

Sunshine & Showers

Crochet Along Blanket



As a real sun lover, there is not much I enjoy more than long, warm sunny days, so when we start the journey into autumn in September I always feel a little sad that the days will get shorter and colder. That said, September is by far my favourite month from a crochet point of view! I am always excited by what autumn will have in store in terms of projects, shows and events and love the fact that September is always a really busy and buzzing month.

MATERIALS

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

	Lime (1712)	1 ball
	Khaki (1027)	1 ball
	Meadow (1065)	1 ball
	Grape (1067)	1 ball
	Cream (1005)	1 ball
	Duck Egg (1820)	1 ball
	Storm Blue (1722)	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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Now you are going to start another blanket strip. Starting a new piece gives you a chance to revisit the techniques covered in Part One, such as making a chain and working your foundation rows.

Start crocheting

● Using **Duck Egg** and **4.5mm hook**, make 172ch.

When working your foundation row it is important that you do not twist your chain. The image on the left shows the Right Side (RS) of the chain and the image on the right shows the Wrong Side (WS) of the chain.



To help when counting the chain you could decide to put a marker in at every 10 or 20 sts.



● **Foundation row:** Miss 1 ch, 1dc into each ch to end, changing yarn shade to **Storm Blue** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



At the end of the row your tail end will be to the left-hand side. When you have the RS facing the tail will always be to the lefthand side. It is common for crochet to want to curl up, so don't panic if you have some twisting going on at this stage. To count your stitches over double crochet, count the chains that run along the top of the row. It is really important that you count your stitches all the time to make sure you haven't lost any along the way!

● **Row 1:** Using **Storm Blue** and **4mm hook**, 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss st at base of 3-ch, 1tr into each st to end, changing yarn shade to **Lime** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**

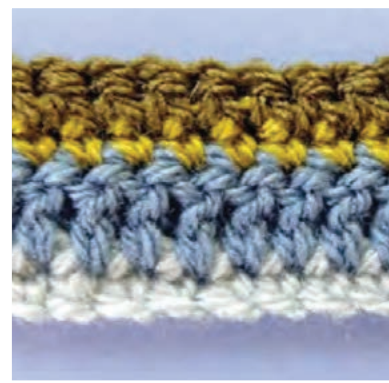
Change yarn shade as follows:

1. Do not complete the final stitch of the row so that 2 yarn loops remain on hook.
2. Draw the new shade through the loop on the hook to complete the stitch.
3. Change hook size by slipping the yarn loop onto the new hook.

● **Row 2:** Using **Lime** 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 3:** 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. **(171 sts)**



● **Row 4 (RS):** Using **Meadow** and **4mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, * 5ch, miss 3 sts, 1dc into next st, 3ch, 1dc into next st; repeat from * to last 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, place last st on holder, do not turn.



On the next row you are going to work with the right side facing you - you will in effect be working behind the row you have just made. You need to join your yarn in near the beginning of Row 3 before you can start and it is important that you start in the right place so use the images as a guide.



● **Row 5 (RS):** Working behind the previous row, join **Grape** into the 3rd st made at the beginning of Row 3 by working 1ch, 1dc into the same st, * 2ch, 3dc into next 3ch-loop made between 2 dc on previous row, 2ch, working behind the previous row, miss ch and 1 dc made on previous row and also miss 1 dc made on Row 3 (Khaki), work 1dc into central dc of 3ch-group that were missed on previous row; repeat from * 32 times. (3 sts remain unused at the end of the row). Fasten off.



○ Return to st on holder. Undo last st and rework to the point where you can change yarn shade to **Cream** on the final step of the st, turn.

○ **Row 6:** Using **Cream** and staying on a **4mm hook**, 5ch, 1dc into 5ch-loop made on Row 4 (Meadow) * 5ch, miss 3 dc made on previous row, 1dc into next 5ch-loop made on Row 4; repeat from * 32 times, 2ch, 1tr into last st made on Row 4, turn.



Row 7: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, * 3ch, miss next dc made on Row 5 (Grape), working around ch made on previous row and into the stitch on Row 5 at the same time 1dc into each next 2 sts; repeat from * 32 times, 3ch, 1dc into 3rd ch of 5-ch made at beginning of last row, turn.



Row 8: Using **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into st at base of 1-ch, * 3dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into each next 2 sts; repeat from * to end, working last 2dc into the same st on final pattern repeat and changing yarn shade to Duck Egg on the final step of the last st, turn. (171 sts)

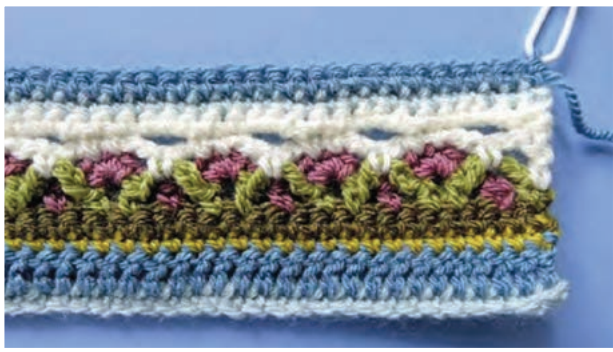




● **Row 9:** Using **Duck Egg** and **4.5mm hook**, 1-ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, changing yarn shade to Storm Blue on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**

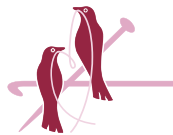
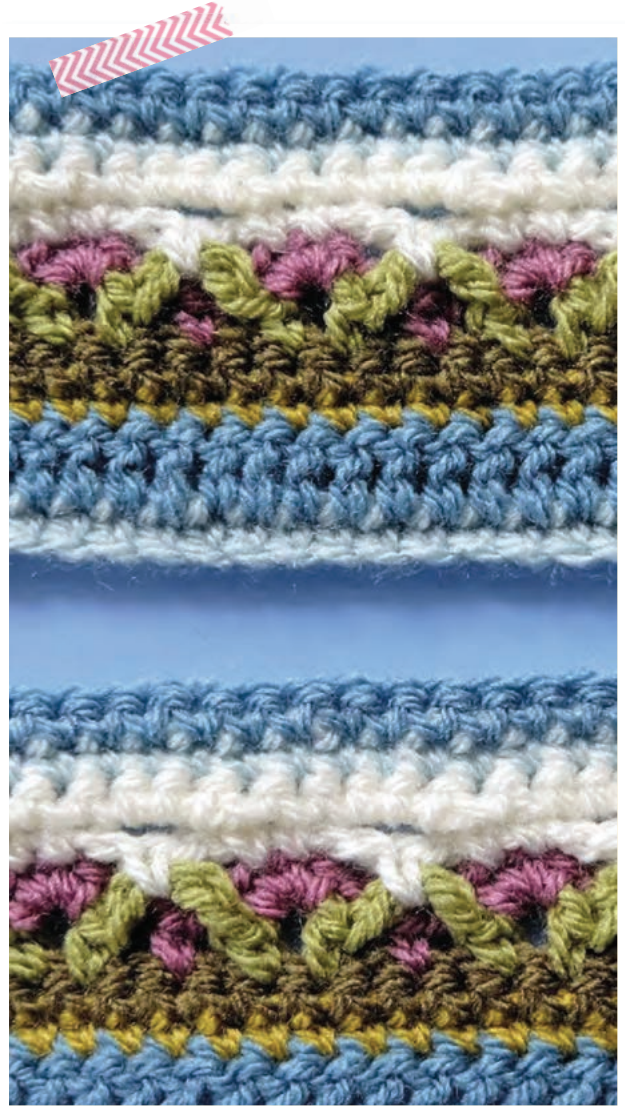


● **Row 10:** Using **Storm Blue**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, place last st on holder. **(171 sts)**



Sew in yarn ends.

Work another piece to match. Each piece should measure approximately 7cm (2¾in) deep and 92-93cm (36¼-36½in) wide.



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