

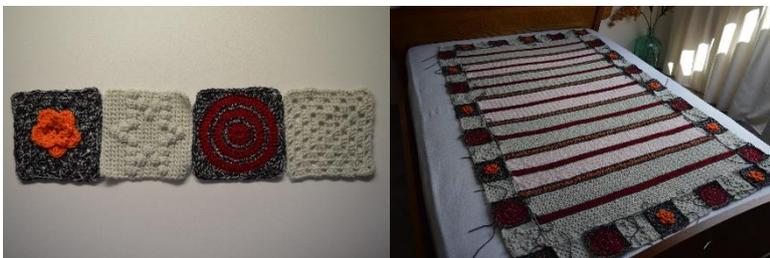


Are you up to it? 2 more weeks and your blanket will be totally finished!

This week we'll be crocheting all the squares together and we will be preparing for next week when we'll attach them to the blanket.

Unfortunately you can't stay in your comfy chair this week. First we'll put all the squares next to your blanket. Then you'll be able to crochet them together one by one. Fun, enjoy it, your project is becoming a blanket, more and more!

Take your squares and put them alongside your blanket. I did it in the following order: flower, star, circle, granny. In the following picture the squares are already attached but it nicely resembles the sequence.



I attached the squares with double crochets and chain stitches (how very applicable, as the website's name means 'chain stitches and double crochets'). I started off with a double crochet, chained 3 and I made another double crochet. With the grannies I did this in the next space, with the others after a few stitches. This was the distance in between the 2 double crochets.



With the flower square you'll make a double crochet in every opening between the 3 trebles, with in between 3 chains.



With the star you'll make a double crochet in the 1st, the 4th, the 8th, the 12th, the 16th and the 19th stitch with always 3 chains in between. So the first and last time you skip 2 stitches, in between all the others you skip 3 stitches.



With the circle you'll make a double crochet in the 1st space (the 2-ch space). After this you'll make a double crochet in between the 3rd and 4th stitch, the 6th and 7th stitch, the 10th and 11th stitch, the 13th and 14th stitch and in the last space (the 2-ch space). In between these double crochet you'll chain 3.



And with the granny you'll make a double crochet in the 1st and last space and in all the other spaces in between, each time separated with 3 chains.

Put the first 2 squares together with the wrong sides facing. With colour 2018/1708/1054 make a slipknot on your hook and put your hook in the first stitch or opening. Make a double crochet, chain 3 and make another double crochet on the designated place on your square. Here, this is the flower and the star.



Now take the circle and put this against the star, wrong sides facing. Attach them the same way.



Now take the granny and put this against the circle, wrong sides facing. Attach them the same way.

Do keep in mind the distance between the 2 double crochets, on the front and on the back.



Attach all the squares in this manner. In the corners, look carefully that you attach the next square to the side of the previous square. On the large sides, you'll have 16 squares and 10 on

the short sides. So the squares in the corners are counted twice. If you maintain this sequence you'll have a flower in 2 corners and a granny in the other 2 corners.

The squares are all attached. You can leave the ends. We'll crochet them with the double crochets alongside the edges later.

We'll now crochet double crochets alongside the inner edge of the squares. That's the side where you'll attach the blanket later on.

Round 1

With colour 2018/1708/2054 make a slipknot on your hook and place it on any stitch you like on the side of a square.

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.

In the corners, skip the square that is in the corner itself. Just go from the square before the corner to the square after the corner. When you pass the end that is still dangling there, take it with you. This way everything fits snugly together. Close the round with a slip stitch in the first dc.





Round 2

Ch 1. (does not count as a stitch). Make 1 dc in the 1st stitch and in all the stitches after. In the corners make 3 dc's together. You do this as such: Put your hook in the 1st stitch and pull up a thread. Put your hook in the 2nd stitch and pull up a thread. Put your hook in the 3rd stitch and pull up a thread. Now do a yo and pull it through all 4 loops in your hook. Close the round with a slip stitch in the first dc. Fasten off and darn in the ends.

The ends that you just crocheted in the round you can either cut, or darn them in for another 1 or 2 cm to the other end. I always do this to fixate them, so that they are really steady. Now you only have to do the ends you just crocheted over. The other ends to the other side of the squares we will tackle next week with the edge.



Now we'll crochet an edge alongside the blanket!

Before we begin with the edge it's maybe handy to count the stitches of the edge you just made on the inner side of the squares. Don't count the stitch in the corner. So, you count the stitches of the 2 short edges and of the 2 long edges. When you are making the stitches alongside the blanket it is best to come as close as you can to the amount of the inner edge of the squares. Most important is the amount of stitches in the second round, because here we'll

add 2 more stitches in the corners. If the stitch counts do not match, this is not so bad. Here we hold to the rule: Cheating is allowed! Just to inform you: the difference between the long sides was 10 stitches, along the short sides: 2 stitches.

Row 1

Take your blanket and with colour 2018/1708/1054 make a slipknot on your hook. Place your hook to any place alongside your blanket. Make 1 dc. Now make 1 dc in every stitch alongside the short sides of your blanket, and make dc's around the stitches on the long sides. While doing this make sure your work doesn't begin to bobble or stretch.

In the stitch on the corner make 3 dc's. Close the round with a slip stitch in the 1st dc.



Round 2

Ch 1 (doesn't count as a stitch). Make 1 dc in the 1st stitch and in all the stitches after. In the 3-corner stitches make the following: in the 1st stitch make 2 dc's, in the 2nd stitch make 1 dc, in the 3rd stitch make 2 dc's. Close the round with a slip stitch in the 1st dc.



That was it for this week. Now you'll have an edge around your blanket and around the inner side of your squares.

Next week we'll be crocheting the 2 sides together and we'll be making a border around the whole blanket. After that, your blanket will finally be finished! Won't it look superb?



Enjoy your hobby, enjoy the crochet. Until next week!