

Sunshine & Showers

Crochet Along Blanket



Don't you just love the month of July? It's a month full of hope and promise for a lovely summer. It's a time when the evenings are long and when (with a bit of luck) we can all relax in the sunshine and have a few great days out at the beach or drive out into the countryside to spend a few hours in a pub garden or special café. When I was designing the pattern for this part I wanted to capture the feeling of the warm days and the longer evenings and so felt that a design styled on the sun itself would be very fitting. Techniques include fan stitches and decrease stitches.

MATERIALS

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

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|  | Pale Rose (1080) | 1 ball |
|  | Storm Blue (1722) | 1 ball |
|  | Meadow (1065) | 1 ball |
|  | Fondant (1241) | 1 ball |
|  | Duck Egg (1820) | 1 ball |
|  | Gold (1709) | 1 ball |
|  | Cream (1005) | 1 ball |
|  | Spice (1711) | 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 last st and rework to the point where you can change yarn shade to Pale Rose on the final step of the st, turn. You can choose to weave in one of your yarn ends over the next row if you wish - this is a technique that was shown the last instalment.

● **Row 20 (RS):** Using **Pale Rose** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, changing yarn shade to Spice on the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



● **Row 21 (WS):** Using **Spice**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each next 2 sts, * 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1dc into each next 2 sts; repeat from * to last st, 1dc into next st, changing yarn shade to Storm Blue on the final step of the last st, turn.

● **Row 22 (RS):** Using **Storm Blue** 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each next 3 sts, * 2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into each next 2 sts; repeat from * to end, changing yarn shade to Fondant on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



● **Row 23:** Using **Fondant**, work as Row 21, changing yarn shade to Duck Egg on the final step of the last st, turn.

● **Row 24:** Using **Duck Egg**, work as Row 22, changing yarn shade to Meadow on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**

● **Row 25:** Using **Meadow**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, changing yarn shade to Gold on the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



● **Row 26 (RS):** Using **Gold** and **4mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st) 1dc into each next 5 sts, * miss 2 sts, 7tr into next st to make fan, miss 2 sts, 1dc into each next 7 sts; repeat from * to end, omitting 2 dc on final pattern repeat, turn. **(14 fans made)**



● **Row 27:** 1ch (does not count as a st) 1dc into each next 3 sts, * 1ch, miss 2 sts, [1tr into top of next tr, 1ch] 7 times, miss 2 sts, 1dc into each next 3 sts; repeat from * to end, changing yarn shade to Cream on the final step of the last st, turn. **(14 fans made)**



● **Row 28 (RS):** Using **Cream** and **4.5mm hook** 1ch (does not count as a st), * 1dc into each next 2 sts, miss next st, [1dc into next ch-sp, 2dc into next ch-sp] twice, [2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into next ch-sp] twice; repeat from * to last 3 sts, 1dc into each next 3 sts, changing yarn shade to Duck Egg on the final step of the last st, turn. **(199 sts)**

The following row includes the instructions dc3tog (double crochet 3 stitches together) and dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together). These stitches are worked as a way of decreasing the stitch count. It is common to find the instruction dc2tog or dc3tog within everyday crochet patterns, but decreases like these can sometimes be worked over more stitches.

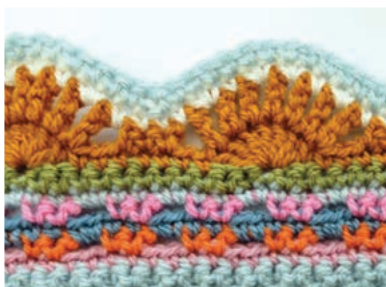


To work dc3tog insert your hook into the next st, wrap the yarn around the hook and draw through the stitch, repeat this action twice more so that 4 loops are on your hook (one loop was already there before you started the decrease), wrap the yarn around the hook again and draw through all 4 loops.



To work dc2tog work as for dc3tog but pick up 2 loops over 2 stitches instead of 3 loops over 3 stitches.

● **Row 29:** Using **Duck Egg**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into next st, dc3tog over next 3 sts, 1dc into each next 11 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, * 1dc into each next 12 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts; repeat from * to end, turn. **(183 sts)**



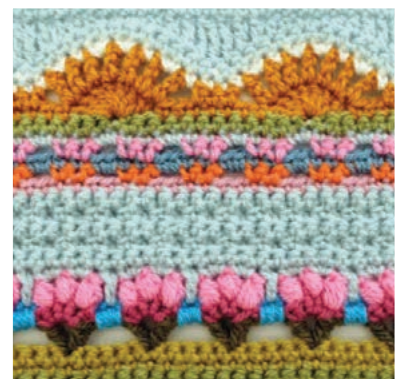
The following row includes the instruction dtr2tog (double treble crochet 2 stitches together).

To work dtr2tog wrap yarn around the hook twice, insert your hook into the next st, wrap the yarn around the hook and draw through the stitch, work the dtr stitch until one loop of yarn (plus the original loop) is left on the hook, thus stopping one step before completing of the stitch, repeat this action into the next stitch so that 3 loops are on your hook (one loop was already there before you started the decrease) wrap the yarn around the hook again and draw through all 3 loops.



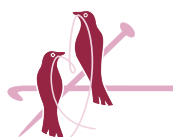
Row 30 (RS facing): Using **4mm hook**, 4ch (counts as 1dtr), miss st at base of 4-ch, 1dtr into next st, * 1tr into each next 2 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1dc into each next 2 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1tr into each next 2 sts, 1dtr into next st, dtr2tog over next 2 sts; repeat from * 12 more times, 1tr into each next 2 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1dc into each next 2 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1tr into each next 2 sts, 1dtr into each next 2 sts, turn. **(170 sts)**

Row 31: Staying on **4mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each next 84 sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each st to end, working last st into turning ch made at beginning of last row fasten off. **(171 sts)**



Work other piece to match. Each piece should measure 19cm (7½in).





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