



Cherry & Heart

Nature's Walk

crochet along

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Introduction

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Welcome to this brand new crochet along. This is the third time I've had the pleasure of working together with Black Sheep Wools to bring you a fabulous new blanket design and to get involved in the fun of hosting a making event where the crochet community can get together. Crochet Along's (or CAL's) like this one, are the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow makers, chat over your projects together, ask questions, share tips and of course, share and admire the pretty crochet.

When it came to this blanket we wanted to bring you something different from our previous two Crochet Along projects, [The Spice of Life](#) and [A Spicier Life](#). I liked the idea of making a more modular project this time around, with crochet blocks that could be joined rather than working in rows, but what form that would take, I wasn't sure. It was while mulling over this question on my lunch time dog walks that an idea started to take shape. I suppose it's not really surprising then that my inspiration came from my surroundings!

A picture started to form in my mind of different patterns, each one a sort of picture drawn in crochet and inspired by nature and the countryside around me. The time I spend walking along out in the open, with my four-legged friend beside me is a beautifully calm and soothing moment in my day. A little time-out from all else that may be going on and an opportunity to re-set and soak up the peace of the landscape. My hope for this blanket is that it will invoke those same feelings for you while making it. The rhythm of the stitches in each square bringing a calm and peaceful moment to your days. I really hope you enjoy it.

Crochet Along 2019

This Crochet Along will take place over 8 weeks and there will be a total of 9 parts. This first 'Introduction' file and then a further 8 pattern parts. The pattern will be free to download and include all the details needed to make a blanket, including 6 square designs, joining information, squares and a border to finish.

The pattern parts will be released on Tuesday of each week and there will also be "Nature's Walk Meet Up" at Black Sheep Wools in October, where I'll get the opportunity to spend time with some of you in person.

Bonus Squares

I'm excited to say that we will also be including a set of 6 exclusive 'Bonus Square' designs completely free with every purchase of this year's Nature's Walk Crochet Along Yarn Packs. These will be unique designs to add to the collection and you'll be able to slot these seamlessly into the existing blanket design.

There will be three yarn packs available this year, Wild Hedgerow, Open Fields and Sweet Meadow. You can find more details on each of those packs on page 4

For those of you using the Nature's Walk CAL Yarn Packs, the Bonus Square Patterns will also be available to download as an additional Pdf file each week, using the special code included with your yarn pack.

Nature's Walk CAL Dates

These are all the important Nature's Walk Crochet Along dates to note for your diary. Keep this information safe so that you'll know what is happening when and to find out on which days each pattern part will be available.

Nature's Walk CAL Launch

Nature's Walk CAL Introduction PDF

Yarn Packs available to order

7th September 2019 - Launch Party!

A party to celebrate the launch of the new Crochet Along at Black Sheep Wools

17th September 2019

Getting Ready PDF

Preparation and swatching

'Getting Started with Charts' Video

24th September 2019 - CAL Start Day

Part 1 PDF released

1st October 2019

Part 2 PDF released

8th October 2019

Part 3 PDF released

15th October 2019

Part 4 PDF released

17th October 2019 - Meet Up Day

A meet up at Black Sheep Wools where I get to spend some time with the Nature's Walk CAL makers.

22nd October 2019

Part 5 PDF released

29th October 2019

Part 6 PDF released

5th November 2019

Part 7 PDF released (Joining)

12th November 2019

Part 8 PDF released (Border)

Yarn Packs

This year there three beautiful yarn packs available from **Black Sheep Wools** that you could choose for your blanket and each one is inspired by the sights of countryside around me as I enjoy walking with my dog...



Wild Hedgerow

Inspired by the rich fruits and berries clustered all over on the branches of the hedgerows and the golden leaves falling around me in the Autumn.

<https://bit.ly/349X36b>



Open Fields

These colours remind me of walking out under the big open sky with wild unkept spaces and fields surrounding me.

<https://bit.ly/2UajvaV>



Sweet Meadow

In the height of summer when the grass is tall and golden and the meadows are filled with tiny bright flashes of colour from wild flowers.

<https://bit.ly/2MGZvf7>

Essential Information

SKILL LEVEL

Easy/Intermediate

This pattern mostly uses basic stitches worked in the round. Some intermediate stitches and techniques are used, helpful photos and some tutorials are included.

YARN

Available in a choice of three different packs:

Wild Hedgerow

28 balls of Scheepjes Stonewashed 4ply (50g -130m/142y, 78% Cotton, 22% Acrylic)

4 x Smokey Quartz (802), 3 Corundum Ruby (808), 3 Yellow Jasper (809), 3 Lilac Quartz (818), 4 Rose Quartz (820), 3 Lepidolite (830), 8 Axinite (831)

Open Fields

28 balls of Scheepjes Stonewashed 4ply (50g -130m/142y, 78% Cotton, 22% Acrylic)

4 x Moonstone (801), 4 x Boulder Opal (804), 3 x Blue Apatite (805), 3 Canada Jade (806), 3 Larimar (813), 8 Crystal Quartz (814), 3 New Jade (819)

Sweet Meadow

16 balls of Stylecraft Bambino/Belissima (100g - 268m/293y, 100% Acrylic)

Belissima: 4 x Single Cream (3921), 2 x Raspberry Riot (3924), 2 x Mellow Yellow (3925), 2 x Sugar Snap (3926).

Bambino: 2 x Denim Dungarees (3943), 2 x Soft Pink (7113), 2 x Vintage Blue (7116)

Materials

HOOK

3.5mm (E US)

Or size needed to obtain the correct gauge.

OTHER

Yarn needle to weave in ends.

Stitch markers can be useful.

Sizing

BLANKET SIZE

117 x 148 cm (46 x 58")

GAUGE

22 sts x 10 rows per 10cm (4") in treble crochet

Square: 16cm (6¼") each side (before blocking) / 16.5cm (6½") after blocking

Useful Links

PATTERN DOWNLOADS

Cherry Heart

Information on the Crochet Along, together with weekly pattern downloads:

<https://www.cherryheart.co.uk/2019/08/natures-walk-cal.html>

BONUS SQUARE DOWNLOADS

Available using the link and special code provided with your yarn pack.

YARN PACK LINKS

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Open Fields

<https://bit.ly/2UajvaV>

Sweet Meadow

<https://bit.ly/2MGZvf7>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook

Join the fun, share pictures and ask questions in the [Crochet Along with Black Sheep Wools Facebook Group](#).

Instagram

Use the tag [#NaturesWalkCAL](#) to share all your CAL pictures, and follow along to comment and connect with other makers. I'll be following the tag too, so I can share your gorgeous photos!

Ravelry

Come along to my Cherry Heart Group and join the chat there. I've opened a special thread for us to use for the Nature's Walk CAL: <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/cherry-hearts-cozy-corner/3955677/1-25>

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TUTORIALS

Photo Tutorials

If you would like some more help with any of the basic stitches and techniques needed for this pattern, you can also visit my crochet tutorial site, Cherry Heart's Crochet Corner:

[Crochet Stitch Directory](#)

[Working in the rounds - Making a chain loop](#)

[Weaving in ends](#)

There will be more photo tutorials included with some pattern parts.

Video Tutorial

How to read charts: available soon