LIGHT FANTASTIC

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Important information – please read before beginning!

- **The pattern assumes a change of yarn on every round – instructions are not given on how to begin and end each time. Although not essential, for the neatest finish begin the rounds (except the first) with a standing stitch and fasten off invisibly using a tapestry needle. There are many excellent tutorials online for these techniques – e.g. this one from Saraphir. Otherwise replace the first stitch of each round with the appropriate number of chain, e.g. ch-2 for sc; ch-3 for dc etc, and fasten off with a slip stitch into the second stitch. Any substitute chains must always be counted as a stitch.**

- **When changing colours mid-round, remember to add the new colour in the last loop of the previous stitch. Leave both colours attached - hold the non-working yarn along the top of the stitches below and catch it in as you work, then pull it gently taut before picking up again. You can of course ignore these colour changes and work all the dc rounds in a single colour.**

- **When working the long dcs in this pattern it's just as effective and much easier to make this stitch by inserting your hook into the loop downwards from the top, rather than upwards from the bottom.**

Abbreviations (US terms):
R round
ch chain
sc single crochet
dc double crochet
long dc long double crochet (pull the yarn a little longer than usual to fit the space)
tr treble/triple crochet
st stitch or stitches
blo back loop only

R1
(3dc, tr) x 4 into magic ring.
Pull magic ring tightly closed and fasten off. *(12dc + 4tr)*

R2
3sc in tr *[the centre st of this 3sc group forms the corner st]*
sc in next 3 st **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 2nd st.**
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(24 sc)*

R3
5dc **blo** in corner st *[the centre st of this 5dc group forms the corner st]*
dc **blo** in next 5 st.
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(40dc **blo**)*

R4
3sc in corner st
sc in next 4 st **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 2nd st**.
Long dc into front loop of marked st in R2 below *(removing stitch marker first)*.
Skip next st in R3, sc in next 4 st **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 3rd st.**
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(44sc + 4 long dc)*

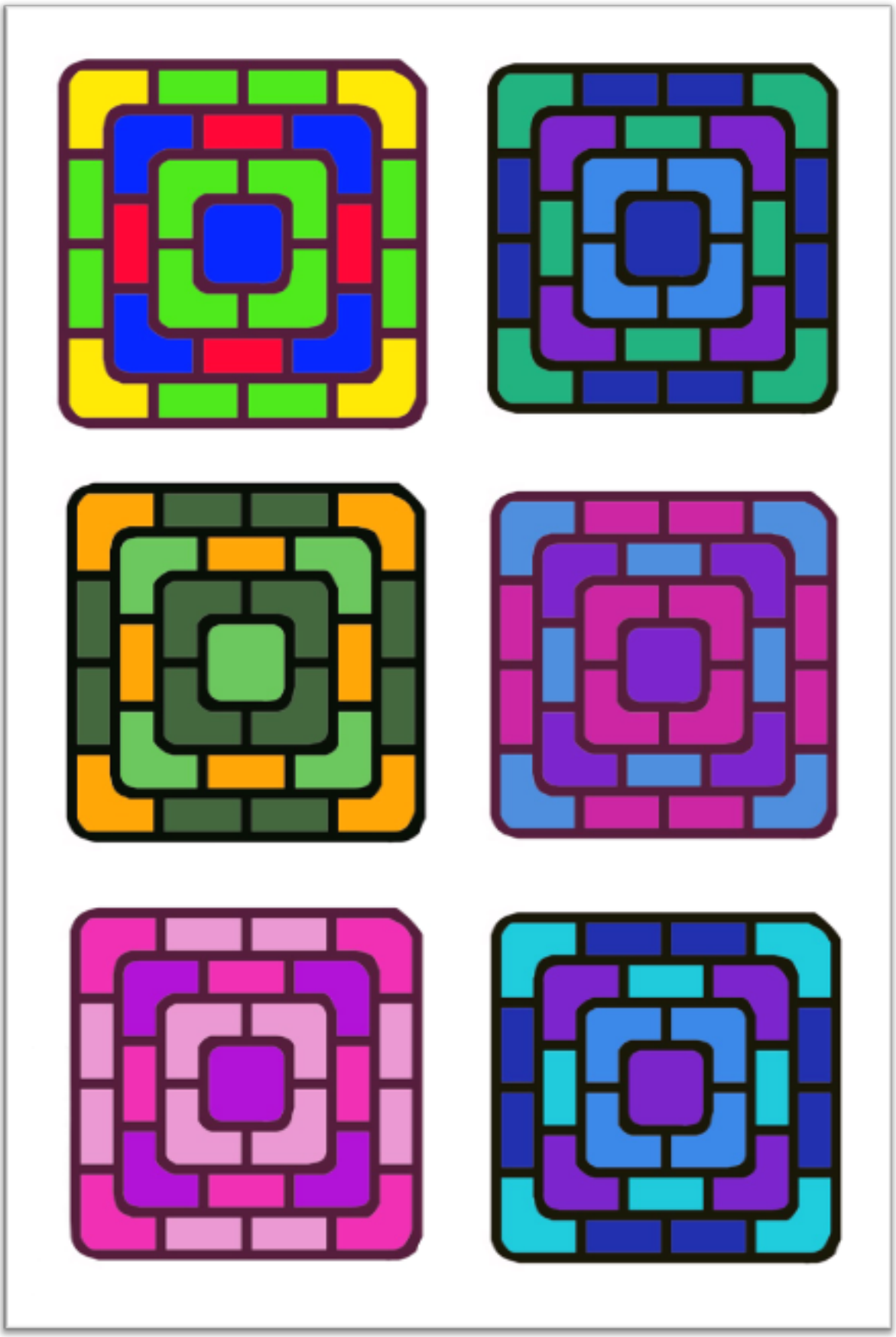
R5 – worked in two colours, A and B. **Begin with colour A**
5dc **blo** in corner st
dc **blo** in next 3 st
change to colour B
dc **blo** in next 5 st
change to colour A
dc **blo** in next 3 st
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(64dc **blo**)*

R6
3sc in corner st
sc in next 4 st **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 2nd st.**
*Long dc into front loop of marked st in R4 below, removing stitch marker first**.
skip next st in R5
sc in next 5 st **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 3rd st.**
Repeat from * to **
skip next st in R5
sc in next 4 st. **placing a stitch marker in front loop of 3rd st**
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(64sc + 8 long dc)*

R7 – worked in two colours, B and C. **Begin with colour B**
5dc **blo** in corner st
dc **blo** in next 3 st
change to colour C
dc **blo** in next 11 st
change to colour B
dc **blo** in next 3 st
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(88dc **blo**)*

R8
3sc in corner st
sc in next 4 st.
*Long dc into front loop of marked st in R7 below, removing stitch marker first**.
skip next st in R7
sc in next 5 st.
Repeat from * to **
skip next st in R7
sc in next 5 st.
Repeat from * to **
skip next st in R7
sc in next 4 st.
Repeat from beginning all around.
Fasten off. *(84sc + 12 long dc)*
Weave in all ends if not already done.

Some ideas for alternative colour palettes:



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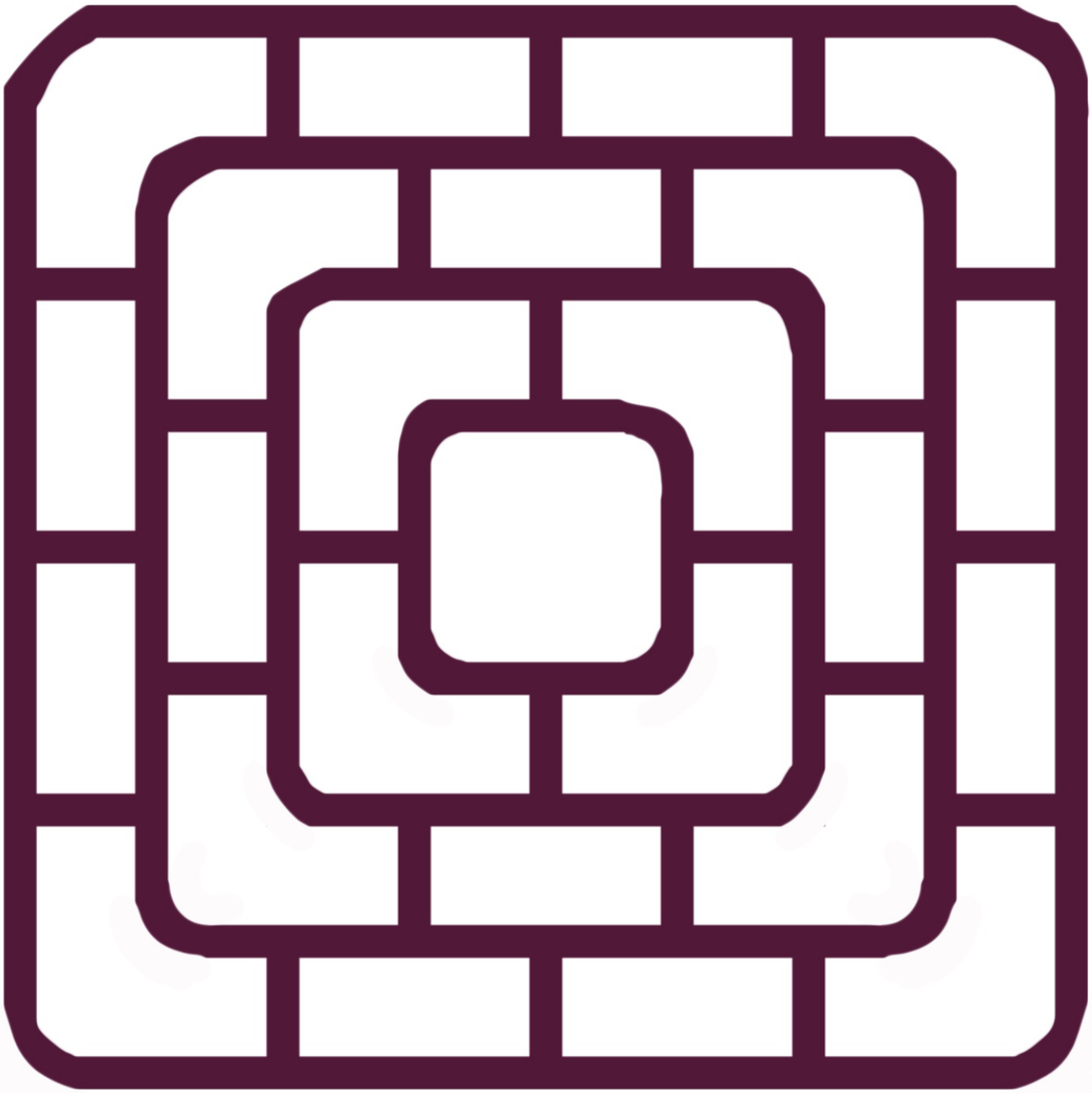

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