

Spice of Life

INTRODUCTION

#SpiceofLifeCAL

This pattern was originally released in parts over several weeks during autumn 2015 for the first ever Cherry Heart / Black Sheep Wools Crochet Along (CAL). The success of the pattern during the original CAL took us all by surprise and has continued to remain popular. New colour packs have been added over time, the CAL has been re-run and the Facebook group is as active as ever.

The pattern is full of variety and so works well for beginners and more experienced crocheters alike and I'm very proud to say that so many people have made this their first blanket project or even learnt to crochet using this pattern as their starting point. Seeing all the wonderful blankets coming to life over the years has been just amazing!

Spice of Life PDF Version

As well as the free pattern, there is now also an updated PDF version available to buy online. You'll the information given here, together with help and troubleshooting tips from the original blog posts consolidated in a single downloadable file. I've also included some extras:

Bonus content (PDF only):

- all the information you need to prepare and make your project a success
- a 'blanket blank' layout sheet for you to plan your own colour designs
- help on changing the blanket size
- a row by row colour check sheet for the additional yarn packs
- step by step photo tutorials for each stitch pattern

For more information or to purchase the PDF version, visit my Spice of Life page:

Spice of Life PDF Version: https://www.cherryheart.co.uk/2016/03/spice-of-life-crochet-along-blanket.html

Useful Links

FIND ME

Cherry Heart Website: cherryheart.co.uk

You Tube: Sandra Paul

Instagram: @sandracherryhrt

Patterns: Cherry Heart Pattern Shop

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are still so many Spice of Life blankets been made around the world. Use the links below to share pictures, chat with other blanket makers and join in with the Spice of Life fun:

Facebook: Black Sheep Wools Make Along Group

Instagram: #spiceoflifecal

Yarn Packs

This blanket was originally made in a Rico yarn which has now been discontinued. We've now matched the original colours with Stylecraft Belissima and Bambino yarn, which makes a beautiful substitute. As the popularity of this blanket grew, we added more yarn packs over time for you to choose from.

You can find all the yarn packs for this blanket on the Black Sheep Wools Website



ORIGINAL COLOURS

Stylecraft Belissima/Bambino(*) DK

1 ball each of: Rio Red (3932), Papaya Punch (3977), Mellow Yellow (3925/3945*), Sugar Snap (3926), Totally Teal (3976), Double Denim (3931), Heather* (7114), Toasted Almonds (3922), Soft Pink* (7113), Clotted Cream* (7112), Awesome Avocado* (1858), Vintage Blue* (7116) 2 balls of: Sage (7117)



BLACK SHEEP SARA'S ALTERNATIVE PACK

Stylecraft Special DK

1 ball each of: Raspberry (1023), Meadow (1065), Grape (1067), Pale Rose (1080), Pomegranate (1083), Parchment (1218), Denim (1302), Petrol (1708), Gold (1709), Lime (1712), Storm Blue (1722), Parma Violet (1724), Sage (1725)



ODE TO AUTUMN PACK

Stylecraft Special DK

1 ball each of: Mustard (1823), Pomegranate (1083), Pistachio (1822), Tomato (1723), Boysenberry (1828), Khaki (1027), Claret (1123), Cypress (1824), Fold (1709), Lobelia (1825), Pale Rose (1080), Stone (1710), Burgundy (1035)



Toy Box Pack

Stylecraft Special DK

1 ball each of: Shrimp (1132), Candy Floss (1130), Sherbet (1034), Aspen (1422), Fondant (1241), Turquoise (1068), Cream (1005), Apricot (1026), Magenta (1084), Pomegranate (1083), Saffron (1081), Spring Green (1316), Clematis (1390)

Essential Information

CROCHET TERMS

This is a written pattern, using UK crochet terms

A translation into US Terms is given on page 12-17

SKILL LEVEL

Easy/Intermediate

This pattern is intended to help someone who has learnt the basics of crochet and is now looking to increase their crochet confidence. This pattern starts with the basics and progresses through to intermediate stitches and combinations. It is also a great way to get used to working from a written pattern.

YARN

Original Colours Yarn Pack

Stylecraft Belissima/Bambino(*) DK

YARN A - Rio Red (3932)

YARN H - Totally Teal (3976)

YARN B - Papaya Punch (3977)

YARN C - Soft Pink (7113*)

YARN J - Vintage Blue (7116*)

YARN D - Mellow Yellow (3925/3945*)

YARN E - Clotted Cream (7112*)

YARN L - Heather (7114*)

YARN F - Awesome Avocado (1858*)

YARN M - Toasted Almonds (3922)

YARN G - Sugar Snap (3926)

NOTE~ For all other colour packs, you can choose to assign each colour to one of the colours in the pattern, or design your own scheme as you go!

HOOK

Suggested size: 4mm / G - USA Or size need to match gauge.

MATERIALS

Yarn needle

Stitch markers are useful to help keep track of your stitch count

SIZE

106 x 138 cm (42 x 54") - approximate, depending on yarn used

GAUGE

15 sts by 10 rows in treble crochet

Working this Pattern

To find all the latest information as well as useful links and tutorials, please check the Cherry Heart Spice of Life Blanket Page:

https://www.cherryheart.co.uk/2016/03/spice-of-life-crochet-along-blanket.html

Abbreviations

beg - beginning	mm - move marker	st(s) - stitch(es)
dec - decrease	rm - remove marker	tog - together
inc - increase	RS - right side	WS - wrong side

sp - space **yo** - wrap yarn over the hook **pm** - place marker

Stitch Terms

This pattern is written in UK crochet terms

A translation into US Terms is given on page 12-17

Term	UK Stitch	US Stitch
ch/s	chain/s	
ss	slip stitch	
dc	double crochet	single crochet
htr	half treble crochet	half double crochet
tr	treble crochet	double crochet
dtr	double treble crochet	treble crochet

Special Stitches

V Stitch - Sections 3, 5 & 6

UK - (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) worked into one stitch/space.

US - (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) worked into one stitch/space.

3tr cl (US 3dc cl) - Section 6

3 treble crochet cluster (US 3 double crochet cluster)

(yo, insert hook in sp/st, yo and pull through, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook) three times, yo and pull through remaining 3 loops on hook.

Photo Tutorial Link: Cluster Stitch

3tr puff (US 3dc puff) - Section 8

3 treble crochet cluster (US 3 double crochet cluster)

(yo, insert hook in sp/st, yo and pull up to height of tr) three times, yo and pull through all loops on hook leaving only 1 unworked, yo and pull through last 2 loops.

Photo tutorial Link: Puff Stitch

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Starting the Blanket



The blanket is worked back and forth in rows, which means you'll need to turn the work at the end of each row.

To begin the blanket take Yarn B and make a starting chain of 159, then work the chains as follows:

First row: 1tr into the 4ch from the hook, then work 1 tr into each chain to the end. [157 stitches]

TIP ~ Each row will now always have 157 stitches, so you can check you have the correct number of stitches if you need to. Sometimes the pattern will include some other useful numbers you can count to help you keep track. But the stitch number will always stay the same.

TREBLE ROW

Throughout the blanket sections you'll be instructed to work 'Treble Rows'. These are rows of plain treble stitches in various colours to split up the sections. They should be worked as follows:

TREBLE ROW: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in each remaining st to end.

Set Up Rows

To start the blanket we'll work a series of 'Treble Rows' in the following colours:

Row 2: YARN B Row 3 & 4: YARN C Row 5 & 6: YARN M Row 7 & 8: YARN I Row 9 & 10: YARN G

Now we can move on to working the sections of different patterns.

Section 1: Grannies

In YARN K work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 2tr in same place [1st st] [makes a 'shell'], *skip 2 sts, make 3tr into the next st,* repeat from * to * all the way along the blanket until only 3 sts remain, skip 2 sts and make 1tr into the last st. [52 'shells']

In YARN E work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 2tr between the 1st st, and the 1st 'shell' of the row below, *skip 3 sts, 3tr's between the first and last tr's that make up the 'shells' of the row below,* repeat from * to * all the way along the blanket only 1 'shell' [3sts] remain, skip 2 sts and make 1tr into the last st. [52 'shells']

Row 3: As Row 2 in YARN K Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN E Row 5: As Row 2 in YARN K

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 6: YARN J Row 7: YARN L Row 8: YARN A

Section 2: Stacked Grannies

In YARN F work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in the same place [1st st], *1ch, skip 3 sts, make 3tr's into the next st [makes a 'shell'], repeat from * to * all the way along the blanket until only 4 sts remain, 1ch, skip 3 sts and make 2tr into the last st. [38 'shells']

In YARN H work:

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], 1dc in next st, *1dc in ch sp, 1dc in next 3 sts,* repeat from * to * along the row until the last ch sp, 1dc in ch sp, 1dc in each of the last 2 sts.

Row 3: As Row 1 in YARN F Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN H

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN D

Section 3 : Big Zipper

In YARN C work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], 1dc in each remaining stitch to end of the row.

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2tr's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN A work:

Row 3: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) into the next ch sp [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * until the last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 2tr's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

Row 4: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], *1dc in next 2sts, 1dc in ch sp,* repeat from * to * until the last ch sp has been worked then, 1dc in last 3sts.

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN J

Section 4: Stacked Shells

In YARN M work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, 5tr into next st [makes 'shell'], skip 2 sts, 1dc into next st,* repeat from * to * to end of the row. [26 Shells]

In YARN B work:

Row 2: 5ch [counts as 1tr, 2ch], *skip 2tr, 1dc in middle tr, 2ch, skip 2tr, 1tr in dc, 2ch* repeat from * to the end of the row, ending the last repeat with a tr into the last dc.

TIP ~ If you are finding the rows of this section pulling in at the edges, you need to make the chain stitches on Row 2 looser.

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2ch, 5tr into dc [makes 'shell'], skip 2ch, 1dc into tr,* repeat from * to * to end of the row, ending the last repeat with a dc into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below. [26 Shells]

Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN I Row 5: As Row 3 in YARN I Row 6: As Row 2 in YARN E

In YARN E work:

Row 7: 3ch, [counts as 1st tr], *2tr into ch sp, 1tr into dc, 2tr into ch sp, 1tr into tr,* repeat from * to * until the last dc has been worked, then make 2tr into the last ch sp and 1tr into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below.

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 8: YARN H Row 9: YARN L

Section 5: Fill the Gap

In YARN G work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'], *repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2tr's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN J work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, 3tr's into the next ch sp [makes a 'shell'],* repeat from * to * until all the last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 2tr's into last st. [51 'shells']

Row 3: As Row 1 in YARN C Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN K

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5: YARN D Row 6 & 7: YARN G

Section 6: Tulips

In YARN F work:

Row 1: As 'Treble Row'

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 1tr in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2tr's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN A work:

Row 3: 5ch [counts as 1tr, 2ch], *skip 2sts, 3tr cl into ch sp, 2ch, * repeat from * to * until last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 1tr into last st. [51 clusters]

In YARN E work:

Row 4: 3ch [counts as 1tr], *2tr into ch sp, 1tr into top of cl,* repeat from * to * until the last cl has been worked, then make 2tr into the last ch sp and 1tr into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below.

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN H

Section 7: Waves

In YARN I work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], 1dc in each stitch to end of the row.

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in same place [1st st], *1htr, 1tr, 1dtr, 1tr, 1dtr, 1dc, * repeat from * to * to the end of the row.

In YARN C work:

Row 3: 4ch [counts as 1st dtr], *1tr, 1htr, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1dtr,* repeat from * to * to the end of the row.

Row 4: As Row 1.

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN M

Section 8: Puffs

In YARN D work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], 3tr puff, *1ch, skip 1 st, 3tr puff into next st,* repeat from * to * to the last st then, 1tr into last st. [78 puffs]

In YARN B work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st tr], *1tr into top of puff, 1tr into ch sp,* repeat from * to * until last ch sp has been worked, 1tr into top of puff, 1tr into last st.

Row 3: As row 1 in YARN F Row 4: As row 2 in YARN J

Now work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 5: YARN A Row 6 & 7: YARN L Row 8: YARN I

Working the Blanket Repeat

To make the blanket big enough, the sections are worked again in different colours. All the colours to use are given below. Refer back to the instructions for each section for the correct pattern for each row.

Start at section 2 and work through to section 8 in the following colours:

SECTION 2: STACKED GRANNIES

Row 1: YARN K
Row 2: YARN G
Row 3: YARN K
Row 4: YARN G
Row 5 & 6: YARN H

SECTION 3: BIG ZIPPER

Row 1 & 2: YARN E Row 3 & 4: YARN B Row 5 & 6: YARN J

SECTION 4: STACKED SHELLS

Row 1: YARN A Row 2 & 3: YARN C Row 4 & 5: YARN L Row 6 & 7: YARN M Row 8: YARN F Row 9: YARN D

SECTION 5: FILL THE GAP

Row 1: YARN K
Row 2: YARN J
Row 3: YARN B
Row 4: YARN I
Row 5: YARN C
Row 6 & 7: YARN E

SECTION 6: TULIPS

Row 1: YARN G Row 2: YARN G Row 3: YARN D Row 4: YARN H Row 5 & 6: YARN M **SECTION 7: WAVES**

Row 1 & 2: YARN B Row 3 & 4: YARN L Row 5 & 6: YARN C

SECTION 8: PUFFS

Row 1: YARN F Row 2: YARN G Row 3: YARN K Row 4: YARN A Row 5: YARN I Row 6: YARN H Row 7: YARN M

Do not work Row 8 of this section.

Then work section 1 as follows:

SECTION 1: GRANNIES

Row 1: YARN L Row 2: YARN E Row 3: YARN L Row 4: YARN E Row 5: YARN L

Do not work Rows 6, 7 or 8 of this section.

End Rows

To finish the blanket work 'Treble Rows' as follows:

Row 1 & 2: YARN F Row 3 & 4: YARN H Row 5 & 6: YARN J Row 7 & 8: YARN A Row 9 & 10: YARN D

Border

The border will be worked all the way around the edge of the blanket in one colour, in the round. Decide which side of the blanket you would like best to be the front of the blanket and work the border with this side facing you.

To start the border take YARN I and join the yarn to any corner stitch at the top of the blanket.

TIP ~ The corner stitches are the first and last stitches of the top row and the bottom row of the blanket. You may like to mark these 4 stitches now with stitch markers.

BORDER SET UP ROW

To provide a foundation to work the rest of the border from, first work a round of dc's all around the blanket.

As the yarn is attached to a corner stitch, you will start with chain 1 and 3dc into this same stitch. You can then continue making dc's using the guidelines below:

Corner Stitches: 3dc [if you are using stitch markers, move the marker to the middle one of these 3 dc's.]

Top Edge: 1dc into each stitch (except the 1st and last stitch, which will be worked as corners)

Bottom Edge: 1dc into the back loop of each starting chain (except the 1st and last stitch, which will be worked as corners)

Sides: 2dc into the end of each tr row, 1 dc into the end of each dc row. (except two sections, see below:)

Grannies: 2dc into the end of each row that ends with a 'shell' of 3tr's and only 1dc into the end of each row that ends with 1 tr.

Waves: 1dc into the end of each dc row, 1dc into the row ending with a dc, 2dc into the end of the row ending with dtr.

Once you have gone all the way around the blanket, make a ss into the 1st dc of the round. Then make a ss into the next st. This will bring you to the middle stitch of the 3 corner dc's.

BORDER: ROUND TWO

4ch [counts as 1htr, 2ch], 2htr into the same place, *1htr into each stitch up to the middle stitch of the 3 corner dc's, work (2htr, 2ch, 2htr) into the middle dc,* repeat from * to * around the blanket until you are back to the beginning, to finish make 1htr into the stitch at the bottom of the starting ch, then make a ss into the 2nd ch of the beginning 4 ch.

BORDER: ROUND THREE

ss into the corner ch sp, 1ch, *(1dc, 3ch, 1dc) into the corner sp, (3ch, skip 2 sts, 1dc in next st) all the way along the edge up to 2sts before corner space, 3ch, skip 2 sts,* repeat from * to * around the blanket, ending the last repeat with ss into the top of the first dc of the round.

TIP ~ Don't worry if you don't have exactly the right number of stitches to bring you correctly to each corner as written in Round 2 above. You can always skip 1 more or 1 less stitch if you need to. No-one will notice!

BORDER: ROUND FOUR

Make *4dc into corner space, 1ss into dc, (3dc into next ch sp, 1ss into dc) along the edge until you reach the next corner,* repeat from * to * around the blanket until you reach the beginning, making the final ss into the 1st ss of the round.

Finishing

Weave in all ends if you haven't already and block blanket if required.

Starting the Blanket



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TIP ~ Each row will now always have 157 stitches, so you can check you have the correct number of stitches if you need to. Sometimes the pattern will include some other useful numbers you can count to help you keep track. But the stitch number will always stay the same.

DOUBLE ROW

Throughout the blanket sections you'll be instructed to work 'Double Rows'. These are rows of plain double stitches in various colours to split up the sections. They should be worked as follows:

Double ROW: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in each remaining st to end.

Set Up Rows

To start the blanket we'll work a series of 'Double Rows' in the following colours:

Row 2: YARN B Row 3 & 4: YARN C Row 5 & 6: YARN M Row 7 & 8: YARN I Row 9 & 10: YARN G

Now we can move on to working the sections of different patterns.

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In YARN K work:

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In YARN E work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 2dc between the 1st st, and the 1st 'shell' of the row below, *skip 3 sts, 3dc's between the first and last dc's that make up the 'shells' of the row below,* repeat from * to * all the way along the blanket only 1 'shell' [3sts] remain, skip 2 sts and make 1dc into the last st. [52 'shells']

Row 3: As Row 2 in YARN K Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN E Row 5: As Row 2 in YARN K

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 6: YARN J Row 7: YARN L Row 8: YARN A

Section 2: Stacked Grannies

In YARN F work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in the same place [1st st], *1ch, skip 3 sts, make 3dc's into the next st [makes a 'shell'], repeat from * to * all the way along the blanket until only 4 sts remain, 1ch, skip 3 sts and make 2dc into the last st. [38 'shells']

In YARN H work:

Row 2: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], 1sc in next st, *1sc in ch sp, 1sc in next 3 sts,* repeat from * to * along the row until the last ch sp, 1sc in ch sp, 1sc in each of the last 2 sts.

Row 3: As Row 1 in YARN F Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN H

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN D

Section 3 : Big Zipper

In YARN C work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], 1sc in each remaining stitch to end of the row.

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'], * repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2dc's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN A work:

Row 3: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the next ch sp [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * until the last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 2dc's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

Row 4: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], *1sc in next 2sts, 1sc in ch sp,* repeat from * to * until the last ch sp has been worked then, 1sc in last 3sts.

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN J

Section 4: Stacked Shells

In YARN M work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, 5dc into next st [makes 'shell'], skip 2 sts, 1sc into next st,* repeat from * to * to end of the row. [26 Shells]

In YARN B work:

Row 2: 5ch [counts as 1dc, 2ch], *skip 2dc, 1sc in middle dc, 2ch, skip 2dc, 1dc in sc, 2ch* repeat from * to the end of the row, ending the last repeat with a dc into the last sc.

TIP ~ If you are finding the rows of this section pulling in at the edges, you need to make the chain stitches on Row 2 looser.

Row 3: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], *skip 2ch, 5dc into sc [makes 'shell'], skip 2ch, 1sc into dc,* repeat from * to * to end of the row, ending the last repeat with a sc into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below. [26 Shells]

Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN I Row 5: As Row 3 in YARN I Row 6: As Row 2 in YARN E

In YARN E work:

Row 7: 3ch, [counts as 1st dc], *2dc into ch sp, 1dc into sc, 2dc into ch sp, 1dc into dc,* repeat from * to * until the last sc has been worked, then make 2dc into the last ch sp and 1dc into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below.

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 8: YARN H Row 9: YARN L

Section 5: Fill the Gap

In YARN G work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2dc's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN J work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, 3dc's into the next ch sp [makes a 'shell'],* repeat from * to * until all the last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 2dc's into last st. [51 'shells']

Row 3: As Row 1 in YARN C Row 4: As Row 2 in YARN K

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5: YARN D Row 6 & 7: YARN G

Section 6: Tulips

In YARN F work:

Row 1: As 'Double Row'

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 1dc in same place [1st st], *skip 2 sts, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the next st [makes a 'V stitch'],* repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts then, skip 2 sts, 2dc's into last st. [51 'V stitches']

In YARN A work:

Row 3: 5ch [counts as 1dc, 2ch], *skip 2sts, 3dc cl into ch sp, 2ch, * repeat from * to * until last ch sp has been worked then, skip 2 sts, 1dc into last st. [51 clusters]

In YARN E work:

Row 4: 3ch [counts as 1dc], *2dc into ch sp, 1dc into top of cl,* repeat from * to * until the last cl has been worked, then make 2dc into the last ch sp and 1dc into the 3rd ch of the beg 5ch of the row below.

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN H

Section 7: Waves

In YARN I work:

Row 1: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], 1sc in each stitch to end of the row.

Row 2: 1ch, 1sc in same place [1st st], *1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc,* repeat from * to * to the end of the row.

In YARN C work:

Row 3: 4ch [counts as 1st tr], *1dc, 1hdc, 1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr,* repeat from * to * to the end of the row.

Row 4: As Row 1.

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5 & 6: YARN M

Section 8: Puffs

In YARN D work:

Row 1: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], 3dc puff, *1ch, skip 1 st, 3dc puff into next st,* repeat from * to * to the last st then, 1dc into last st. [78 puffs]

In YARN B work:

Row 2: 3ch [counts as 1st dc], *1dc into top of puff, 1dc into ch sp,* repeat from * to * until last ch sp has been worked, 1dc into top of puff, 1dc into last st.

Row 3: As row 1 in YARN F Row 4: As row 2 in YARN J

Now work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 5: YARN A Row 6 & 7: YARN L Row 8: YARN I

Working the Blanket Repeat

To make the blanket big enough, the sections are worked again in different colours. All the colours to use are given below. Refer back to the instructions for each section for the correct pattern for each row.

Start at section 2 and work through to section 8 in the following colours:

SECTION 2: STACKED GRANNIES

Row 1: YARN K Row 2: YARN G Row 3: YARN K Row 4: YARN G Row 5 & 6: YARN H

SECTION 3: BIG ZIPPER

Row 1 & 2: YARN E Row 3 & 4: YARN B Row 5 & 6: YARN J

SECTION 4: STACKED SHELLS

Row 1: YARN A Row 2 & 3: YARN C Row 4 & 5: YARN L Row 6 & 7: YARN M Row 8: YARN F

Row 9: YARN D

SECTION 5: FILL THE GAP

Row 1: YARN K Row 2: YARN J Row 3: YARN B Row 4: YARN I Row 5: YARN C Row 6 & 7: YARN E

SECTION 6: TULIPS

Row 1: YARN G Row 2: YARN G Row 3: YARN D Row 4: YARN H Row 5 & 6: YARN M **SECTION 7: WAVES**

Row 1 & 2: YARN B Row 3 & 4: YARN L Row 5 & 6: YARN C

SECTION 8: PUFFS

Row 1: YARN F Row 2: YARN G Row 3: YARN K Row 4: YARN A Row 5: YARN I Row 6: YARN H Row 7: YARN M

Do not work Row 8 of this section.

Then work section 1 as follows:

SECTION 1: GRANNIES

Row 1: YARN L Row 2: YARN E Row 3: YARN L Row 4: YARN E Row 5: YARN I

Do not work Rows 6, 7 or 8 of this section.

End Rows

To finish the blanket work 'Double Rows' as follows:

Row 1 & 2: YARN F Row 3 & 4: YARN H Row 5 & 6: YARN J Row 7 & 8: YARN A Row 9 & 10: YARN D

Border

The border will be worked all the way around the edge of the blanket in one colour, in the round. Decide which side of the blanket you would like best to be the front of the blanket and work the border with this side facing you.

To start the border take YARN I and join the yarn to any corner stitch at the top of the blanket.

TIP ~ The corner stitches are the first and last stitches of the top row and the bottom row of the blanket. You may like to mark these 4 stitches now with stitch markers.

BORDER SET UP ROW

To provide a foundation to work the rest of the border from, first work a round of sc's all around the blanket.

As the yarn is attached to a corner stitch, you will start with chain 1 and 3sc into this same stitch. You can then continue making sc's using the guidelines below:

Corner Stitches: 3sc [if you are using stitch markers, move the marker to the middle one of these 3 sc's.]

Top Edge: 1sc into each stitch (except the 1st and last stitch, which will be worked as corners)

Bottom Edge: 1sc into the back loop of each starting chain (except the 1st and last stitch, which will be worked as corners)

Sides: 2sc into the end of each dc row, 1 sc into the end of each sc row. (except two sections, see below:)

Grannies: 2sc into the end of each row that ends with a 'shell' of 3dc's and only 1sc into the end of each row that ends with 1 dc.

Waves: 1sc into the end of each sc row, 1sc into the row ending with a sc, 2sc into the end of the row ending with tr.

Once you have gone all the way around the blanket, make a ss into the 1st sc of the round. Then make a ss into the next st. This will bring you to the middle stitch of the 3 corner sc's.

BORDER: ROUND TWO

4ch [counts as 1hdc, 2ch], 2hdc into the same place, *1hdc into each stitch up to the middle stitch of the 3 corner sc's, work (2hdc, 2ch, 2hdc) into the middle sc,* repeat from * to * around the blanket until you are back to the beginning, to finish make 1hdc into the stitch at the bottom of the starting ch, then make a ss into the 2nd ch of the beginning 4 ch.

BORDER: ROUND THREE

ss into the corner ch sp, 1ch, *(1sc, 3ch, 1sc) into the corner sp, (3ch, skip 2 sts, 1sc in next st) all the way along the edge up to 2sts before corner space, 3ch, skip 2 sts,* repeat from * to * around the blanket, ending the last repeat with ss into the top of the first sc of the round.

TIP ~ Don't worry if you don't have exactly the right number of stitches to bring you correctly to each corner as written in Round 2 above. You can always skip 1 more or 1 less stitch if you need to. No-one will notice!

BORDER: ROUND FOUR

Make *4sc into corner space, 1ss into sc, (3sc into next ch sp, 1ss into sc) along the edge until you reach the next corner,* repeat from * to * around the blanket until you reach the beginning, making the final ss into the 1st ss of the round.

Finishing

Weave in all ends if you haven't already and block blanket if required.