

Sunshine & Showers

Crochet Along Blanket






After the dull days of winter we are beginning to see the promise of spring. The days are getting a little longer and the garden is starting to come back to life. The birds are busy building nests and there is far more activity out in the garden. Although we live on the outskirts of our beloved capital city we are also very close to fields and woods, so we are lucky to see lots of wildlife. Of course, we don't have to go far to see the evidence of urban foxes and the destructive squirrels, but not far away we can also see rabbits, deer and other little furry beings busy in the spring sunshine.

When thinking about the design for March I decided to try to crochet a design that looked like rabbits in the countryside. You can see below my trial scraps of crochet and can probably guess from those that I soon discovered the rabbit idea would make things pretty complicated (and a bit cheesy!) so in the end I went down a little more abstract route by coming up with a design which I hope emulates the idea of rabbit ears emerging from holes. By changing the yarn shades used for the cluster stitches I hope that the pattern also looks a little bit like crocuses and daffodils beginning to bloom.

MATERIALS

Stylecraft Special DK
100% Premium Acrylic,
100g, 295m (322yds)

	Turquoise (1068)	1 ball
	Khaki (1027)	1 ball
	Meadow (1065)	1 ball
	Graphite (1063)	1 ball
	Lime (1712)	1 ball
	Spice (1711)	1 ball
	Fondant (1241)	1 ball

EQUIPMENT

- Stitch Markers
- 4mm, 4.5mm hooks
- Knitter's needle

TENSION

20 sts x 22 rows = 10cm (4in)
measured over dc

Finished size:

186 x 95-96cm (73¼ x 37½-38in)

Blanket construction:

The blanket is made in four pieces, which will be joined together later on to make one blanket. You need to repeat each stage so that you have the correct pieces of crochet completed to the same point at the end of each pattern stage.



For basic stitch terms and tutorials take a look at the [Janie Crow YouTube channel](#) or the [free technique documents on the website](#).

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Start Crocheting

● Undo stitch from holder to the point where you can change yarn shade to **Turquoise** on the final step of the stitch, turn.

● **Row 70 (RS):** Using **Turquoise** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end changing yarn shade to **Khaki** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**

● **Row 71:** Using **Khaki**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end changing yarn shade to **Meadow** on the final step of the last st, turn.

● **Row 72:** Using **Meadow**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, turn.



Row 73 (WS): 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each next 3 sts, * 3ch, miss 3 sts, 1dc into each next 3 sts; repeat from * to end changing yarn shade to **Graphite** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(28 holes made)**

Change to **4mm hook**.



● **Row 74:** Using **Graphite** and **4mm hook**, 4ch (counts as 1 tr, 1 ch) * [tr3tog, 3ch, tr3tog] into next ch-sp, 1ch, miss 3 dc; repeat from * to last st, 1tr into last st, changing yarn shade to **Lime** on the final step of the last st, turn.

Change to **4.5mm hook**.



● **Row 75 (WS):** Using **Lime** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch, 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, 2dc into next ch-sp, * miss tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 3ch-sp, miss tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 1ch-sp; repeat from * 26 times, miss tr3tog made on previous row, 2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into 3rd ch of 4-ch made at beginning of last row changing yarn shade to **Meadow** on the final step of the last st, turn.



● **Row 76:** Using **Meadow**, 1ch (does not count as a st) 1dc into each st to end, turn. **(171 sts)**



Row 77: 1ch (does not count as a st) 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, 2ch, miss 2 sts, * 1dc into each next 3 sts, 3ch, miss 3 dc; repeat from * 26 times, 1dc into each next 3 sts, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1dc into last st changing yarn shade to **Spice** on the final step of the last st, turn.

Change to **4mm hook**.



● **Row 78:** Using **Spice** and **4mm hook**, 4ch, (counts as 1 tr, 1 ch), tr3tog into next 2ch-sp, 1ch, * [tr3tog, 3ch, tr3tog] into next 3ch-sp, 1ch, miss 3 dc; repeat from * to last ch-sp, tr3tog into next 2ch-sp, 1ch, 1tr into into last st, changing yarn shade to **Khaki** on the final step of the last st, turn.



Change to **4mm hook**.



● **Row 79 (WS):** Using **Khaki** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, 2dc into next 1ch-sp, * 3ch, miss tr3tog and 1 ch and tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 3ch-sp; repeat from * 26 times, 3ch, miss tr3tog and 1 ch and tr3tog made on previous row, 2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into 3rd ch of 4-ch made at beginning of last row, changing yarn shade to Fondant on the final step of the last st, turn.

Change to **4mm hook**.



● **Row 80:** Using **Fondant** and **4mm hook**, 4ch (counts as 1tr, 1ch), miss 3dc, working over last row tr3tog into next 2ch-sp made on Row 78, 3ch, tr3tog into same ch-sp, * 1ch, miss 3dc, working over last row [tr3tog, 3ch, tr3tog] into next ch-sp made on Row 78; repeat from * to last 3 sts, 1ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr into next st changing yarn shade to Meadow on the final step of the last st, turn.



Change to **4mm hook**.

● **Row 81:** Using **Meadow** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, 2dc into next ch-sp, * miss tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 3ch-sp, miss tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 1ch-sp; repeat from * 26 times, miss tr3tog made on previous row, 3dc into next 3ch-sp, miss tr3tog made on previous row, 2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into 3rd ch of 4-ch made at beginning of last row, changing yarn shade to Turquoise on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



● **Row 82:** Using **Turquoise**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, place last st on holder. **(171 sts)**

Sew in yarn ends.

Work other piece to match. Each piece should measure approximately 53cm (20 7/8 in) from bottom edge x 92cm (36 1/4 in) wide.



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