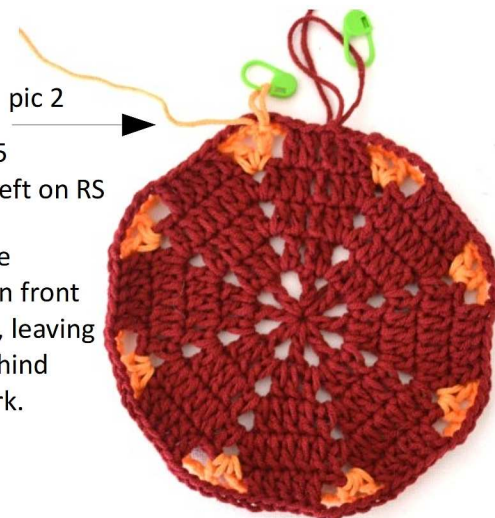
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pic 1

C2, Rnd 1
C1 yarn left on RS

The only round worked into different color sts is the first round of diamond PR.



pic 2

C1, Rnd 5
C2 yarn left on RS

C1 sts are worked in front of C2 sts, leaving them behind your work.



pic 3

C2, Rnd 2
C1 yarn left on RS

Work in sts and ch-sps of same color by inserting your hook under C1 ch-sps.

pic 4

C1, Rnd 6
C2 yarn left on RS

Ch-sps of previous round are hidden on WS.



pic 5

C2, Rnd 3
C1 yarn left on RS



pic 6

C1, Rnd 7
First diamond PR complete. Cut C1 yarn and fasten off.



COLORIZE YOUR OWN VERSION

