

Día de los Muertos crochet-a-long pattern — English

Part 4

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CAL



By the guy with the hook

The day of the dead is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated with friends and family. On this day you come together to remember and pray for family and friends that are passed away. By praying and performing rituals they try to support their spiritual journey in the afterlife. Important is to see this day not as a day of sadness. But as a day of joy and color to celebrate as their loved ones awake on the day of the dead as spirit. Such a beautiful tradition and maybe we can take a lesson out of this rich cultural holiday. In a time, full of beloved ones we lose due current diseases like COVID-19 what is a better way to do something and honor someone you lost. I was inspired to use Día de los Muertos into my crochet designs to create a piece where all elements of this Mexican holiday are in. Colors, skulls, flowers and decorations...and with it I created this doily...or mandala, it is what you like to see in it. As the project is full of little details and will take some time to finish, I thought it would be a great idea to split this pattern up into four parts and make a 4-week crochet-a-long out of it. Joining is absolutely free, and if you do, I only ask you to take someone in your mind who is dear to you and who you lost. Second rule to apply, crochet this project with a positive and uplifted mind. Don't see skulls as something dark or sad, but decorate them and get into the celebration mode to guide your spirited deceased person by the end of this project. This is what this theme is all about!

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U.S. crochet terms version

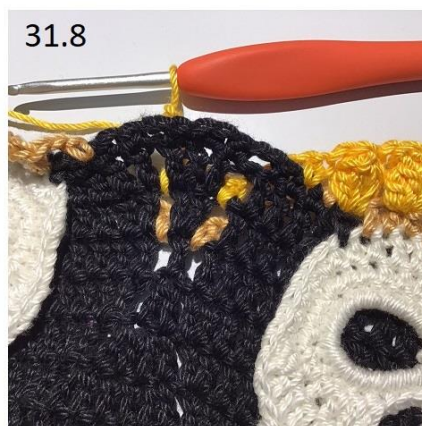
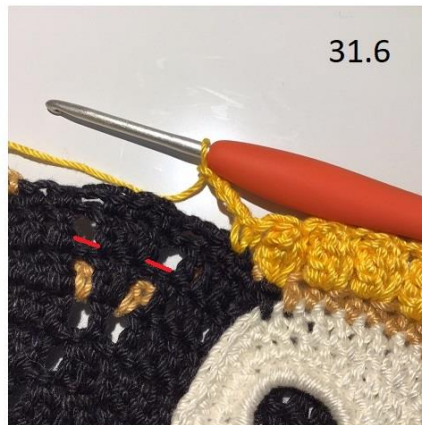
Please take note that if you need a list of stitch or color abbreviations you can find them in the introduction guide to this CAL which is already published during the announcement of this CAL. In this introduction you will also find pattern notes which will help you understand things in the pattern along the way. Check this guide always before rushing off to questioning me as many things are explained in this guide.

The Pattern – Part 4:

We continue in this part with the same hook size you used for the main pattern – which will be the biggest and, in my recommendation, it will be the 3.0 mm hook size. Round numbering will also continue, so we will continue with Round 31 as we ended at Round 30 in Part 3.

Round 31 (RS): Take Color D and attach it into a second st of the 21sc-gr of Round 29. This will be the st before a sc you made at the start of each repeat in last Round where a ch5-sp is connected to. Also see Photo 31.

CH1 (doesn't count as st here and throughout entire pattern) * 1SC in st (*so this will be the second st after a ch2-sp which lies after a 4sc-gr*), CH1, 1PC in next ch1-sp, (*photo 31.1*), CH1, (sk next st on skull, 1PC in next st, CH1) 3 times (*photo 31.2*), sk next st on skull, 1DC-CH1-1DC in next st, sk next st on skull, CH1 (*photo 31.3*), (1PC in next st, CH1, sk next st on skull) 3 times, 1PC in next ch1-sp, CH1 (*photo 31.4*), 1SC in second st before a ch2-sp (*this will be the st after the sc of last Round -also see photo 31.5*), CH4 – now we are going to work at the back of the work. 1SC in the ch1-sp on Round 27 next to the 3dc-gr (*first red line on photo 31.6*), CH3, 1SC in next ch1-sp on Round 27 at the other side of the 3dc-gr (*second red line on photo 31.6*), CH4- now return to the current Round. Rep from * 8 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color D. [9 times a gr of 1SC-4PC-2DC-4PC-1SC with between them all a CH1-sp and 9 times a gr of CH4-1SC-CH3-1SC-CH4 at the back of the work]



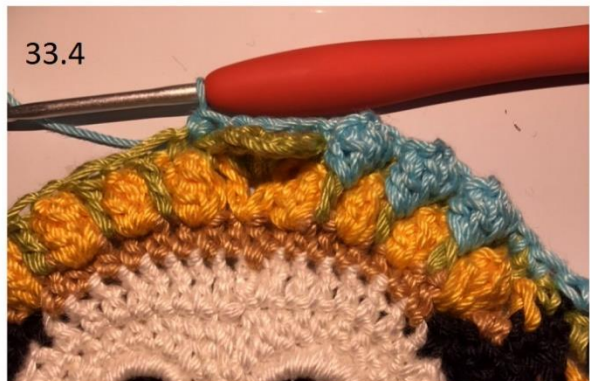
Round 32: Take Color C and attach it into the first st after a ch2-sp which lies after a 4sc-gr. This will be the st before a sc you started a repeat with in last Round. Also see Photo 32.

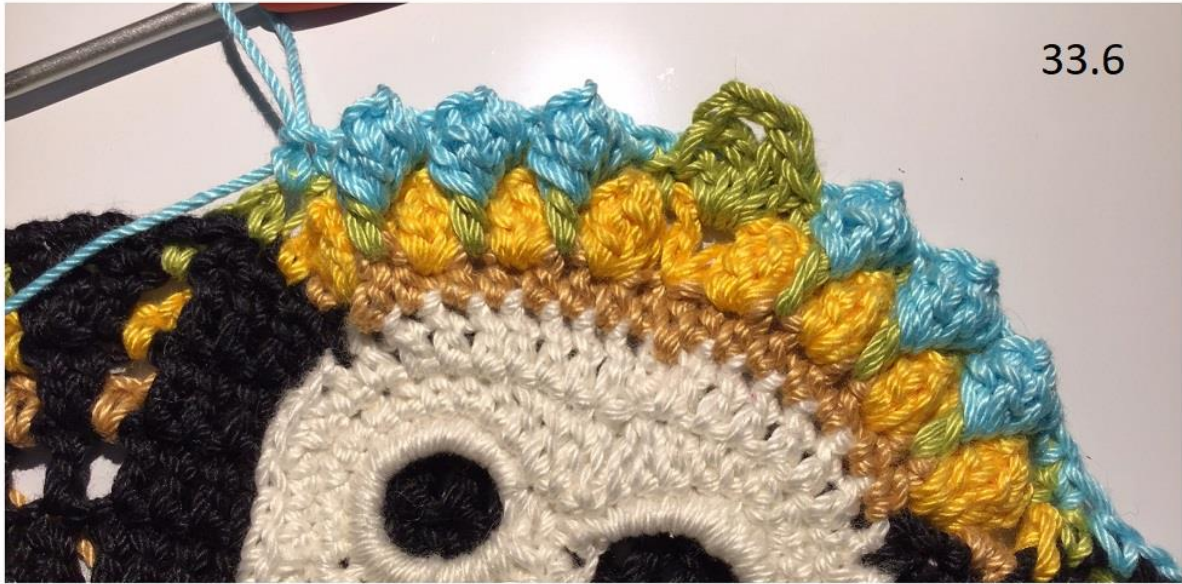
CH1, * 1SC in st after ch2-sp that lies after a 4sc-gr, sk next st, 1SC in next ch1-sp, (sk next pc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, 1TR in sk st between the 2 pc's on Round 31) 3 times (*see photo 32.1 to see where the tr's are made in*), sk next pc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, sk next dc, 1DC-1TR-CH2-1TR-1DC in next ch1-sp (*see photo 32.3*), sk next dc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, (sk next pc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, 1TR in sk st between the 2 pc's on Round 31) 3 times, sk next pc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, sk next st, 1SC in next st (*this will be the st after the sc and the one before a ch2-sp*), CH2 – now we are going to work at the back of our work (*see photo 31.5 and 31.6*), 1SC in ch1-sp on Round 28 next to the 4dc-gr, CH4, 1SC in next ch1-sp on Round 28 on the other side of the 4dc-gr, CH2 – now you return to the current Round. Rep from * 8 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color C. [9 skulls of 2SC/TR/SC/TR/SC/TR/SC/1DC/1TR/CH2/1TR/1DC/SC/TR/SC/TR/SC/TR/2SC and 9 times a CH2/1SC/CH4/1SC/CH2 at the back of your work]



Round 33: Take Color E and attach it in any ch2-sp after a 4sc gr. This is a ch2-sp before the sc of last Round you started a repeat with. See Photo 33.

CH1, * 1SC in ch2-sp, sk next st, 1SC in next 2 sts, (1PC around tr of Round 32 (*see photo 33.2*), 1SC in next st) 3 times, CH4 – this ch4 will be put behind your work to skip the entire leaf section (*see photo 33.4 and 33.5*), sk the next dc-tr-ch2-tr-dc-sc, 1SC in next st, (1PC around next tr of Rounds 32, 1SC in next st) 3 times, 1SC in next st, sk next st, 1SC in next ch2-sp, CH6, sk next 4 sc of Round 29. Rep from * 8 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color E. [9 gr of 3SC/PC/SC/PC/SC/PC/SC/CH4/SC/PC/SC/PC/SC/PC/3SC/CH6]





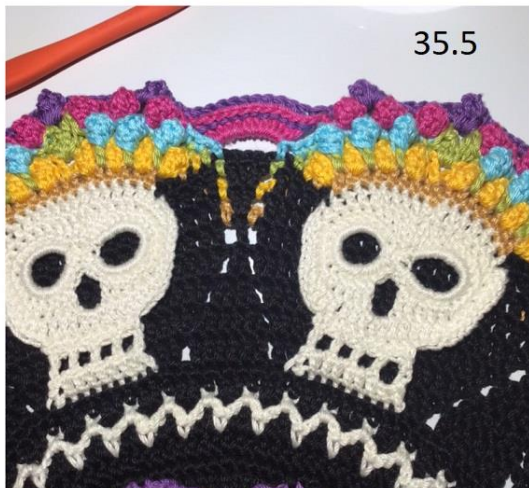
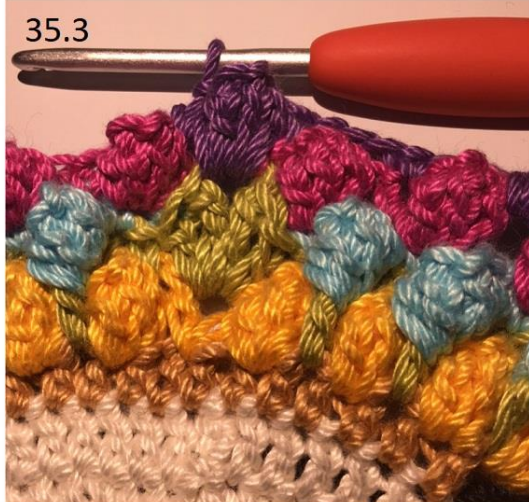
Round 34 : Take Color F and attach it into any ch6-sp. CH3 (first DC), 10DC in same ch6-sp, CH1, sk next 3 sts, 1SC in next pc, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next dc and tr of the leaf, 1SC in ch2-sp between the two tr's (*photo 34.2*) , CH1, sk next tr and dc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, sk next 3 sts.

* 11DC in next ch6-sp, CH1, sk next 3 sts, 1SC in next pc, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next dc and tr of the leaf, 1SC in ch2-sp between the two tr's, CH1, sk next tr and dc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, 1PC in next st, CH1, sk next pc, 1PC in next st, CH1, 1SC in next pc, CH1, sk next 3 sts. Rep from * 7 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color F. [9 times a 11DC-fan /9 times a CH1/SC/PC/CH1/PC/SC/PC/1SC/1PC/SC/PC/CH1/PC/SC/CH1]



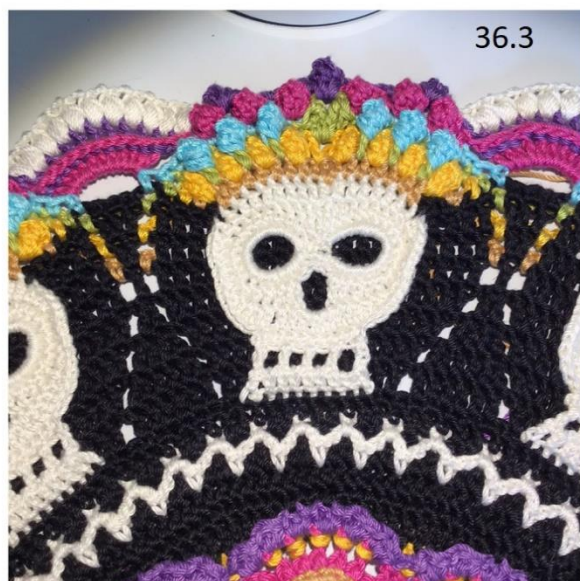
Round 35: Take Color G and attach it with a SS in a sc after a pc and before a 11dc-fan.

* 1BPDC around next 11 sts, SS in next sc, CH1, 1PC in next ch1-sp between the 2 pc's of Round 34, CH3, sk next pc, 1SC in next st, CH3, sk next pc, 1SC in next ch1-sp, 1PC in next ch2-sp between the 2 tr's where you already made a sc in – you work the pc over the sc in the same sp (*see photo 35.3*), CH3, sk next pc, 1SC in next st, CH3, sk next pc, 1PC in next ch1-sp between the 2 pc's of Round 34, CH1, sk next pc. SS in next st. Rep from * 8 more times. Fasten off Color G. [9 fans of 11BPDC and 9 times a gr of SS/CH1/1PC/CH3/1SC/CH3/1SC/1PC/1SC/CH3/1SC/CH3/1PC/CH1/SS]



Round 36: Take Color A and attach it with a SS in any ch1-sp after a pc and before a 11bpdc-fan.

* CH1, (1PUFF in next bpdc, CH1) 11 times, SS in next ch1-sp before pc, CH8, make a SC in the ch4-sp at the back of your work at Round 33 (*see photo 36.2*), CH8, SS in next ch1-sp after a pc and before a 11bpdc-fan. Rep from * 8 more times. Fasten off Color A. [18 times a SS / 9 fans of 11PUFF sts with a CH1-sp between them / 18 times a CH8-sp and 9 times a SC in ch4-sp on Round 33 at the back of your work]



Round 37: Take Color B and attach it into a ch1-sp after the sixth puff st out of a 11 puff st fan.

CH1, * (1FPSC around next puff st) twice, 1FPHDC around next puff st, (1FPDC around next puff st) twice, 3DC in next ch1-sp, 4DC in next ch3-sp of Round 35, sk next sc, 4DC in next ch3-sp of Round 35, 1HDC in next st, 1HDC in next pc, 1HDC in next st, 4DC in next ch3-sp of Round 35, sk next sc, 4DC in next ch3-sp of Round 35, 3DC in next ch1-sp, (1FPDC around next puff st) twice, 1FPHDC around next puff st, (1FPSC around next puff st) 3 times. Rep from * 8 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. [9 repeats of 2FPDC/1FPHDC/5FPSC/1FPHDC/2FPDC/11DC/3HDC/11DC – which is a total of 324 sts]



Round 38: *starting in first st of last Round which is the fourth fpst.*

CH3 (first DC), 1DC in same st, 1DC in next 35 sts. * 2DC in next st, 1DC in next 35 sts. Rep from * 7 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. Put Color B aside. [333DC]



Round 39: Take Color H and attach it around the back post of any st. CH1, * 1BPHDC around each st on Round. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off color H. [333BPHDC]



Round 40: Draw up Color B in a bphdc you made in a second dc out of a 2dc-increase on Round 38.

CH1, * 1SC in next 19 sts, 2SC in next st, 1SC in next 17 sts. Rep from * 8 more times. SS in top of first st to connect. [342SC]



Round 41: *starting in first st of last Round.* CH1, * (1SC in st, CH5, sk next 2 sts) 114 times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color B. [114SC / 114 times a CH5-sp]



Round 42: Take Color A and attach it in any ch5-sp. CH3 (first dc of a PC), make 3DC more in sp and finish it off like a PC, CH2, (1PC in next ch5-sp, CH2) 113 times. SS in top of first pc made to connect. Fasten off Color A. [114PC and 114 times a CH2-sp]



Round 43: Take Color B and attach it into any ch2-sp. CH1, (1SC-1DC-CH1-1DC-1SC in ch2-sp) 114 times. SS in top of first st to connect. Fasten off Color B. [114 times a gr of SC/DC/CH1/DC/SC]



The crocheting is done! Weave in all remaining ends if you haven't done this already. The last part to finish this off is to sew some stitches with different colors on the skulls. First make 5 stripes on the forehead with pink, after that make some purple lines at the top of the head, next take yellow and

create some stripes around the eyes. And last create 2 white dots as eyes. Do this last as the skulls will be attached tight due the other sewing by know, so the eye holes won't move anymore. You can stick to my plan or go crazy here. Do as you please and go wild when it comes to color or sewing. Weave in the last remaining ends and now block your project. Make sure you block it into a perfect circle for the best outcome.



Thank you so much for joining me in this fun little mini-CAL. I hope you liked it and will join me in the future with new CAL's. I do hope your happy with your own Día de los Muertos and will have a happy Day of the Dead. If you could keep up with our weeks you finished it right on time for this year's Día de los Muertos! (November 2nd 2020)

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