

Grandma Perkins' Crochet Folded Fortune Teller

Fun and Fortunes!

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Do you remember folding notebook paper in the school-yard?
When I was in grammar school, all the kids would love making
Fortune Tellers.

We would color them and write secret fortunes inside.

And then share them with our best friends.

And I'd like to share this pattern with you.

This is an easy pattern that uses single crochet and slip
stitches.

It is also a good way to use up scrap yarn.

Who knows what the future holds for you.

It's always good to know,

"There is happiness in your future."

Demonstrated on You-tube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFcqFkiqVvc&feature=youtu.be>

Materials:

Caron Simply Soft (WW Med yarn)

~ ½ oz. each color:

Red (9729)

Blueberry Mist (0023)

Sundrop Yellow (0014)

Limelight Green (9607)

Black (9727)

D (3.25mm) Hook (for the squares)

B (2.25mm) Hook (for crocheting the piece together)

Needle for sewing and weaving in yarn

Optional: Sport Wt yarn for embroidering numbers

Gauge: 6 sc and 6 rows = 1" Not crucial.

Finished Size: about 5½" (14 cm) Square

Abbreviations:

~ = Approximately

Ch = Chain

Sc = Single Crochet

Ss = Slip Stitch

St(s) = Stitch(es)

FO = Fasten Off

Notes:

- ◆ I am using the "Magic Square" pattern from ages ago, that was used for double thick potholders. But it is folded differently.
- ◆ The recommended hook size for Caron Simply Soft is an H-8 (5mm) But in order to have a stiff Fortune-Teller that will hold its shape, you will need to use a smaller hook.
- ◆ Each round will be joined with a slip stitch, and chain 1.
- ◆ Uses US Terminology

To use a different yarn or hook:

You might need to change the stitch and row count.

The beginning chain should be about 3½" (9 cm) long.

3 sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc across with 3 sc in last st.

Continue working sc on the other side of the foundation-chain to the end, and join.

First completed round should be ~3¾" to 4" (10 cm),

and should have a stitch count that is double the # of chs you started with.

If you started with 20 chs, your completed first round should be 40 sc.

You will have to measure to see when you have enough rounds to be able to fold it into a square.

If your rectangle is about 4" (10 cm), you will need about 2" (5 cm) in height.

This is just an estimate. The folded square is what matters.



Square: (make 4: each in a different color and with D/3.25mm hook)

Rnd 1: Ch 20, **3 Sc** in 2nd ch from hk, Sc in 17, **3 Sc** in last st.

Continue working on other side of foundation-ch. Sc in 17, and join to the first sc with a ss. (40 sc)

Rnds 2-10: Ch 1, Sc in the first st (same as the join st) and each st around. Join. (40)

Note: You may need to **add** or **subtract** a row or two to fold it into a square shape.
(See next step how To Fold the rectangle)

Rnd 11: (**Final Rnd:** mark stitch **12** and **32** with safety pins)

Ch 1, Sc around and **join**.

Do Not ch 1.

Ss in the next 2 sts (to be in the center position for stitching pockets).

FO with ~ 6" (15 cm) end to sew. (40 sc and 2 ss after the join-st)



Alternate way to do the Square (Ami style):

This should work just as well, and should not look that different.

(make 4: each in a different color and with D/3.25mm hook)

Rnd 1: Ch 20, **3 Sc** in 2nd ch from hk (**MARK the first sc**), Sc in 17, **3 Sc** in last st.

Continue working on other side of foundation-ch. Sc in 17.

DO NOT JOIN. DO NOT CH 1. (40 sc)

Rnds 2-11 Sc in the first st and each st around.

Use a piece of yarn or thread to mark the beg st of each rnd. (40)

Mark the **14th** and **34th** stitch with thread or safety pins.

At the end of round 11, ss in the next 4 sts.

TO Fold the rectangle into a square:

Your rectangle should be about 4" (10 cm) in width, and about 2" (5 cm) in height.

This is just an estimate. The folded square is what matters.

Spread the open end by pulling the safety pins gently in opposite directions.

Flatten it into a square shape.

The last round (rim edge) should meet in a center line with the safety pins at opposite corners.

It is important that the edges meet to form a square.

There should not be a gap or an overlap: if so **add** or **subtract** a row to compensate.

When folded, it should be about a 2¾ to 3" (~ 7 to 7½ cm) square.



Invert half the square

Push the corner (the side with the tail-yarn-end) to **flip it inside-out**.

The square now has a triangular pocket on the front **and** the back.



Sew one side into 2 pockets:

With the Tail end, sew the triangular flap in half.

The yarn should already be in the correct position to start the first stitch to connect the back to the flap.

Start by anchoring the top stitch 2 times.

Be sure not to catch the other flap on the flip-side of the square.

Then continue to weave through each stitch (back and forth), straight down the center to the **corner-point**.

Anchor the last st and weave in horizontally on the back side.

Note: Follow the center spaces of the beg-ch-foundation, which might be a bit easier to see on the back side.

One side of the square will have 2 small triangular pockets and the other will have one big one.

Do this with all four squares.



Assembly:

Note: If you want, you can sew the squares together with a whip-stitch or a mattress-stitch. If you prefer to crochet them, follow the directions below.

Place the 4 squares with the Pocket-sides all **pointing to the center** (See photo).

Place the pockets in two stacks, being careful to keep the center points together.

You can mark the center corners and points with a thread or safety pin.



Hold the two squares (*shown in green and red in photo*) together with stitches matching as close as possible.

With a contrasting color and B/2.25mm hook:
Join with a **slip stitch** through the **two marked sts** (the ones with the safety pins).

Ch1, slip stitch in the next stitch down the side.

Note: This stitch will be through four layers (front and back of both pockets).

Continue (**Ch 1, Ss** in each st) down this side to the last stitch, which will be in the **corner-point** of both squares.

Then **join the next 2 squares** (shown in blue and yellow in photo) through the next **two corner-point-sts**.

Ch1, slip stitch in the next stitch down the side.

Continue, as with the previous square:

(**Ch 1, Ss** in each st) down this side to the last stitch with the safety pins. **Ch 1 and FO.**



Then fold the piece in half with the center open-sides together and sts matching (*shown in red and yellow in photo below*).

Note: This side of the Fortune Teller will be stitched in the same manner as first side.

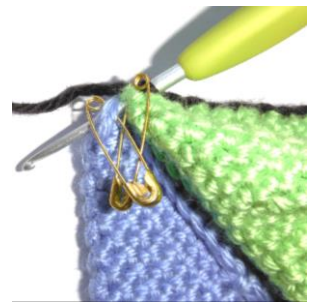
Join with a **ss** and the contrasting color through the **two marked sts**.

Continue to **Ch 1, Ss** in each st down to the last st in the **corner-point**.

Then **join the next 2 squares** (blue and green) through the next **two corner-point- sts**.

Continue, as with the previous square:

Ch 1, Ss in each st down this side to the last st with the safety pins. **Ch 1 and FO.** Weave in all loose ends.



Inside with
Fortune Pockets



Outside with
Finger-Hold Pockets



Shaping:

After stitching and weaving in, fold the Fortune Teller and squeeze all the seams tight to form the shape.

Note: You can add embroidered numbers on the inside above the pockets, if you like.

You could also add colored appliques, such as star, circles, squares, hearts or whatever to the outside.

There are two sample pages below to print with fortunes.

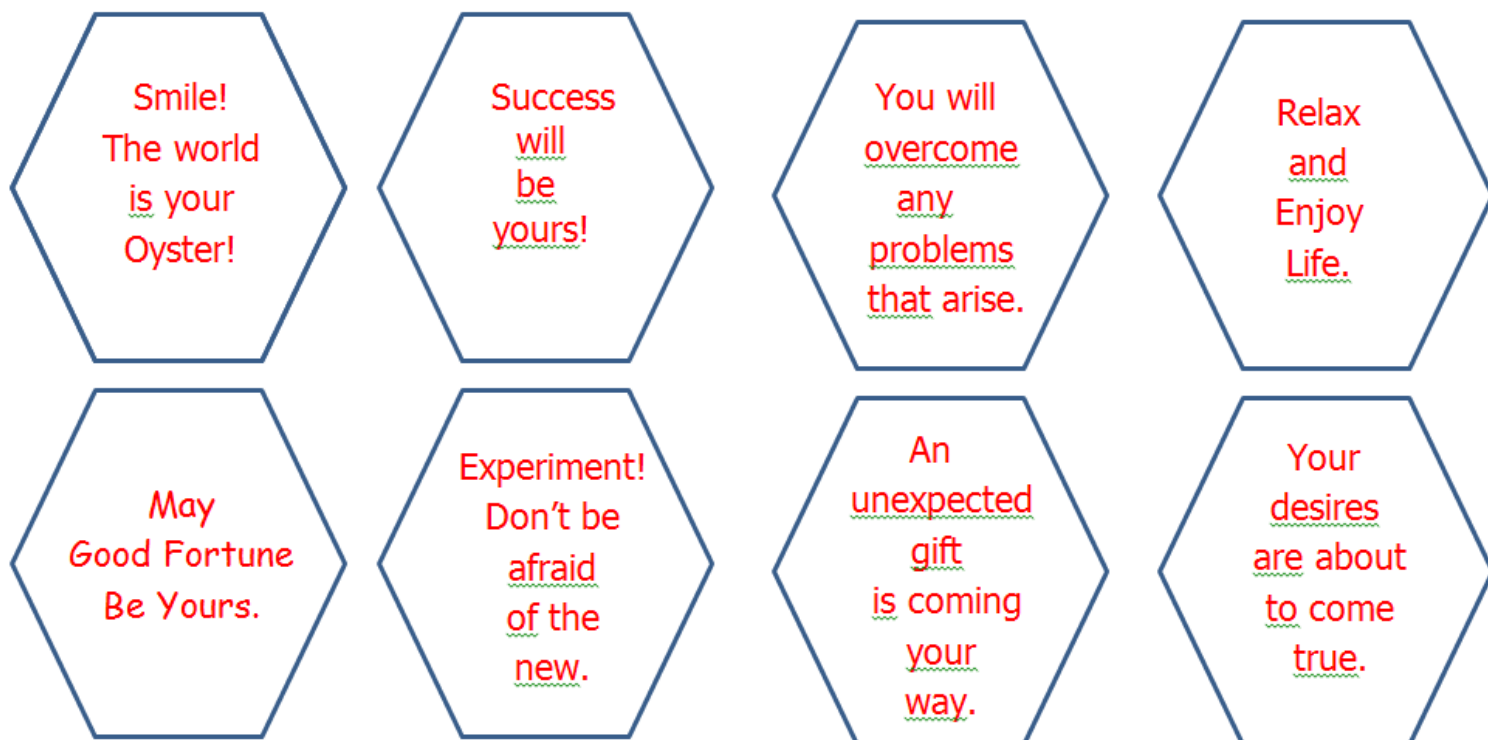
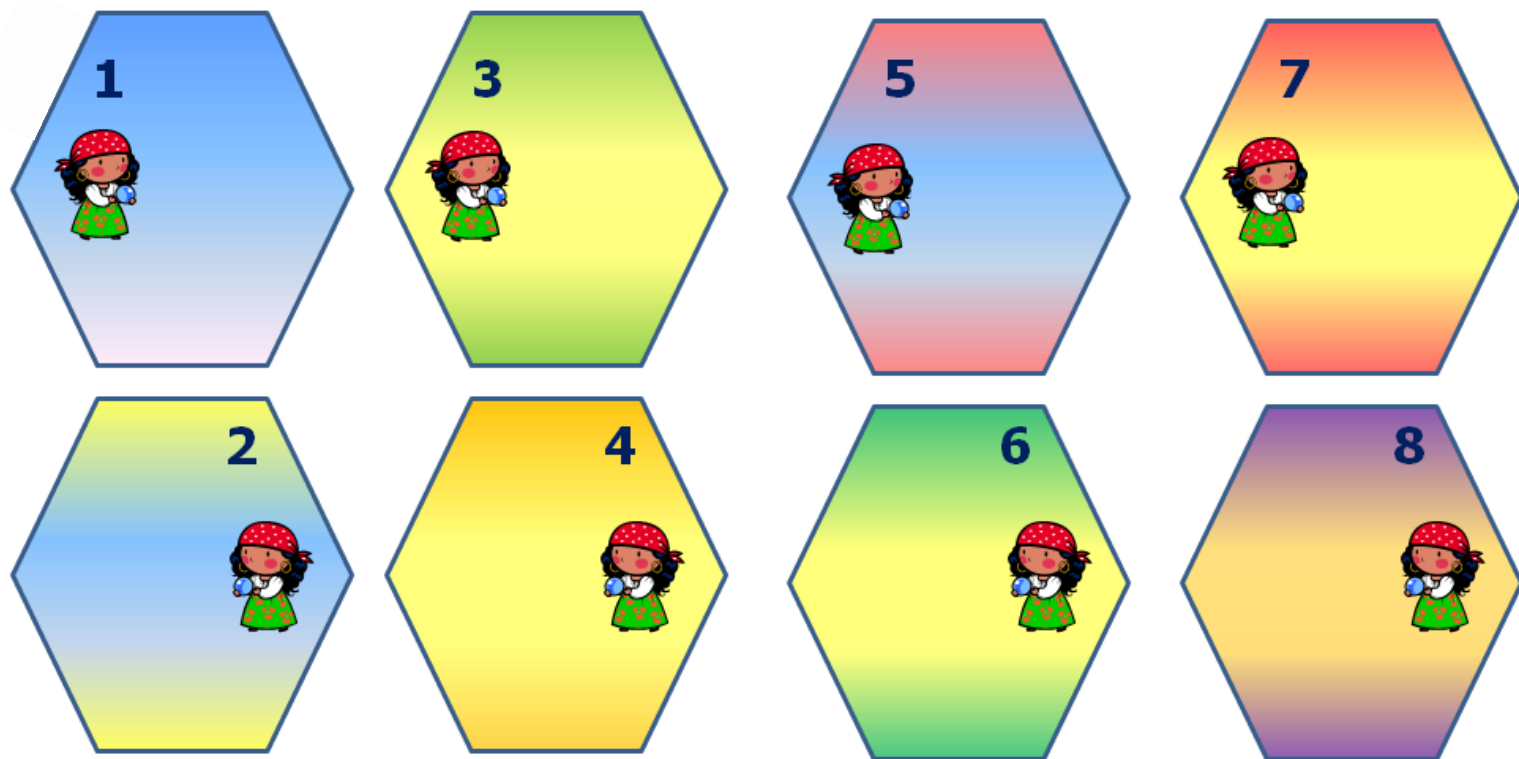


Print this page.

Cut out the hexagons and glue the gypsy-number sides to a fortune side.

Stick glue works well. The double-sided paper will make for a stronger, sturdier fortune that will last longer.

Then fold them vertically in half and slip into the Fortune Teller pockets.



OR you can print this page to add your own fortunes and #s.

Write a number above the gypsy and write the fortunes on the blank hexagons below.

Cut them out and glue both sides together to make a stronger, sturdier fortune that will last longer.

Stick glue works well. Then fold them vertically in half and slip into the Fortune Teller pockets.

