Shells Doily

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This doily is made using the Shells Coaster motif. First one is made then each motif is joined as it is made on the last round. Using the joining technique in this pattern should make it possible to make an unlimited number of items with this motif. You are only limited by your imagination.

Materials Needed
Small amount size 10 crochet cotton. Southmaid in pink was used in the example
Size 7 steel crochet hook
Tapestry Needle

Thread Thickness: 10thread
Gauge: 10sc=1"
Finished Size: 6½" diam
Skill Level: Intermediate

Note, you make the outer motifs and form them into a ring. Then you make the center motif and add it at the last round.

Instructions
Motif 1
RND 1: Ch4. Join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch3. 14dc in ring. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 2: Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each st around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 3: Ch1. Sc in next st. Ch4. Sk 3 sts. *Sc in each of the next 2 sts. Ch4. Sk 3 sts. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1.

RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off. Weave ends into back of work.

I will be referring to the points on the motifs by their position in relation to where their fastening off knot is. The first one, #1, will be the first point to the left of the finishing off knot. #2 will be the 2nd one to the left of the knot and so on. Count them in a counter clockwise manner, #'s 1-6.

Motif 2
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Pick up first motif put wrong sides together so the points line up. Position it so the first point you will join to will be #6. Slst in ch2 sp of the #6 point. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in next ch2 sp of the #5 point. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off. weave ends into back of work.
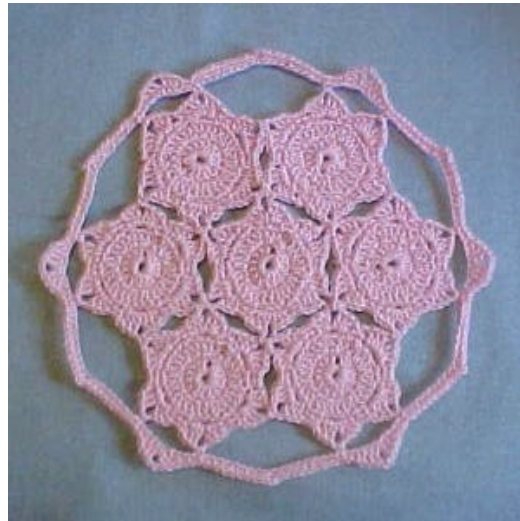
Motif 3
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Pick up doily, put wrong sides together so the points of Motif 2 line up with your current motif. Position it so you will join to #6 of Motif2. Slst in #6 lp. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in #5 lp of motif 2. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off.

Motif 4
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Pick up doily, put wrong sides together so the points of Motif 3 line up with your current motif. Position it so you will join to #6 of Motif3. Slst in #6 lp. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in #5 lp of motif 3. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off.

Motif 5
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Pick up doily, put wrong sides together so the points of Motif 4 line up with your current motif. Position it so you will join to #6 of Motif4. Slst in #6 lp. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in #5 lp of motif 4. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off.

Motif 6
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Pick up doily, put wrong sides together so the points of Motif 5 line up with your current motif. Position it so you will join to #6 of Motif5. Slst in #6 lp. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in #5 lp of motif 4. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. *Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch4 sp. Rep from * twice. NOW you will join to Motif 1. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch4.

Slst to #2lp of Motif 1. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst in #1lp of Motif 1. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off.

Motif 7 Center motif of doily
Rep rnds 1-3 of Motif 1.
RND 4: Ch1. Sc in next sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst to #5lp of Motif 1 and then to #1lp of motif 2. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst to #5lp of Motif 2 and then to #1lp of motif 3. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst to #5lp of Motif 3 and then to #1lp of motif 4. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst to #5lp of Motif 4 and then to #1lp of motif 5. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Sc in each of the next 2 sc. 3dc in next ch4 sp. Ch1. Slst to #5lp of Motif 5 and then to #1lp of motif 6. Ch1. 3dc in same ch4 sp. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off and weave all ends into back of work.

Perimeter
RND 1: Join thread in #3 lp of Motif 1. Ch10. Sc in next lp of same motif. Ch18. *Sc in #3 lp of next motif. Ch9. Sc in next lp of same motif. Ch18. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first ch of ch10.

RND 2: Ch1. (Work the following in the in the ch9 sp. Sc in each of the first 2 chs. Dc in each of the next 2 chs. Dc, ch2, dc in next ch. Dc in each of the next 2 chs. Sc in each of the next 2 chs.) Sc in next sc. ((Work the following in the next 18 chs. Sc in each of the next 9 chs. Ch2. Sc in each of the next 9 chs.)) *Sc in next sc. Rep bet () once. Sc in next sc. Rep bet (()) once. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off, weave ends into back of work.

Starch lightly to keep in place. You may not even need to use starch. You can use just an iron on cotton setting with steam to block it.