9 Colourful Crochet Blankets

BY HANNAH CROSS

THE YARN STASH SERIES

Hello from Hannah!

CROCHET DESIGNER AND BLOGGER

Hi!

I'm so delighted you are here with me to share in my crochet adventure. HanJan Crochet is a dream come true and I'm honoured to be able to call it my job.

HanJan Crochet started back in 2012 and since then I have had my designs, articles and features in publications such as Simply Crochet, Mollie Makes, The Crochet Foundry, Happily Hooked Magazine, Little Box of Crochet and so many more.

My first love when it comes to designing is for blankets - I just adore how you can lose yourself in the rhythm of a stitch whilst also being creative and expressive with colours (and using up your yarn stash too of course!)

I'd love for you to find out more about me and join me in all things crochet!

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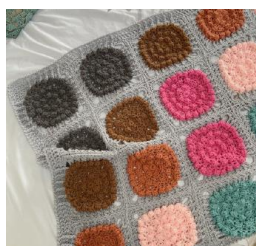
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Yarn and Tools

CHOOSING THE RIGHT ONES FOR YOU

I often get asked about what the best yarn is to use for a blanket and it's something I find tricky to answer because it really depends on so many things.

Firstly, I would think about what sort of yarn you like working with - acrylic, wool, cotton and so on. You are going to invest lots of time into making any crochet blanket and so you need to enjoy using the yarn you choose. I know I don't enjoy projects nearly as much if I'm not in love with the yarn!

Secondly, who is the project going to be for? If it's a baby blanket then think about perhaps using a soft acrylic for sensitive skin (plus it washes well!). Or perhaps choose a heavier cotton if it's going to be a sofa throw or play blanket? If you are making a really special grown up treat of a blanket then I say go all out and use a luxury yarn, it is so worth it!

Best blanket yarns

Most of the blankets in this book were made with yarn from my stash! I bet if you search in yours then you'd have the perfect combo too!

I have made colour suggestions for each blanket but if you'd like to read more about it then read my article about the best yarn for crochet blankets and be sure to download my free guide too!

Take care of your hands too

When taking on big crochet blankets (or any crochet project in fact!) it's so important to take care of the health of your hands and choose the right hook too.

Here are some of my favourites that keep me crocheting happily away every day:

- Dot Hooks
- Clover Amour Hooks
- Furls Hooks
- Knit Pro Hooks

Choosing Colour

FINDING GREAT COMBINATIONS

I've always thought you need to be really trendy to pull off new and exciting colour combinations but recently I've discovered I was wrong.

During my years designing I've come to realise that colour is such a wonderful way to express yourself that as long as it makes you happy and excited then you will be by far the trendiest person in the room.

Like anything in life, if you say it, do it and own it with confidence then you're already halfway there. Mix this with the joy of crochet and you have a winning formula in my book, not only can you work with colours that you love but you actually get to make something with them too!

I admire the stunningly curated social media feeds that have a clear colour theme. You know the ones I mean, the monotone, soft pastel, moody botanical ones that look amazing but I just can't bring myself to not use bright and vibrant colours in crochet.

Some of my most popular designs have been those that have a wide variety of colour in them and I must confess I've loved making them too. There is something about lots of colour that makes me happy and it seems it does others too.

How do we make these colours work though? How do we stay current? How do we explore new ideas?

I've found the best way to find a new exciting colour palette for crochet is to raid my stash and literally pull out lots of colours that excite me and then add a few surprises to make the design pop. With most of my designs, especially my Yarn Stash Series and my Kaleidoscope Mandala CAL, I've steered away from anything gender specific and I've loved the results. My favourite combination to date is my Larksfoot Blanket. I chose a few blues, added a rusty brown, orange and yellow then a coral to brighten the whole thing.

If your yarn stash isn't that big yet then most yarn companies do little shade cards you can order but I also find the accuracy of colours online is getting great so I often take snaps and then put them together on the computer so I can see how they work and shuffle them about.

Yes, I'm that much of a colour geek.

So what is there to do about staying on trend with colour, crocheting beautiful items you will cherish and being true to yourself? Can you achieve all three? Yes, I believe you absolutely can.

It doesn't matter if your projects don't have all the new season colours, you just need to take inspiration from them and use what feels right for you.

Colours evoke really strong emotions so there's absolutely no point in crocheting a crazy bright blanket if the palette makes you anxious or similarly don't go for a dark grey project if it makes you feel, well, grey.

The best advice I can give is to experiment with colours, enjoy trying out new combinations. Somewhere along the way you will find the magic formula that feels right for you. That is until your child requests a jumper in the most awful shade of green and then you just need to remember that love is colour blind....

My top colour combination tip

I always take time to swatch for colour because it's so much fun!

Experiment with whatever yarn comes to hand and I guarantee you'll find new combinations.

Don't overthink it, don't worry about yarn weight or fibre, just focus on the colour!

Assam Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE AFTERNOON TEA COLLECTION

Using a fun combination of post stitches, the Assam Blanket is packed full of texture and creates a really cosy fabric.

Difficulty
Intermediate

Recommended Yarn
Any Category 3 (DK) weight yarn

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 90cm by 84cm

Tension
14st and 9 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes
The ch3 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch (or using a stacked stitch if you prefer)

The ch1 at the beginning of a row does not count as a stitch.

Yarn Suggestion

The yarn I used is sadly discontinued but I've found some amazing colour matches here:

Hayfield Bonus DK

100% acrylic; 280m(306yds)/100g

1 ball of each:

A: Denim 994
B: Powder Blue 960
C: Olive 791
D: Auburn 581
E: Peacock 560
F: Golden 595

Assam Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

MAIN BLANKET

Foundation chain: Ch117 (any multiple of 4+1).
Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and each across. [116].
Row 2: Ch3, dc in each across.
Row 3: Ch3, * FPdc in 2, dc in 2, rep from * to last 3st, FPdc in 2, dc in last.
Row 4: Ch3, * BPdc in 2, dc in 2, rep from * to last 3st, BPdc in 2, dc in last.
Row 5: Repeat Row 3.
Row 6: Repeat Row 4.
Row 7: Ch3, * dc in 2, FPdc in 2, rep from * to last 3st, dc in 3.
Row 8: Ch3, * dc in 2, BPdc in 2, rep from * to last 3st, dc in 3.
Row 9: Repeat row 7.
Row 10: Repeat row 8.
Rows 3-10: Create the pattern.
Rows 11-74: Repeat the pattern in the colour sequence given.

TOP AND BOTTOM BORDERS

Add the following border to the top and bottom of the blanket to complete using the colour sequence given.

Rows 1-6: Ch1, hdc in each across.
Fasten off and <u>weave in all ends</u> to finish.

MAIN BLANKET COLOUR SEQUENCE

Change colour after each repeat of Row 6 and Row 10:
A, B, A, B, C, A, C, B, D, C, D, E, F, D, E, F, E, F.

TOP BORDER COLOUR SEQUENCE

Change colour every two rows:
A, B, C.

BOTTOM BORDER COLOUR SEQUENCE

Change colour every two rows:
F, E, D.

Yarn Alternatives

Choosing yarn is so important (and fun!) but I know it's great to have options depending on your budget, here are some great alternatives I've found. Whatever yarn you choose, just make sure to check your gauge before starting your project as they will all be slightly different.

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<u>Sirdar Snuggly DK</u>
55% nylon, 45% acrylic, 165m/50g

££

<u>Bellissima by Stylecraft</u>
100% acrylic, 268m/100g

£

<u>Simply DK by Paintbox Yarns</u>
100% acrylic, 276m/100g

Darjeeling Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE AFTERNOON TEA COLLECTION

A light and airy wavy lace stitch makes this a perfect Summer blanket to enjoy outdoors to just take that chill off in the evenings.

Difficulty
Intermediate

Recommended Yarn
Any Category 3 (DK) weight yarn

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 108cm by 80cm

Tension
14st and 6.5 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes

The ch5 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch and ch2.

Yarn Suggestion

The yarn I used is sadly discontinued but I've found some amazing colour matches here:

Hayfield Bonus DK

100% acrylic;
280m(306yds)/100g

1 ball of each:

A: Fields of Gold 666
B: Mauve 646
C: Silver Mist 678
D: Pearl Grey 615
E: Moon 561
F: Ocean Blue 609

Stitch Pattern

Find the full stitch

tutorial here:

Lacy Wave Stitch

Tutorial

Darjeeling Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Foundation chain: Ch112 (any multiple of 11+2).
Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, * ch2, skip 2ch, dc in next 2, ch2, skip 2ch, sc in next 5, rep from * across. [111].
Row 2: Ch5, dc in 1st st, * (ch1, skip 1, dc in next) twice, ch1, dc in next ch2-sp, skip 2dc **, 5dc in next ch2-sp, ch2, dc in next st, rep from * ending last rep at **, 4dc in last ch2-sp, dc in last.
Row 3: Ch5, dc in 1st st, * (ch1, skip 1, dc in next) twice, ch1, skip 1, dc in next ch, skip (dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc), 5dc in next ch2-sp **, ch2, dc in next, rep from * ending last rep at **.

Rows 4-71: Repeat Row 3 following colour sequence given.

Fasten off and weave in all ends to finish.

BLANKET COLOUR SEQUENCE

Unless otherwise stated, work one row in each colour (unless stated otherwise) of the sequence as follows:

A, B, C, D, E, F, C, E, B, D, A, F,
6 rows of C,
E, C,
6 rows of E,
B, E,
6 rows of B,
D, B,
6 rows of D,
A, D,
6 rows of A,
F, A,
6 rows of F,
A, B, C, D, E, F, C, E, B, D, A, F.

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Granny Block Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE YARN STASH SERIES

A lovely take on the classic granny stitch, this blanket is so easy to adapt and perfect for your stash too!

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
Any Category 3 (DK) weight yarn (approx 300g)

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 76cm by 70cm

Tension
12st and 9 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes

The ch3 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch.

The ch1 at the beginning of a row does not count as a stitch.

Yarn Suggestion

The yarn I used was all from my old stash but here's some colour match ideas to help:

Hayfield Bonus DK

100% acrylic; 280m(306yds)/100g

1 ball of each:

A: Azure 824
B: Bluebell 969
C: Burnt Orange 647
D: Denim 994
E: Pearl Grey 615
F: Fawn 571
G: Neon Blue 553
H: Olive 791

Stitch Pattern

Find the full stitch

tutorial here:

Granny Block Stitch

Tutorial

Granny Block Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Foundation chain: ch80 (or any multiple of 2)

Row 1: hdc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch1, skip 1, hdc, rep from * across

Row 2: ch3, *3dc in each ch1-sp across, dc in last

Row 3: ch1, hdc in same, *ch1, hdc between groups of 3dc, rep from * across to last set of 3dc, ch1, hdc in last st

Rows 2 and 3 create the pattern.

Rows 4-67: Repeat the pattern.

I used the same colour for every odd numbered row but then changed for every even numbered row.

To finish either weave in the ends or tie them to create tassels.

Resizing Guide

To adjust the size of your blanket, you can just work more or less stitches and rows as follows:

Type of blanket	Finished blanket size (cm)	Foundation chain length	No. of rows to work
Security	36 x 43	44	39
Baby	76 x 89	92	79
Lapghan	107 x 132	128	119
Throw	132 x 152	158	137
Single Bed	150 x 216	180	195

Lapsang Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE AFTERNOON TEA COLLECTION

Crochet cables can seem so tricky but this easy and relaxing single row repeat will make you a fan in no time!

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
Any Category 3 (DK) weight yarn (approx 400g)

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 95cm by 80cm

Tension
15st and 6 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes
The ch3 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch.

Yarn Suggestion

The yarn I used is sadly discontinued but I've found some amazing colour matches here:

Hayfield Bonus DK

half a ball of each:

A: Fields of Gold 666
B: Mauve 646
C: Silver Mist 678
D: Pearl Grey 615
E: Moon 561
F: Ocean Blue 609
G: Denim 994
H: Powder Blue 960
I: Olive 791
J: Auburn 581
K: Peacock 560
L: Golden 595

Lapsang Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Foundation chain: Ch120 (any multiple of 4).

Row 1 (RS): dc in 5th ch from hook, dc in 2, work a dc over the 3dc just made, * skip 1ch, dc in next 3, work a dc over the 3dc just made, rep from * to last, dc in last. [118].

Row 2: Ch3, * dc in 3, work a dc over the 3dc just made, skip next dc, rep from * to last, dc in last.

Rows 2-57: Repeat row 2 following the colour sequence. Fasten off and <u>weave in all ends</u> to finish.

BLANKET COLOUR SEQUENCE

Work one row in each colour of the sequence as follows:

J, C, G, D, A, H, E, B, I, F, L, K, J, L, A, E, B, C, I, D, F, H, G, K, G, H, F, D, I, C, B, E, A, L, J, L, A, E, B, C, I, D, F, H, G, K, L, F, I, B, E, H, A, D, G, C, J.

You can of course use any number of colours in any sequence to create your blanket!

It would look amazing in large colour blocks of perhaps 2 or 3 colours or a rainbow using as many colours as you possibly can!

Stitch Pattern

Find the full stitch tutorial here:

<u>Simple Cable Stitch Tutorial</u>

Larksfoot Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE YARN STASH SERIES

A much easier than it looks stitch that works perfectly with a riot of colours to give a stunning blanket.

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
Stylecraft Special DK

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 85cm by 100cm

Tension
11st and 7 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes

The ch3 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch.

The ch4 at the beginning of a row counts as a ch1 and a st.

Larksfoot Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

I changed colour after every two rows in a random combination but you can do whatever you like with your blanket to make it your own.

Foundation chain: ch100 (or any multiple of 4)
Row 1: dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next, *ch1, sk1, dc in 3, rep from *across [98]
Row 2: ch3, dc in 2, *ch1,sk1, dc in 3, rep from *across, change colour
Row 3: ch4, sk1, dc in next, extended dc in ch1-sp two rows below, dc in next, *ch1, sk1, dc in next^, extended dc in ch1-sp two rows below, dc in next, rep from *across, ending at ^the last time.
Row 4: ch4, sk1, dc in 3, *ch1, sk1, dc in 3, rep from *across to last two, ch1, sk1, dc in last, change colour
Row 5: ch3, extended dc in ch1-sp two rows below, dc in next, *ch1, sk1, dc in next, extended dc in ch1-sp two rows below, dc in next, rep from *across
Row 6: ch3, dc in 2, *ch1, sk1, dc in 3, rep from * across, change colour

Rows 3-6 create the pattern.

Rows 7-70: Repeat the pattern.
Rows 71-72: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 to finish.

Resizing Guide

To adjust the size of your blanket, you can just work more or less stitches and rows as follows:

Type of blanket	Finished blanket size (cm)	Foundation chain length	No. of rows to work
Security	36 x 43	44	32
Baby	76 x 89	92	60
Lapghan	107 x 132	128	92
Throw	132 x 152	158	104
Single Bed	150 x 216	180	152

Find the full stitch tutorial here:

Larksfoot Stitch Tutorial

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Oolong Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE AFTERNOON TEA COLLECTION

This blanket uses the cabbage patch stitch which grows so fast and is so much fun too!

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
Any Category 3 (DK) weight yarn

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 104cm by 86cm

Tension
18st and 7 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes

The ch3 at the beginning of a row always counts as a stitch.

Oolong Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Foundation chain: Ch159.
Row 1 (RS): 4dc into 5th ch from hook, * skip next 3ch, 4dc in next ch, rep from * to last 2ch, 1dc in last ch. [158].
Row 2: Ch3, skip 1st dc, * cross2dc, rep from * to across, dc in last st.
Row 3: Ch3, work 4dc into each ch2-sp across, dc in last.
Row 4: Repeat row 2

Rows 3 and 4 create the pattern.

Rows 5-72: Repeat the pattern, changing colour following the sequence after each pattern repeat (every two rows).

Fasten off and <u>weave in all ends</u> to finish.

BLANKET COLOUR SEQUENCE

Work two rows in each colour of the sequence as follows:

D, G, J, I, L, F, C, E, B, A, H, K, L, D, I, F, B, C, H, A, K, J, G, E, C, D, H, F, L, E, J, G, B, I, A, K.

You can of course use any number of colours in any sequence to create your blanket!

It would look amazing in large colour blocks of perhaps 2 or 3 colours or just use 2 colours and alternate them every 2 rows.

Stitch Pattern

Find the full stitch tutorial here:

<u>Cabbage Patch Stitch Tutorial</u>

Rainbow Splash Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

MOSAIC OVERLAY CROCHET

We all enjoy a splash of colour in our lives and the Rainbow Splash Blanket gives us exactly the boost that we need.

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
I used Scheepjes Cahlista

Hook
A 5mm (US H) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 82cm by 74cm

Tension
14st and 12 rows = 10cm by 10cm

Notes

A ch1 at the beginning of a row does not count as a stitch.

Work in the back loop of stitches throughout.

Yarn Suggestion

Scheepjes Cahlista

100% cotton aran - 85m/50g

This project is perfect for yarn stash busting! You will need approximately 500g/850m of yarn to make the same size blanket.

If you'd like to match the colour way used here, see page 22 for details.

Technique Notes

Always work from the RS (right side) of the piece. At the end of each row, break the yarn and return to the 1st stitch of that row with RS facing to start the next row.

Leave tails long enough to create a 6cm fringe on either end of your work.

Yarn Alternatives

Here are a few great options:

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Twill by WeCrochet
100% superwash merino wool, 100m/50g would create a really beautiful and luxurious blanket.

££
Swish Worsted by WeCrochet
100% superwash merino wool, 100m/50g and it comes in the most glorious colours!

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Paintbox Simply Aran
100% acrylic, 184m/100g for a fabulous blanket that will wash and wear well.
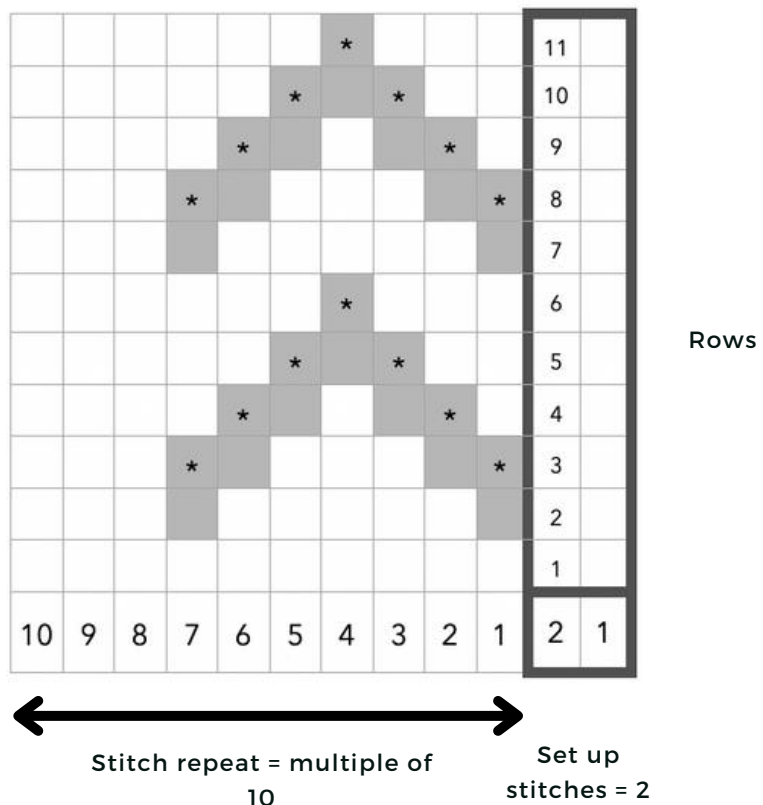
Chart

The chart is read from the bottom to the top with each row of the chart representing a row of crochet.

Each square on the chart represents a stitch. A stitch will either be a UK dc/ US sc in the black loop only or a UK tr/ US dc in the front loop only of the stitch 2 rows below.

A star in the square indicates where to work a UK tr/ US dc in the front loop only of the stitch 2 rows below.

If there isn't a star in the square below then work a UK dc/ US sc in the black loop only.

The shaded section shows where the pattern will sit on the blanket.

Rows

Stitch repeat = multiple of 10

Set up stitches = 2

Rainbow Splash Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Foundation chain: using A, ch102

Row 1: RS: sc in 2nd ch from hook and each across [101], break the yarn, leave a tail for fringe and return to the first stitch of this row just worked with RS facing to start the next row. Repeat this for every row you work.

Row 2: (working in back loops throughout now) using B, ch1, sc in each across.

Row 3: using C, ch1, sc in 2, *dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 5, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 3, rep from * 8 more times, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 5, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 2.

Row 4: using D, sc in 3, *dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 3, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 5, rep from * 8 more times, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 3, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 3.

Row 5: using E, sc in 4, *dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 1, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 7, rep from * 8 more times, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 1, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 4.

Row 6: using F, sc in 5, *dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 9, rep from * 8 more times, dc in unworked FL of st 2 rows below, sc in 5.

Rows 3-6 create the pattern.

Repeat the pattern 24 more times in the following colour sequence:

7: G, 8: H, 9: I, 10: J, 11: K, 12: L, 13: M, 14: N, 15: O, 16: P, 17: Q, 18: R, 19: S, 20: T, 21: U, 22: V, 23: W, 24: X, 25: Y, 26: Z, 27: AA, 28: BB, 29: CC, 30: DD, 31: EE, 32: FF, 33-38: A 39-42: C, 43-46: D, 47-50: E, 51-54: M, 55-58: R, 59-62: Y, 63-66: EE, 67: A, 68: B, 69: C, 70: D, 71: E, 72: F, 73: G, 74: H, 75: I, 76: J, 77: K, 78: L, 79: M, 80: N, 81: O, 82: P, 83: Q, 84: R, 85: S, 86: T, 87: U, 88: V, 89: W, 90: X, 91: Y, 92: Z, 93: AA, 94: BB, 95: CC, 96: DD, 97: EE, 98:FF, 99-103: A.

Finish the blanket by creating the fringe. Tie four strands of ends together along each side of the blanket. Tie securely as you won't be weaving in the ends.

Yarn Colours

A: Bridal White 105
B: Primrose 522
C: Yellow Gold 208
D: Royal Orange 189
E: Hot Red 115
F: Candy Apple 516
G: Rich Coral 410
H: Apricot 524
I: Old Rose 408
J: Marshmallow 518
K: Soft Rose 409
L: Cornelia Rose 256
M: Shocking Pink 114
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BB: Tropic 253
CC: Emerald 515
DD: Kiwi 205
EE: Lime 512
FF: Lime Juice 392

Ripple Stitch Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

FROM THE YARN STASH SERIES

The Ripple Stitch Blanket is a must for anyone learning to crochet or for a pro looking for a quick stash-busting project.

Difficulty
Easy

Recommended Yarn
Stylecraft Special DK

Hook
A 6mm (US J) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 75cm by 52cm

Tension
16st and 8 rows = 10cm by 10cm over pattern

Notes

The ch1 at the beginning of a row does not count as a stitch.

Yarn Suggestion

Stylecraft Special DK

100% acrylic - 295m/100g
Cream (1005)
Plum (1061)
Turquoise(1068)
Pale Rose (1080)
Magenta (1084)
Stone (1710)
Parma Violet (1724)
Sage (1725)
Empire (1829)

Ripple Stitch Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

I changed colour after every row in a random combination but you can do whatever you like with your blanket to make it your own.

Foundation chain: ch85 (or any multiple of 17)
Row 1: hdc in 4th ch from hook, hdc in 5, (hdc, ch1, hdc) in next, hdc in 7, *skip 2st, hdc in 7, (hdc, ch1, hdc) in next, hdc in 7, rep from * across.

Row 2: Work in BL only for this row – ch1, hdc, hdc2tog, hdc in 5, (hdc, ch1, hdc) in ch1-sp, *hdc in 7, skip 2st, hdc in 7, (hdc, ch1, hdc) in ch1-sp, rep from * across to last 8, hdc in 5, hdc2tog, hdc in last.

Rows 3-60: Repeat Row 2

To finish either <u>weave in the ends</u> or tie them to create tassels.

Resizing Guide

To adjust the size of your blanket, you can just work more or less stitches and rows as follows:

Type of blanket	Finished blanket size (cm)	Foundation chain length	No. of rows to work
Security	36 x 43	66	35
Baby	76 x 89	119	71
Lapghan	107 x 132	170	108
Throw	132 x 152	221	122
Single Bed	150 x 216	255	172

Stitch Pattern

Find the full stitch tutorial here:

<u>Ripple Stitch Tutorial</u>

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From garment making to colour choice, pattern reading to stitch tutorials - I'd love you to take a look! Here are just a few you might like:

Super Alexa Blanket

BY HANNAH CROSS

CHUNKY, QUICK AND FUN

Bursting with colour, texture and cozy fun, the Super Alexa Blanket is a must make blanket everyone will enjoy.

Difficulty
Intermediate

Recommended Yarn
Paintbox Yarns Simply Chunky

Hook
A 10mm (US P) crochet hook

Other Materials and Tools
Scissors
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Size
The finished blanket measures 142cm by 116cm

Tension
Each square motif measures 26cm by 26cm with the centre 2 rounds 8cm in diameter, but tension isn't essential

Make a mini Alexa
If you'd like to make a baby sized Alexa blanket that measures approx 80cm by 64cm then simply switch the yarn for a double knit weight and use a hook that gets you squares that measure approx 15cm by 15cm.

Yarn Suggestion
Paintbox Yarns Simply Chunky

100% acrylic, 136m/100g

6 balls of Misty Grey

2 balls each of
Slate Grey
Soft Fudge
Vintage Pink
Bubblegum Pink
Ballet Pink
Washed Teal
Dolphin Blue

Technique Notes

A ch1 or ch2 at the beginning of a round does not count as a stitch.

Yarn Alternatives

Here are a few great options:

£££
Cascade 128 Superwash
100% Merino Wool, 117m/100g a really luxurious yarn to work with

££
Lion Brand Woolspun
80% acrylic, 20% wool, 118m/100g and a great value yarn

£
WeCrochet Brava Bulky Yarn
100% acrylic, 135yds/100g acrylic yarn in a wide range of shades

Special Stitches

Cluster/cl stitch:

For a 3dc cluster stitch (3dc-Cl) begin as if to double crochet in next stitch, but don't complete the stitch and leave two loops on the hook. Repeat this again, crocheting as if to make a double crochet but don't complete the stitch and leave three loops on the hook. Continue to do this, working into the same stitch, until there are 4 loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through all 4 loops on the hook.

To work a 4dc-Cl just add another stitch before completing the stitch with 5 loops on the hook.

Schematic Image

Watch a video tutorial here

Super Alexa Blanket

US Terminology - see page 29 for UK conversion chart

Make 20 square motifs using the following pattern, in the colours shown in the schematic image. The final 2 rounds of each square is worked in Misty Grey.

SQUARE MOTIFS

Start each motif by making a magic ring.

Round 1: WS: ch2 (does not count as st), 12dc into magic ring, ss in first st to join [12 sts]
Round 2: ch1, *3dc-Cl, ss in next st, repeat from * around, ss in first st to join [6 x 3dc-Cl, 6 x ss]
Round 3: ch2, 2dc in each st around, ss in first st to join [24dc]
Round 4: Repeat Round 2 [12 x 3dc-Cl, 12 x ss =24 sts]
Round 5: ch2, *2dc in next st, dc in next st, rep from * around, ss in first st to join [36 dc]
Round 6: ch1, *4dc-Cl, sc in next st, (4dc-Cl, sc) in next st, repeat from * around, ss in first st to join [24 x 4dc-Cl, 24 x sc = 48 sts] TURN work to RS facing and continue.

Change to Misty Grey.

Round 7: ch2, *dc in next 12, ch3, rep from * three more time, ss in first st to join [48 dc, 4 x ch3-sps]
Round 8: ch2, *FPdc in next st, BPdc in next st to ch3-sp, 5dc in ch3-sp, rep from * three more times, ss in first to join [68 sts]

Lightly block your motifs and then join them following the colour chart with a slip stitch flat seam to RS in Misty Grey.

BORDER

With RS facing, join Misty Grey to top RH corner st to begin working along a long side.

Round 1: ch1, **3hdc in corner st, hdc in next 2 sts, *(FPdc in next st, hdc in next st) 6 times, hdc in 6, rep from * to 2sts before next corner stitch, hdc in next 2, rep from ** around, ss in first st to join [328 sts]
Round 2: ss to next st (corner stitch), ch2, **(dc, ch2, dc) in corner st, dc in next 3sts, *(FPdc in next st, hdc in next st) 6 times, dc in 6, rep from * to 3sts before next corner stitch, dc in next 3, rep from ** around, ss in first st to join [332 sts, 4 x ch2-sps]
Round 3: ss to ch2-sp, ch2, **(dc, ch1, dc) in corner st, dcin next 4sts, *(FPdc in next st, hdc in next st) 6 times, dc in 6, rep from * to 4sts before next corner st, dc in next 4, rep from ** around, ss in first st to join [340 sts, 4 x ch2-sps]
Round 4: ch1, reverse sc in each st around, ss in first st to join [348 sts]

Fasten off and <u>weave in all ends</u> to complete. Block lightly again.

Glossary

CROCHET STITCH CONVERSIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

STITCHES

US Terminology	UK Terminology
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble crochet
dc - double crochet	tr - treble crochet
tr - treble crochet	dtr - double treble crochet

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	beginning
blo	back loop only
BP	back post
ch(s)	chain(s)
ch-	refers to ch made previously, e.g. ch-2
cl	cluster
flo	front loop only
FP	front post
rep	repeat
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp(s)	space(s)
ss	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side
*	work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as many more times as directed
()	work all the instructions in brackets for as many times as directed

Yarn Alternatives and Links

I thought having them in one place might be helpful for you to find things more easily.

YARN

Double Knit Weight Yarns

Sirdar Snuggly DK	https://bit.ly/3cudArA
Rico Creative Cotton DK	https://bit.ly/3iuvM83
Bellisima by StyleCraft	https://bit.ly/352phl7
Simply DK by Paintbox	https://bit.ly/2RDnjoj
Alpaca Cloud DK	https://shrsl.com/2jnjj
by WeCrochet	

Aran Weight Yarns

Simply Aran by Paintbox	https://bit.ly/3ct7lUY

Worsted Weight Yarns

Brava Worsted	https://shrsl.com/2o9rk
Twill	https://shrsl.com/2ycqn
Swish	https://shrsl.com/2o9rd
by WeCrochet	

Chunky Weight Yarns

Simply Chunky Paintbox	https://bit.ly/3irImF8
Cascade 128 Superwash	https://bit.ly/3goutoA
Woolspun LionBrand	https://shrsl.com/2u2ik
Brava Bulky	https://shrsl.com/2jcrk
by WeCrochet	

TOOLS

Crochet Hooks

Dot Hooks	https://shrsl.com/3vmzi
Knit Pro	https://bit.ly/3pBxdDj

Other

Scissors	https://shrsl.com/2ijmc
Tapestry Needle	https://shrsl.com/2ijm5
Stitch Markers	https://shrsl.com/3kk8e

TUTORIALS AND HANJAN STORES

Alexa Video	https://bit.ly/3wbrwP8	Etsy Store	https://tidd.ly/348wbpu
Ripple Stitch	https://bit.ly/3gj4i2B	Ravelry Store	https://bit.ly/3ctG0C9
Cabbage Patch Stitch	https://bit.ly/3pARqJk	Subscriber link	https://bit.ly/3vcYpK0
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Granny Block Stitch	https://bit.ly/3v6Dubk	Best Yarn Article	https://www.hanjancrochet.com/best-yarn-for-crochet-blankets/
Lacy Wave Stitch	https://bit.ly/35057Iq		

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