The Penny Drops CAL
Part 2: June 17, 2017
Centre Panel

Stitch Abbreviations: US terms

Ch = chain

St/sts = stitch/stitches

YO = yarn over

* * Repeat instructions between asterisks the amount of times specified. This is normally a repeat for a complete side and will consist of multiple instructions.
( ) Work instructions between parentheses the amount of times specified. This is a lower level repeat.

[ ] Hints and notes at the end of each row are written between brackets and italic blue colored letters to help and guide you.

Tunisian St Abbreviations: US Terms

FWP = forward pass

RP = return pass

TSS = Tunisian simple st

TFPDC = Tunisian front post double crochet: YO and insert hook from front around both vertical bars of indicated st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops **ONCE** leaving a loop on the hook, skip loop behind stitch.

TFPTR = Tunisian front post triple crochet: YO **TWICE** and insert hook from front around both vertical bars of indicated st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops **TWICE** leaving a loop on the hook, skip loop behind stitch.

Refer to introduction part for Tunisian Stitch terminology.

There is a total of 188 rows in this panel.

It is crucial that the st gauge on this panel matches the st gauge on the side panels. Check to ensure that 10 rows of this st pattern are the same length as 10 rows of the side panel st pattern. The finished panels need to be the same length, a 2 inch / 5 cm difference is acceptable. 10 sts = 2 ¼" / 5.7 cm, 10 rows = 3" / 7.6 cm.

Rows that are <u>**UNDERLINED**</u> indicate a Colour change. The Colour change occurs in the last 2 sts of the previous return pass.

With **Colour A** *[contrasting colour]* and a size J / 9 / 6.00 mm Tunisian hook, ch 50.

Row 1: Insert the hook into the back bump of the 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop. Repeat for each ch. You should have 50 loops on the hook.
YO and draw through 2 loops, repeat the return pass until there is one loop remaining on the hook. *[The loop left on the hook at the end of every return pass is the 1st st on the next forward pass.]*

Rows 2-4: Do 3 more rows of TSS with **Colour A** *[contrasting colour]* and change to **Colour B** *[Caron Cake]* in the last 2 loops of the 4th row. There is a total of 4 rows in the contrasting Colour.

<u>**Row 5:**</u> **This is the set-up row** with 3 TSS between each TFPTR.

If you are using Caron Cakes, I suggest you start the centre panel with the second run of Colour in the cake, so that it is different than the side panels. The unused yarn can be used on the borders.

With **Colour B**, TSS in the front vertical bar of the 2nd st. *[The loop left on the hook at the end of every return pass is the 1st st on the next forward pass.]*

*Work a TFPTR- (yarn over twice, insert hook in the next st 2 **rows below** around both vertical bars, between the 2nd and 3rd rows of the piece and draw up a loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through 2 loops), **1 loop is unworked and left on the hook. Skip the loop behind the post st.**

TSS in each of the next 3 sts*, *The triple crochet should be the length of the last two rows of TSS and sit on top of the st in the second row.* Repeat from * to * across row. **There will be a total of 12 TFPTR**.

Complete the return pass.

Row 6: TSS in next row, change to **Colour A** in last 2 loops of return pass.
In the rest of the panel, you will work the st around the existing TFPTR, two rows below.

<u>**Row 7**</u>: TSS in 2nd st, *TFPTR around triple crochet 2 rows below, TSS in next 3 sts*, repeat from * to * across. Complete return pass.

TFPTC: Done in the 1st row of the new colour, in the next stitch, 2 rows below around the Triple Crochet

Row 8: TSS changing to **Colour B** in the last two loops.

Repeat <u>Row 7</u> **and Row 8** alternating between **Colour A and Colour B** every 2 rows until there is a total of 188 rows.

It is a good idea to count your sts and make sure you have 50 and that as you are doing the forward pass, ensure that there are 3 TSS between each post st and at the end of the pass. If you do not complete the TFPTR correctly you will either lose or gain a loop on the hook. Do not skip the st in the vertical bar before the last st.

Summary:
There are 2 rows of contrasting Colour and 2 rows of Caron Cake in each complete set of the pattern.

The first forward pass of every Colour change: TSS in 2nd st, *TFPTR in next, TSS in next 3 sts*, repeating from * to * to the end of the forward pass. Complete the return pass, TSS in the next row and change Colour at the end of the return pass.
Repeat until there is a total of 188 rows and bind off on the forward pass of the last row,

Binding off (Forward pass):
*One loop on hook, insert hook into front loop of next vertical bar, YO and draw through both loops, one loop on hook. * Repeat **across row with a loose tension.**

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