

Crochet Puppy Flower Mandala Square – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🐶🌸

This tutorial is based on the chart provided and is written as a detailed guide for crocheters who want to recreate the design from start to finish. The project combines a floral mandala, layered petals, and a cute puppy face in the center, finished inside a decorative square frame.



Symbol Key

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| ○ Chain (ch) | × Single Crochet (sc) | ⋈ Houble Crochet (sc) | ○ Popcorn Stitch (pop) | ▷ Increase (inc) |
| • Slip Stitch (sl st) | × Half Double Crochet (hdc) | ‡ Double Crochet (dc) | ∨ Cluster (clu) | ◁ Decrease (dec) |
| | ‡ Drohle Crochet (dc) | ‡ Treble Crochet (tr) | △ Increase (inc) | ⋯ Surface Embroidery |

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Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Language: US Crochet Terms

Finished Size: Depends on yarn and hook used

Construction: Worked from the center outward

Materials

You'll need:

- Worsted Weight (Category 4) yarn or equivalent
- White yarn
- Cream or beige yarn
- Light brown yarn
- Rust/orange yarn
- Mustard yellow yarn
- Sage green yarn
- Teal yarn
- Black yarn
- Gray yarn (optional)
- Crochet hook appropriate for your yarn
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Safety eyes (optional)

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- pop = popcorn stitch
- clu = cluster stitch
- inc = increase
- dec = decrease

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Understanding the Construction

The project is built in five major sections:

1. Puppy muzzle
2. Puppy head
3. Layered flower petals
4. Square background
5. Surface embroidery and finishing

Work each section separately while following the chart placement.

Puppy Muzzle – Part 1

Using white yarn.

Round 1

Create a magic ring.

Work:

- 12 dc into ring
- Join with sl st

You should have 12 stitches.

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

Join.

You should have 24 stitches.

Round 3

Work:

- 1 dc in first stitch
- 2 dc in next stitch

Repeat around.

Join.

You should have 36 stitches.

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Round 4

Continue increasing evenly.

The muzzle should form a smooth circle.

Fasten off.

Puppy Muzzle – Part 2

Still using white yarn.

Round 1

Create a second smaller muzzle section.

Begin with a magic ring.

Work:

- 8 sc into ring

Join.

Round 2

Increase around.

Round 3

Work evenly.

Shape into an oval according to the chart.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Assemble Muzzle

Position the smaller muzzle over the larger center circle.

Sew securely.

Stuff lightly if desired.

Puppy Nose

Using black yarn.

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Round 1

Magic ring.

Work:

- 6 sc

Round 2

Increase to create a rounded triangle shape.

Fasten off.

Sew to center muzzle.

Puppy Mouth

Using black yarn.

Embroider:

- Vertical line beneath nose
- Curved smile on both sides

Follow chart placement carefully.

Puppy Eyes

Using black yarn or safety eyes.

Position symmetrically above muzzle.

Attach securely.

Check alignment before final fastening.

Puppy Face Base

Using white yarn.

Join yarn behind muzzle section.

Round 1

Work evenly around the muzzle.

Use dc stitches as shown by the radiating symbols in the chart.

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Round 2

Continue increasing gradually.

The face should expand outward evenly.

Round 3

Work decorative shaping around lower face.

This creates the fluffy beard area.

Fasten off.

Puppy Ears

Make 2.

Using light brown yarn.

Round 1

Ch 12.

Work around both sides of chain.

Round 2

Sc around.

Round 3

Add increases at both ends.

Round 4

Work dc and hdc combinations to create soft curves.

Round 5

Continue shaping until ear resembles chart.

Fasten off.

Leave long tails.

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Attach Ears

Place one ear on each side of face.

Sew securely.

Allow ears to drape naturally.

Inner Petals

Make 4 white petals.

Round 1

Ch 8.

Work:

- sc
- hdc
- dc
- dc
- tr
- dc
- dc
- hdc
- sc

Work opposite side of chain.

Join.

Round 2

Add edging using sc.

Fasten off.

Attach around top portion of head.

Secondary Petals

Make 4 mustard yellow petals.

These petals are slightly larger.

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Round 1

Ch 10.

Work increases at tip.

Round 2

Use dc stitches.

Round 3

Add decorative edge.

Fasten off.

Large Colored Petals

Make:

- 4 rust petals
- 4 sage green petals
- 4 mustard petals

Round 1

Ch 12.

Work around foundation chain.

Round 2

Use dc and tr stitches to form height.

Round 3

Work increases at petal tip.

Round 4

Create decorative border.

The petal should resemble a leaf shape.

Fasten off.

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Outer Flower Layer

Arrange petals according to chart.

Color order:

- Rust
- White
- Green
- Yellow

Repeat around center.

Pin all pieces first.

Once satisfied with placement:

Sew permanently.

Petal Layer Attachment

Using matching yarn.

Attach petals behind previous layer.

Work evenly around center.

Overlap slightly.

This creates the dimensional flower effect shown in the chart.

Beginning the Square Background

Using teal yarn.

Join yarn behind petal assembly.

Round 1

Work around entire flower.

Use clusters and dc stitches where necessary.

Corners are formed using:

- dc
- ch 2
- dc

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Repeat at all four corners.

Join.

Square Expansion Round 2

Work:

- dc across sides
- corner increase
- dc across side
- corner increase

Continue around.

Join.

Square Expansion Round 3

Continue growing square.

Follow chart increases.

Maintain flat shape.

If fabric curls:

- Use larger hook
- Reduce tension

Decorative Border Section

The chart shows fan-like stitch groups extending from corners.

Work:

- tr stitches
- dc stitches
- cluster stitches

These create the radiating effect.

Repeat identically at each corner.

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Inner Side Motifs

Along each side of square:

Work repeated groups of:

- cluster stitches
- dc
- chain spaces

Maintain symmetry.

Count frequently.

Outer Frame

Continue using teal yarn.

Work successive rounds.

Corners should remain square.

Increase only in corner sections.

The frame grows around the floral center.

Corner Flourishes

The rounded decorative corner elements use:


- chains
- dc
- tr stitches

These are worked into corner spaces.

Repeat all four corners.

Keep stitch counts identical.

Surface Embroidery

 This step brings the puppy to life.

Using black yarn.

Embroider:

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- Fur lines
- Ear texture
- Petal veins
- Decorative accents

Follow the directional lines shown throughout the chart.

Use long straight stitches.

Keep tension loose.

Adding Petal Veins

Using darker shade matching each petal.

Work embroidery from base to tip.

This creates realistic leaf and petal texture.

Face Details

Using brown embroidery thread or yarn.

Add:

- Eyebrows
- Fur texture
- Eye highlights
- Additional facial definition

Use small stitches.

Avoid overworking the face.

Blocking

Wet block or steam block.

Pin square to measurements.

Ensure:

- Straight sides
- Square corners
- Even petals

Allow to dry completely.

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Final Inspection

Check:


- All tails woven in
- Petals securely attached
- Eyes centered
- Square lies flat
- Embroidery complete

Finished Project

You now have a beautiful Puppy Flower Mandala Square featuring:

- A dimensional puppy face
- Multi-layer flower petals
- Decorative embroidered details
- Ornamental square frame
- Textured crochet elements throughout

The finished square can be used as:

- Wall art
- Cushion panel
- Baby blanket block
- Decorative afghan square
- Pet-themed home décor piece
- Gift for dog lovers 

The key to achieving a result faithful to the chart is keeping the petal layers symmetrical, maintaining consistent stitch counts on the square rounds, and carefully reproducing the embroidery lines shown throughout the design.