



The very final week already! Time does fly.

From experience I know how I'll be feeling tomorrow. Strange, empty and also a little bit relieved. Everything went well, and there are a bunch of lovely blankets in the Dutch living rooms (and also some Belgian and UK ones).

Time for something new, and a bunch of new ideas are at the ready!

But first we are going to crochet, the final rounds.

Take your blanket and the edge of the squares. Put them aside each other how you like them best. Now make a slipknot with colour 2018/1708/2054 on your hook and begin in a corner. Put the parts on each other with the wrong sides facing and put your hook through the middle stitch in the corner of your blanket and through the middle stitch in the corner of your edge. Make 1 dc.

Now we will attach the 2 sides together with the crab stitch. So we won't be working from right to left but from left to right. And really, it's just like a dc. You get a very nice border around your blanket this way.

Put your hook in the stitch to right of your dc you just made. Put it through the stitch of the blanket as in the stitch of the square-edge, pull through a thread and do another yo and pull it through the 2 loops on your hook.

Because this stitch is somewhat harder to explain with pictures, it might be best to watch the video. You can find it on the website, www.lossenenvasten.nl under videos, or through [this link](#).

Following this way you'll crochet the entire blanket together. Also, in the corners you don't need to increase or decrease, just make 1 dc in every stitch. When you've made a crab stitch in the last dc, fasten off the thread. Now place your ends (begin and end) to the back and fasten them off. This way you "finish" the last stitch.





Now you really have a whole blanket in front of you. Finally the 2 parts are attached! The only thing missing now is the border.



Take your blanket and put it on your lap with the right side facing you. So you are now looking at the right side of your blanket.

Round 1

With colour 2018/1708/2054 make a slipknot and place it on any place you like alongside the edge of your blanket.

You now attach the squares while edging around just like the first time.

In the squares with a circle you make in every stitch a dc and also in the ch-space on the beginning and end of the side. In the granny square and the granny-flower square make a dc in every tr and in every ch-space. In the square with the star distribute approximately 17 to 19 stitches alongside the side. Don't make a dc in the dc that holds the squares together. Just skip those. When you pass the end that is still dangling there, take it with you. This way everything fits snugly together. In the ch-spaces of the 4 corners, make 4 dc's in each corner. Close the round with a slip stitch in the first dc.



Round 2

The very final round and then we are finished!

Also here we will be making the crab stitch, this way the harmony and continuity that you are used of me stays in your blanket.

Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch). Start again with the crab stitch in the first stitch to the right of your hook. You'll know by now how to make this stitch. Only now you are crocheting in a single stitch and not, like when we were attaching 2 parts, in 2 stitches.

Crochet all the way round. In the corners you don't need to add any more stitches, just make 1 crab stitch per stitch. Do this until you've made it all the way round. When finishing off your last stitch, finish it off nicely while darning in the ends.





This is your blanket. It was “my”, but really more “our” second Cal. For me, I’ve chosen to block it once more. I put it, after I soaked it in a bath of Eucalan and centrifuged it, on our guest bed to dry. I pinned it down with a T-pin on every spot where the 2 squares meet.



And then it was really finished!

My dearest people, it’s finished. I’ve really enjoyed it and I hope you did as well.

This time, no “until next week”, but a ...

Enjoy your hobby, enjoy the crochet!

And very happy holidays to you!!