Drop in the Bucket 12" Square  
copyright © 2004 by Janie Herrin  
used with permission

Materials:  RH w.w. yarn  
Aran (MC)  
Country Print (CA)  
Country Blue (CB)  
Size I hook or size to obtain gauge

Gauge:  first 4 rounds = 7 1/4"

V-Stitch:  (dc, ch 1, dc) in same st or sp

Square

With MC, ch 5, join to form ring.

Rnd 1:  Ch 5 (equals first tr plus ch 1), in  
ring work (tr, ch 1) 15 times, join to 4th ch  
of beg ch-5; finish off. (16 tr, 16 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 2:  Join CA with slip st in any tr, ch 3,  
holding last lp on hook, tr in same st, YO,  
draw thru both lps on hook (beg tr-cl made),  
ch 2, holding last lp of each st on hook, 2 tr  
in next tr, YO, draw thru all 3 lps on hook  
(tr-cl made); (ch 2, tr-cl in next tr) around,  
ch 2, join to top of beg tr-cl; finish off. (16  
clusters, 16 ch-2 sps)

Rnd 3:  Join MC with slip st in any ch-2 sp,  
(beg tr-cl, ch 2, tr-cl) in same sp, *(tr-cl, ch  
2, tr-cl) in next sp; rep from * around, join  
as before. (32 tr-cl, 16 ch-2 sps)

Rnd 4:  Slip st in ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2  
sc) in same sp, *(sc in sp bet next 2 clusters,  
(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp; rep from *  
around, end with sc bet last 2 clusters, join  
to beg sc; finish off. (16 shells with sc bet  
each shell)

Rnd 5:  Join CB with sc in any ch-2 sp, (ch  
6, sc in next ch-2 sp) around, ch 6, join to  
beg sc. (16 ch-6 lps)

Rnd 6:  Slip st in next sp, ch 4, in same sp  
work (3 tr, ch 3, 4 tr) corner made, *(3 dc, 3  
hdc) in next lp, 6 sc in next lp, (3 hdc, 3 dc)  
in next lp, in next lp work (4 tr, ch 3, 4 tr);  
rep from * around, end with slip st to beg tr;  
finish off. (32 tr, 24 dc, 24 hdc, 24 sc)

Rnd 7:  Join MC with slip st in any corner  
sp, ch 4, 8 tr in same sp, *(skip 2 sts, V-st in  
next st) 8 times, skip next 2 sts, 9 tr in next  
corner sp; rep from * around, end with slip  
st to beg tr. (32 V-sts, 36 tr)

Rnd 8:  Ch 3, dc in next 3 tr, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2  
de) in next tr, dc in next 4 tr, (3 dc in ch-1 sp  
of next V-st) 8 times, dc in next 4 tr; rep  
from * around, end with slip st to beg tr;  
finish off. (144 dc)

(Note: measure square before going to the  
next round, if your square equals 11 1/2"  
proceed with the last round, if you only have  
11" work hdc instead of sc's)

Rnd 9:  Join CA with sc in any corner sp, 2  
sc in same sp, sc in each dc around working  
3 sc in each corner, end with slip st to beg  
sc; finish off. Weave in ends.