

DESIGN N°

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CROCHET

Hayfield
BONUS DK

DAY TRIPPER PICNIC BLANKET

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WE TRIPLE-CHECK
OUR PATTERNS TO
GUARANTEE SUCCESS
WHEN YOU USE
SIRDAR YARNS

CROCHET ALONG

WEEK 6

STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS

NB - These instructions use **UK** crochet terms throughout - **US** terms are given in square brackets below where applicable

ch - chain

cm - centimetres

dc - double crochet [US single crochet]

in - inch(es)

rep - repeat

rnd - round

sp - space

ss - slip stitch

tr - treble [US double crochet]

WEEK 6 CAL PATTERN JOIN SQUARES

Refer to the photo for motif order and colour positioning. Use **Yarn E** to join all your blocks together:-

STEP 1

Join a set of 4 smaller motifs together to create a block of 4. To do this join 2 pairs along one edge with dc (see This Week's How To's) and then join those pairs together along the longer edge.

STEP 2

The block of 4 smaller squares should now match up with your large Star Spot motif. Place right sides of 4 square block and Star Spot motif together and work 1dc into each st through both layers along the edge (working 2dc into 2ch sp between the Step 2 corners in centre of each Star Spot edge).

STEP 3

You now have created a rectangle. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to make the second half of the large block and join along the long edge.

STEP 4

Follow Steps (1 to 3) 3 times more to create 4 large blocks. Then join these in the same way as Step 1 to create your full blanket, ready for adding the border.

BORDER

The border is worked in a block stitch so if you wish you can crochet over your ends to speed up your sewing

FINISHING

In this final stage we will join and edge our blanket so it's ready to go! This is where all our hard work comes together and we complete our final design. The border is the perfect place to use up any of the remaining yarn and gives the blanket that bold signature stripe edge!

NOTES

Sew your ends in with a tapestry needle, weaving back and forth through the back of your work. Always leave a tail of 15cm, (6in) when changing yarns or fastening off so you can sew in at least 8cm, (3in) to secure your work.

The easiest way to join your blanket is to create 4 large blocks and then join these 4 blocks following the layout of the photo.

My favourite way to join is with double crochet but you could follow the steps and sew them together using a whip stitch if that's your favourite.

THIS WEEK'S STITCH HOW TO'S

JOINING YOUR SQUARES-

Join your squares by working double crochet on the reverse (wrong side) of the blanket. Place your squares right sides together then join in Yarn E with a double crochet join into a corner chain space of both squares at once.

Work 1 double crochet into top of next stitch of both squares at the same time, joining them. Continue to work 1 double crochet in the same way into each stitch along the edge to the next corner space, work 1 double crochet into corner space of both squares.

This method creates a neat bar finish on the right side of the work and a ridge on the wrong side.

DOUBLE CROCHET JOIN

Make a slip knot and place loop on hook, insert hook into stitch or space indicated in pattern, yarn over hook and draw through (2 loops on hook), yarn over hook and draw through both loops on hook.

SLIP STITCH JOIN

Make a slip knot and place loop on hook, insert hook into stitch or space indicated in pattern, yarn over hook and draw yarn through both stitch or space and loop on hook.

CHAIN

To start, make a slip knot and place loop on hook. To make 1 chain, yarn over hook and draw yarn through loop on hook.

DOUBLE CROCHET STITCH

Insert hook into stitch or space indicated in pattern, yarn over hook, draw yarn through stitch or space (2 loops on hook), yarn over hook and draw yarn through both loops on hook.

SLIP STITCH

Insert hook into stitch or space indicated in pattern, yarn over hook and draw yarn through both the stitch or space and the loop on hook.

TREBLE CROCHET STITCH (TOP OF STITCH)

Yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch or space indicated in pattern, yarn over hook, draw yarn through stitch or space (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook and draw yarn through 1st 2 loops on hook (2 loops left on hook), yarn over hook and draw yarn through last 2 loops on hook.

TREBLE CROCHET STITCH (BETWEEN STITCHES)

This is similar to the traditional treble stitch but instead of working into the top of the stitch, insert your hook into the gap between the posts of each treble stitch then work treble as usual.

in. This is a great frame to your final blanket and if you would like to enlarge your final piece you can simply keep repeating the stripes.

1st Rnd. Yarn E:- Join in Yarn E with a dc join in any corner ch sp, 1ch, 1dc into same ch sp, * 1dc into each st and ch sp along edge (working 2dc into 2ch sp between the Step 2 corners in centre of each Star Spot edge), (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into next corner ch sp, * rep from * to * twice more, 1dc into each st and ch sp along final edge, ss into first dc to complete rnd.
Fasten off.

2nd Rnd. Yarn D:- Join in Yarn D with a ss join in any corner ch sp, 5ch (5ch counts as 1tr, 2ch), 2tr into same ch sp, * 1tr into each dc along edge, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into next corner ch sp, * rep from * to * twice more, 1tr into each dc along final edge, 1tr into 1st corner ch sp, ss into 3rd of 5ch.

3rd Rnd. 5ch, 2tr into first ch sp, * 1tr between each tr along edge, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into next corner ch sp, * rep from * to * twice more, 1tr between each tr along final edge, 1tr into first ch sp, ss into 3rd of 5ch.

4th Rnd. As 3rd rnd.
Fasten off.

5th Rnd. Yarn C:- Join in Yarn C with a ss join in any corner ch sp, work as given for 3rd rnd.

6th and 7th Rnds. Using Yarn C, as 3rd rnd.
Fasten off.

8th Rnd. Yarn A:- Join in Yarn A with a ss join in any corner ch sp, work as given for 3rd rnd.

9th and 10th Rnds. Using Yarn A, as 3rd rnd.
Fasten off.

11th Rnd. Yarn B:- Join in Yarn B with a ss join in any corner ch sp, work as given for 3rd rnd.

12th Rnd. Using Yarn B, as 3rd rnd.

13th Rnd. 2ch (2ch counts as 1dc, 1ch), 1dc into same corner ch sp, * 1dc into each tr along edge, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into next corner ch sp, * rep

from * to * twice more, 1dc into each tr along final edge, ss into 1st ch.

Fasten off and sew in all your final ends.

If your blanket is a bit wobbly now is the time to give it a block by pinning it out and giving it a damp mist or a bit of steam with your iron - remember to keep your iron a MINIMUM of 15cm, (6in) away from your blanket and just use the steam!!!

