

FLEXI-HEXIE

A versatile hexagon motif

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UK Terminology



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YOU WILL NEED....

YARN....

Any yarn can be used, from 4ply through to chunky weight. Only small amounts of yarn are needed for each round, so this is a perfect project for using up your small scraps of yarn.

CROCHET HOOK....

Use a hook size that is recommended for your yarn, for example: 4ply yarn with 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook; double knitting weight yarn with 4mm (US G/6) hook; aran weight yarn with 5mm (US H/8) hook; chunky weight yarn with 6mm (J/10) hook.

EXTRAS....

A wool/tapestry needle for weaving in ends.
4 small beads or jingly bells if desired for each motif.
If you want to make a wall hanging you will need a short piece of thin wooden dowelling.

FINISHED SIZE....

Depends on the yarn being used. Measured from straight side to straight side:
With 4ply yarn and 3mm hook, approximately 8cm.
With double knitting yarn and 4mm hook, approximately 10cm.
With chunky yarn and 6mm hook, approximately 14cm.

TENSION....

Is not critical for this project and finished size will depend on yarn being used.

NOTE....

Cut yarn after each round and leave a tail end of approximately 10-12cm to weave in later.

ABBREVIATIONS....

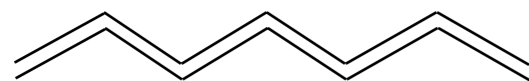
ch(s) = chain(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **dc** = double crochet; **tr** = treble crochet; **FPtr** = front post treble crochet; **blo** = back loop only; **ch1-sp** or **ch2-sp** = chain 1 space or chain 2 space; **skip** = miss; **sp** = space; **ss** = slip stitch; **RS** = right side; **WS** = wrong side; [] = indicates a short repeat sequence: work instructions in square brackets as many times as stated; * = indicates a longer repeat sequence: work instructions that follow * as many times as stated.

CONSTRUCTION....

Worked in rounds that are joined.
Embellishments are added at the end, such as tassels or beads/bells.

ADD TO RAVELRY....

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FLEXI-HEXIE MOTIF....

Using chosen yarn and hook, make a magic ring as follows: wind yarn around index finger of opposite hand to hook to form a loop, insert hook into loop, yoh and pull a loop through, do not pull the yarn tail tight to close the loop, instead leave the ring of yarn open and crochet Round 1 into the ring and over both the twisted strands of yarn.

Round 1 (RS): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into the centre of the ring, ss into the top of the beginning 3ch to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. Pull ring tight to close the hole. (12 tr)

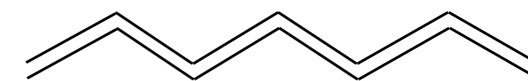
Round 2: With next colour, make a slip knot onto hook, join with a ss to the **front loop only** of any stitch. Now work around the **vertical post** of each stitch (and not into the top of the stitch) as follows: 2FPtr around the post of every st to end, ss in first FPtr to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. (24 sts)

Round 3: With next colour, make a slip knot onto hook, join with a ss to the **front loop only** of any stitch. Now work around the **vertical post** of each stitch (and not into the top of the stitch) as follows: *1FPtr around post of next st, 2FPtr around post of next st; repeat from * around, ss in first FPtr to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. (36 sts)

Round 4: With next colour, make a slip knot onto hook, join with a ss to the **back loop only** of any stitch. Now work into the **back loop only (blo)** of each stitch as follows: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), 1tr in blo of same st, 1tr in blo of next 5 sts, *[1tr, 2ch, 1tr] in blo of next st, 1tr in blo of next 5 sts; repeat from * to end, ss in 3rd of beginning 5ch to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. (7 tr and a ch2-sp along each of the 6 sides).

Round 5: With next colour, make a slip knot onto hook, join with a ss to any ch2-sp, 1ch (does not count as a st), *[1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in ch2-sp, 1dc in next 7 sts; repeat from * to end, ss in first dc to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. (9 dc and a ch2-sp along each side).

Round 6: With next colour, make a slip knot onto hook, join with a ss to any 2ch-sp, 1ch (does not count as a st), *[1dc, 1ch, 1dc] in ch-sp, skip first dc, 1dc in next 8 sts; repeat from * to end, ss in first dc to join. Cut yarn and fasten off. (10 dc and a ch1-sp along each side).



TO FINISH

Weave in all ends into wrong side of work neatly. Lightly steam on wrong side if desired. Take care not to touch the motif with your iron (place a cloth over motif).

Add a hanging loop as follows:

Cut a strand of yarn twice the length desired and tie the ends into a small knot to form a loop. Thread one end of loop through a corner space for approximately 2cm, then pass the opposite end of hanging loop through the small loop. Pull tight.

Add a tassel as follows:

Cut a short piece of card approximately 8cm in height and 3-4cm wide. Cut 2 lengths of yarn of approx. 20cm and put to one side. Wrap yarn around the card, approximately 12-14 times lengthways. Cut yarn. Thread one length of the previously cut yarn underneath the wrapped yarn at one end (this is now the top of the tassel). Tie tightly in a knot and leave the long ends to sew to motif later. Remove the yarn from the card. Wrap a second piece of yarn around the tassel, approx. 1cm from the top and tie tightly. Weave these ends into the tassel. Cut the folded ends of yarn at the bottom of the tassel and neaten the edges straight. Attach tassel to the motif at opposite corner to hanging loop.

Add beads/bells to each remaining corner space of the motif



Wall hanging: over-sew 3 motifs in a line through back loops of straight edges (see centre image on previous page). Add a fringe along bottom edge as follows: *cut a 20cm length of yarn, fold in half, insert folded end into a stitch and pull it through to form a loop. Thread opposite ends of yarn through the loop and pull tight to secure. Repeat from * into each stitch as desired. Trim fringe straight. Attach a thin length of dowel to top end by over-sewing through back loops of the stitches along the straight edge and over the dowel. To hang, add a length of yarn to the dowel by knotting it over each end to form a loop.

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