

NOTE

The border is worked in joined rounds. When working along the sides of your blanket, work 1 dc into the end of each dc row, 1 dc into the end of each bobble row, 1 or 2 dc depending on your tension into the ends of tr rows. The stitch count can vary slightly depending on your tension; if your work is pulling you will need to add extra stitches, if it starts to become wavy work fewer stitches.

Stitch counts aren't included as you may have more, or fewer, stitches; this won't have a detrimental effect on your finished border.

For round 5, you may have to slightly alter the number of dc worked as you reach the corners, as this is dependent on the number of stitches you have worked along the sides of your border on your first round. This will not affect the overall look of your blanket.



Border

Round 1: with right side facing, attach yarn A into the first st of the last row, 1 ch (does not count as a st throughout), [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into first st (first corner), 1 dc into each st to next corner, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into next st (second corner), 1 dc into each st to next corner, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into next st (third corner), 1 dc into each st to next corner, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into next st (fourth corner), [1 dc into each st] to end, sl st into first 1 ch to close round, fasten off.

Round 2: attach yarn B into any corner 1-ch sp, 1 ch, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] in ch sp, 1 dc in each st to next corner, continue working [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into each corner ch sp and 1 dc in each st to next corner, until you reach the end of the round. Close round with a sl st.

Rounds 3 and 4: continuing in yarn B, work as round 2, fasten off.

Round 5 (bobble stitch round): with wrong side facing, attach yarn A into any corner 1-ch sp, 1 ch, *[2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] in ch sp, [2 dc, 1 bobble] to next corner ch sp*, continue in pattern from * to * until you reach the last corner, sl st to first 1 ch to close round. Fasten off and weave in ends.

For a perfect professional finish, you can block your blanket which helps to improve symmetry and shape (see pages 104–105).

Pattern

The main blanket has a 5-row repeat. Using 4.5mm hook and yarn A, ch 80 + 3 + 1 (84 ch).

Row 1: change to 4mm hook, 1 dc in second ch from hook, [1 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 dc in next ch] to end, turn (83 sts).

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in ch sp, 1 ch, skip 1 st, cluster in next ch sp as follows (*yrh, insert hook into st, yrh, pull up loop, yrh, pull hook through first 2 loops on hook, leaving remaining loops on hook; repeat from * three times in total (4 loops now remain on hook), yrh and pull through all loops on your hook), 1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 tr in next ch sp, [1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 cluster in next ch sp, 1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 tr in next st] to last st, 1 tr, turn.

Row 3: 1 ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1 dc in first st, [1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next ch sp] to end (last dc is worked into the top of the 3 ch from the previous row), turn.

Row 4: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 cluster in ch sp, [1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 tr in next ch sp, 1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 cluster in next ch sp] to last st, 1 tr, turn.

Row 5: 1 ch, 1 dc in each st and in each ch sp to last st, 1 dc in last st and on last yrh change to yarn B, turn.

Row 6: 1 ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1 dc in first st, [1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st] to end, turn.

Row 7: rep row 2, turn.

Row 8: rep row 3, turn.

Row 9: rep row 4, turn.

Row 10: rep row 5, and on last yrh change to yarn C, turn (83 sts).

Rows 11–15: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 15 change to yarn D, turn.

Rows 16–20: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 20 change to yarn E, turn.

Rows 21–25: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 25 change to yarn F, turn.

Rows 26–30: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 30 change to yarn G, turn.

Rows 31–35: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 35 change to yarn A, turn.

Rows 36–40: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 40 change to yarn B, turn.

Rows 41–45: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 45 change to yarn C, turn.

Rows 46–50: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 50 change to yarn D, turn.

Rows 51–55: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 55 change to yarn E, turn.

Rows 56–60: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 60 change to yarn F, turn.

Rows 61–65: rep rows 6–10, on last yrh of row 65 change to yarn G, turn.

Rows 66–70: rep rows 6–10, fasten off at the end of row 70, neaten tails.

