STITCH OF THE WEEK

258 Ripple Cluster Stitch

Skill Level: Intermediate

Stitch Multiple: Multiple of 16 plus 2

Note: Please review the special stitch section before starting this pattern.
A foundation chain of at least 34 is necessary to work a sample swatch.

To make a sample swatch, ch 50.

Row 1 (right side):
CL over the 3rd and 4th chs from hook (see Special Stitches); dc in each of next 5 ch, * (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in each of next 5 chs, CL over next 5 chs, dc in each of next 5 chs *, Rep from * to * across to last 9 chs, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in each of next 5 chs, CL over last 3 chs, ch 2, turn.

Row 2: Skip first cluster st, BPdc CL (see Special Stitches) over next 2 sts, FPdc (see Special Stitches) around post of each of next 5 sts, * (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, FPdc around post of each of next 5 sts, BPdc CL over next 5 sts, FPdc around each of next 5 sts *, rep from * to * across to last ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in last ch-1 sp, FPdc around post of each of next 5 sts, BPdc CL over next 3 sts, ch 2, turn, leaving the turning ch unworked.

Row 3: Skip first cluster st, FPdc CL (see Special Stitches) over next 2 sts, BPdc around the post of each of next 5 sts, * (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, BPdc around the post of each of next 5 sts, FPdc CL over the next 5 sts, BPdc around the post of each of the next 5 sts *, rep from * to * across to last ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in last ch-1 sp, BPdc around the post of each of next 5 sts, FPdc CL over the next 3 sts, ch 2, turn, leaving the turning ch unworked.

Rep Rows 2 & 3 for pattern.

Stitches Used
Chain – ch
Slip Stitch – sl st
Double crochet – dc
Repeat – rep
Space - sp
Yarn over – yo
Loop - lp

Special Stitches

Cluster (CL):
Keeping last lp of each dc on hook, dc in sts indicated, yo, and draw through all lps on hook – CL made.

Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc):
Yo, insert hook from front to back, then from back to front around post of stitch indicated, draw lp through, (yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) twice – FPdc made

Front Post Double Crochet Cluster
(FPdc CL):
Keeping last lp of each FPdc on hook, FPdc around post of each st indicated, yo, and draw through all lps on hook – FPdc CL made.

Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc)
Yo, insert hook from back to front then from front to back around post of st indicated, draw lp through, (yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) twice – BPdc made

Back Post Double Crochet Cluster (BPdc CL):
Keeping last lp of each BPdc on hook, BPdc around post of each st indicated, yo, and draw through all lps on hook – BPdc CL made.