

The Shandon Blanket



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This is a free step by step guide for my blanket.
It is intended as an informal recounting of how the blanket was made, the yarn and colours used and has not been pattern tested.

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If you have any questions about the pattern, you can contact me through Instagram, Facebook or leave a message on my blog.
Have fun!

Measurements are 100cms x 100cms (39ins x 39ins) and is suitable as a sofa throw or lap blanket.

You will need:

Stylecraft Batik DK

2 x 50g balls in SILVER, GRAPHITE, BISCUIT and OLIVE

1 x 50g ball in ROSE, OLD GOLD, CORAL, CHERRY, RASPBERRY, PLUM, SAGE, LUPIN, HEATHER, VIOLET, PISTACHIO, TEAL, STORM and MINT.

A 4mm crochet hook

Large blunt tapestry or yarn needle

Scissors

Abbreviations

ch chain
sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet (single crochet US)
tr treble crochet (double in US)
dtr double treble crochet (treble in US)

Special Stitch

Double Treble Cluster Stitch - (Treble Crochet Cluster in US)

1. With loop on hook, yarn over twice (3 loops), insert hook into base stitch and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through two loops, yarn over and pull through two loops (2 loops left on hook).
2. Repeat the beginning of the double treble stitch into the same stitch, leaving the last loop of each stitch on the hook, as many times as needed.
3. Yarn over hook and pull through all the remaining loops on the hook to draw all the stitches together to make a cluster. Finish with a chain stitch.

The following grid shows the placement of colours for the 36 granny squares in the middle of the blanket. Each box is numbered 1 - 4, with number 1 being the innermost colour.

1. Mint 2. Cherry 3. Storm 4. Old Gold	1. Heather 2. Rose 3. Violet 4. Olive	1. Raspberry 2. Coral 3. Mint 4. Silver	1. Old Gold 2. Violet 3. Lupin 4. Plum	1. Violet 2. Pistachio 3. Teal 4. Silver	1. Biscuit 2. Lupin 3. Cherry 4. Sage
1. Graphite 2. Pistachio 3. Storm 4. Silver	1. Sage 2. Violet 3. Old Gold 4. Cherry	1. Silver 2. Teal 3. Pistachio 4. Storm	1. Graphite 2. Silver 3. Heather 4. Biscuit	1. Old Gold 2. Violet 3. Raspberry 4. Rose	1. Sage 2. Pistachio 3. Coral 4. Lupin
1. Mint 2. Coral 3. Biscuit 4. Plum	1. Mint 2. Plum 3. Lupin 4. Rose	1. Violet 2. Rose 3. Raspberry 4. Old Gold	1. Pistachio 2. Lupin 3. Rose 4. Violet	1. Olive 2. Rose 3. Old Gold 4. Mint	1. Cherry 2. Mint 3. Heather 4. Olive
1. Sage 2. Silver 3. Rose 4. Pistachio	1. Lupin 2. Cherry 3. Silver 4. Graphite	1. Coral 2. Old Gold 3. Teal 4. Mint	1. Heather 2. Pistachio 3. Plum 4. Silver	1. Old Gold 2. Graphite 3. Sage 4. Cherry	1. Violet 2. Lupin 3. Silver 4. Rose
1. Pistachio 2. Heather 3. Plum 4. Lupin	1. Plum 2. Violet 3. Old Gold 4. Olive	1. Violet 2. Pistachio 3. Storm 4. Rose	1. Silver 2. Old Gold 3. Coral 4. Violet	1. Biscuit 2. Plum 3. Heather 4. Lupin	1. Cherry 2. Old Gold 3. Teal 4. Silver
1. Old Gold 2. Olive 3. Coral 4. Sage	1. Mint 2. Teal 3. Silver 4. Violet	1. Olive 2. Storm 3. Cherry 4. Biscuit	1. Silver 2. Violet 3. Heather 4. Storm	1. Olive 2. Silver 3. Mint 4. Old Gold	1. Violet 2. Mint 3. Pistachio 4. Plum

Starting from the top left corner of the grid on previous page, select the four colours for the circle motif. (Note, the colours in the photos do not correspond to the first square on the grid)



Round 1: Using colour no1, ch 4, sl st to form a ring.
Chain 2 (counts as 1 tr), 11 tr into circle, sl st to complete round. Finish off



Round 2: With colour no 2, attach yarn to any space, ch 4 (counts as 1 tr and ch 2), *1 tr in next st, ch 2; repeat from * until there are 12 spokes, sl st into the 2nd chain of first ch 4 to finish round.



Round 3: with colour no 3, attach yarn to any space, ch 3 (counts as 1 dtr), do a 3 dtr cluster st, chain 3, do a 3dtr cluster st in next space and continue round, sl st to complete and finish off.



Round 4: For the first square only and with colour no 4, attach yarn to any chain space, ch3 (counts as 1 dtr), (2 dtr, ch 3, 3 dtr) in same space,*ch 1, 3tr, ch 1, 3 tr, ch 1, (3 dtr, ch 3, 3 dtr); repeat from * 3 times, ch 1, 3 tr, ch1, 3 tr, ch 1, sl st to complete round and finish off.

You will now have your first square completed. Take my advice and weave in all the ends as you go along, or at least after each square.

Continue by working the second square to the right in the top row, as far as Round 3.



Join As You Go

1. Work round 4 of the second square but only on two sides. When you get to the corner on the 2nd side, make the 3 dtr, then ch 1 and to replace the second ch, put your hook through the corresponding corner of the first square and sl st, then ch 1 and 3 dtr in the second square.
2. Sl st into the corresponding space in the first square, pull yarn through, 3 tr in second square.
3. Repeat step 2 to the end of the row. In the corner, 3 tr, ch 1, sl st into the corner of the first square, ch 1, 3 tr. Continue round 4th side and fasten off.

In the last picture (above), you will see that when I joined the silver round, there are three corner spaces (cherry, rose and plum). Work a sl st through each space to strengthen the corner.

I recommend you have a look online at some of the excellent video tutorials of Join As You Go, if you haven't already tried it. It is really very easy and quick to work up.

I worked all along the first row of the grid, followed by the second, third and so on, joining each square as I went along.

Once all 36 squares are joined you will be ready to start the various borders and things get easier.

It's actually very enjoyable to slowly but steadily work your way round and round, seeing the blanket increase in size.

So to start the first round.....

Tip: You blanket will lay much flatter and look neater if you TURN it over between each round of the border.

Round 1:

Turn your work on to the WRONG side, and with colour VIOLET, attach yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as 1 tr), 2tr in same space, 3 tr in next 3 spaces.

Now you will come to the two corners of the granny squares which butt next to each other. If you do 3 tr in each of these adjoining spaces you will end up with too many stitches and the blanket will start to ripple. (not nice!)



So to avoid that, you do a cute little trick.

In the first corner space, do 1 tr but instead of finishing the stitch stop halfway, so it is : yarn over, insert hook, pull through loop (3 loops on hook), pull through 2 loops, yarn over, insert hook, pull through loop (4 loops on hook), yarn over, pull through 4 loops. Do exactly the same in the adjoining space and you will have two smaller groups of stitches which match the size of the 3 tr.

Continue along the side of the blanket until you come to the corner, then it is, 3 tr, 3 ch, 3tr.

Work all the way round remembering the

special stitches in the adjoining spaces. When you get back to the beginning corner, 3 tr 3ch and sl st to first ch2. Finish off and weave in ends.

Round 2:

Turn your work to the RIGHT side, and with colour BISCUIT, attach yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as 1 tr), 2 tr in same space, 3 tr in all spaces until the corner, 3 tr, 3ch, 3tr. Continue all the way round until you back to the beginning corner, 3 tr, 3 ch, sl st to first ch 2. Finish off.

Round 3: Turn your work again an repeat Round 2 in colour MINT.

Round 4: Colour BISCUIT

Round 5: Colour RASPBERRY

Round 6: Colour BISCUIT

Round 7: Colour OLIVE

Round 8: Colour BISCUIT

Round 9: Colour PLUM

remembering to turn the work each time.



That's the first border complete, and now it's on to the simple granny squares border.



You can use the picture above as a guide for the colours, or go ahead and work your own colours. To get a balance I've tried to include the same colours on each side, but in different sequences.

For the square:

With any colour, ch 3 and sl st to form a loop.

Round 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1 tr) 2 tr into loop, *ch 1, 3 tr into loop, repeat from * twice more, ch 1, sl st into first ch 2.

Round 2: ch 2 (counts as 1 tr), 2 tr into space, 3 tr into each space around, sl st into first ch 2

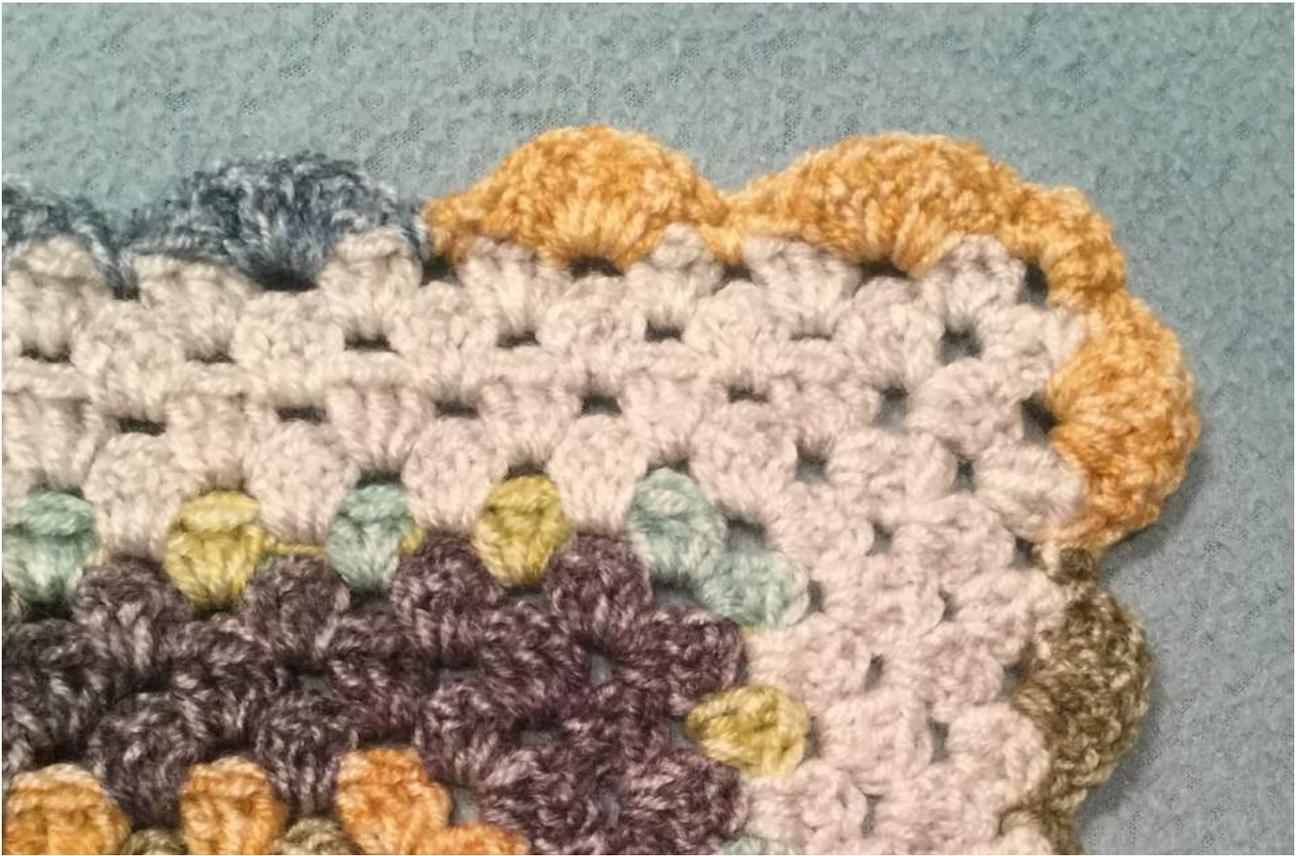
Round 3: This is the Join as you go round, so follow the instructions as before. I preferred to make up each square and join it as I went along, but you can make a batch of squares completed to round 2 (you will need 48), and then join them with Round 3.

And then it's back to rows of these gentle granny stripes. Follow the pattern as before in the following colours (and of course remembering to turn your work at each round, as well as working the "smaller stitches" in the adjoining corners of the granny squares).

1. Silver
2. Silver
3. Olive
4. Olive
5. Old Gold
6. Graphite
7. Graphite
8. Graphite
9. Pistachio and Mint (carry the yarn of one colour under the stitches of the next colour)
10. Silver
11. Silver
12. Silver
13. Silver

And last but not least the scalloped border.





You can use all your small leftovers for this border. Using any colour, attach yarn to any corner space, 1 dc in same space, 7 tr in next space, 1dc in next space, 7 tr in next space, 1 dc in next space, 7 tr in next space, 1 dc in next space and finish off. Choose another colour and attach to same space, 1dc in same space, 7 tr in next space, and continue (changing colour after every three scallops) until you get to the corner.

A little bit of fudging is required here, as the scallops do not quite work out perfectly along the edge. So, fit as many as you can up till the corner then work 5 dc into the corner and continue with the scallops. If you get two scallops of, let's say, Old Gold fitted in before the corner, make one more in that colour after the corner and then continue in three's.

It is possible to carry the end of the last colour along the back and underneath the next scallops to work it in, but I prefer to sew them in nice and snugly, giving the last dc a nice tug to tighten the scallop and neaten it.

And that's it, folks! A little wash, as noted at the start and your blanket is finished. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I did!