

Sunshine & Showers

Crochet Along Blanket








When it comes to light and weather here in the UK, January is a hard month, so we tend to spend quite a lot of time wrapped up inside trying to keep warm and cosy. Here in London it seems that the first two months of the year are when we are most likely to get snow – rarely the picture postcard fluffy white type, but more often the sludgy sleety kind that goes grey and mucky really quickly!

I thought this month I would try my best to convey the idea of little snowballs by working a repeated puff stitch. This is an easy stitch that you have worked already when making the pretty pink flower pattern back in June (Part Two). Last month left you with the wrong side facing. If you are unsure of which side is which take a look at the bobbles that you made in October (Part Six) and check that they are on the side facing away from you.

MATERIALS

Stylecraft Special DK

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

	Graphite (1063)	1 ball
	Cream (1005)	1 ball
	Storm Blue (1722)	1 ball
	Petrol (1078)	1 ball
	Grape (1067)	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 **Graphite** on the final step of the stitch, turn.

● **Row 49 (WS):** Using **Graphite** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into next st, [1dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into next st] 7 times, * 1dc into each next 2 sts, [1dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into next st] 9 times; rep from * 6 times, 1dc into each next 2 sts, [1dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into next st] 7 times, working last st into 3rd ch of beg 4-ch made at beginning of last row, turn. **(171 sts)**

Row 50 (RS): 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, changing yarn shade to **Cream** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



○ **Row 51:** Using **Cream** work as previous row, do not change yarn shade on the last st, turn.

Change to **4mm hook**.

○ **Row 52:** Using **Cream** and **4mm hook**, 3ch (counts as 1 tr), miss st at base of 3-ch, 1tr into next st, 1htr into each next 2 sts, * 1dc into each next 3 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1tr into each next 3 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts; repeat from * 15 times, 1dc into each next 3 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1tr into each next 2 sts, working last tr into ch on previous row, turn. **(171 sts)**



Change to **4.5mm hook**.

Row 53: Using **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, working last st into 3rd ch of 3-ch made at beginning of last row and changing yarn shade to **Storm Blue** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**

Change to **4mm hook**.

● **Row 54:** Using **Storm Blue** and **4mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each next 2 sts, * 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1tr into each next 3 sts, 1htr into each next 2 sts, 1dc into each next 3 sts; rep from * to end, omitting 1 dc on final pattern repeat, turn.

Change to **4.5mm hook**.

Row 55: Using **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into each st to end, changing yarn shade to **Petrol** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(171 sts)**



MP (Make Puff)

On the next row you need to make some puff stitches as follows: * Yrh, insert hook into stitch and pull up yarn loop; repeat from * twice so that there are a total of 7 loops on the hook (one loop was already there before you started the puff stitch), yarn round hook, draw yarn through all yarn loops on the hook.

Change to **4mm hook**.

● **Row 56:** Using **Petrol** and **4mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into next st, 1ch, miss next st, * MP into next st, 1ch, miss next st; repeat from * to last st, 1dc into last st, turn. **(84 puffs)**



Row 57: 3ch (counts as 1 tr) * MP into next ch-sp, 1ch; repeat from * to last ch-sp, MP into next ch-sp, 1tr into next st changing yarn shade to **Graphite** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(85 puffs)**



● **Row 58:** Using **Graphite**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into next st, 1ch, miss puff, * MP into next ch-sp, 1ch, miss next st; repeat from * to last st, 1dc into ch on previous row, changing yarn shade to **Grape** on the final step of the last st, turn. **(84 puffs)**

Change to **4.5mm hook**.

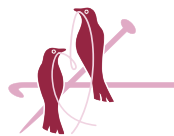




● **Row 59:** Using **Grape** and **4.5mm hook**, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc into next st, 1dc into next ch-sp, miss puff, * 2dc into next ch-sp, miss puff; repeat from * to last ch-sp, 2dc into next ch-sp, 1dc into next st, place st on holder. (171 sts)

Sew in yarn ends.

Work other piece to match. Each piece should measure approximately 38-38.5cm (15-15½in) from bottom edge x 92cm (36¼in) wide.



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