Creative Grandma

Stitch of the Week # 65

Victorian Shell Stitch

Skill Level: Intermediate

Note: Use hook size recommended on the yarn label you will be using.

Stitch pattern has a multiple of 6 plus 2.

NOTE: To work this pattern in different colors, work Row 1 in first color, fasten off, then change colors every 2 rows.

To make a sample swatch, ch 38.

Row 1: Sc in 2ⁿᵈ ch from hook, * skip next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, skip next 2 chs, sc in next ch *, rep from * to * across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same beg sc, * ch 1, sc in center dc of next 5 dc group, ch 1, dc in first dc of next shell, ch 1, working in front of dc just made, dc in last dc of previous 5 dc group (crossed dc made) *, rep from * to * across to last 5 dc group, ch 1, sc in center dc of last 5 dc group, ch 1, 2 dc in ending sc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same beg dc, * sc in next sc, 5 dc in ch-1 sp of next crossed dc *, rep from * to * across, ending last rep with sc in last sc, 3 dc in top of ending turning ch, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in same beg dc, ch 1, dc in first dc of next 5 dc group, ch 1, working in front of dc just made, dc in last dc of previous 3 dc group, ch 1, sc in center dc of next 5 dc group, * ch 1, dc in first dc of next 5 dc group, ch 1, working in front of dc just made, dc in last dc of previous 5 dc group, ch 1, sc in center dc of next 5 dc group *, rep from * to * across, to last full 5 dc group, ending with dc in first dc of ending 3 dc group, ch 1, working in front of dc just made dc in last dc of previous 5 dc group, ch 1, sc in top of ending turning ch, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1 sc in beg sc, * work 5 dc in ch-1 sp of next crossed dc, sc in next sc *, rep from * to * across, turn.

Repeat Rows 2-5 for pattern.