Alice's Square

This lacy square uses open space to make an elegant square that can be duplicated to make a delightfully intricate throw blanket. Add a touch of sophistication to your home decor with a blanket made of Alice's Squares!

Skill: Beginner/Intermediate
US Terms

Materials:
A small amount of worsted weight yarn
I hook (5.50 mm)
Yarn needle for weaving in ends.

Gauge: Final square measures 6" across at completion.

Stitches:
Slip Stitch (sl st)
Chain (ch)
Single Crochet (sc)
Half Double Crochet (hdc)
Double Crochet (dc)
Treble Crochet (tr)

Notes: () indicates stitches made into the same stitch of the prior row.

The 3rd loop of an hdc stitch is located behind the stitch, past the two loops you would normally stitch into.

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Round 1: magic circle, ch 7 (counts as tr + ch 3). Repeat *tr, ch 3* 7 times in magic circle. Pull circle tight and sl st to 4th ch from beginning to join.

Round 2: ch 1. Repeat *sc, ch 1, hdc, ch 1, sc* in each ch 3 space of Round 1. Sl st to first sc to join.

Round 3: ch 1, sl st in 3rd loop of hdc. Ch 5 (counts as dc + ch 2). In same stitch, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc. (Dc, ch 1, dc) in 3rd loop of next hdc. Repeat *(dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc) in 3rd loop of next hdc. (dc, ch 1, dc) in 3rd loop of next hdc.* 3 times. Sl st to 3rd ch from beginning to join.

Round 4: sl st into ch 2 space. Ch 4 (counts as dc + ch 1). (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch 2 space. Ch 1, dc in next ch 2 space. (ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1) in ch 1 space. Repeat *dc in next ch 2 space, (ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1) in corner ch 2 space. Dc in next ch 2 space. (ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1) in ch 1 space.* 3 times. Sl st to 3rd ch from beginning to join.

Round 5: ch 1 (doesn't count as stitch). 1 sc in each dc and ch space. In corner ch spaces, 2sc, ch 1, 2sc. You will end with 21 sc stitches along each side with a ch 1 space in between. Sl st to first sc to join. Finish off.