

Bullfinch Blanket Crochet Version

Tips & Tricks



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This document contains important information on gauge and special techniques used in the crochet version of the Bullfinch Blanket. Read carefully before beginning this project.

MATERIALS

Scheepjes Limited Edition Mega Whirl

(60% Cotton, 40% Acrylic; 666g/2998m)

400 (coral, grey, blue) x 1 yarn cake

See *Tips & Special Techniques* below when using standard

Scheepjes Whirl

3mm crochet hook

Stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS (UK)

[] number of sts on given row

blo back loop(s) only: work st(s) through back loop(s) only

ch chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

dc double crochet

dc3tog double crochet 3 sts together to decrease by 2 sts: (insert hook in next st/space, yoh, pull up loop) 3 times, yoh, draw through all loops

pm place stitch marker

rep repeat

RS right side

sk skipped

sm stitch marker

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side

yoh yarn over hook

GAUGE/TENSION

Each Square measures approx. 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in),

before blocking

Refer to Schematic 1: Gauge Weight throughout to ensure you do not run out of yarn

Use this info to make gauge swatch

SWATCH INSTRUCTIONS

Begin using yarn from **centre** of yarn cake for each Square.

SQUARE 1

Ch52.

Row 1 (RS) 1dc in second ch from hook (sk ch does not count as st throughout), 23dc, dc3tog, pm in dc3tog, 24dc, turn. [49 sts]
Pm in previous row to mark RS of work.

Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 1dc blo in each st until 1 st before sm, dc3tog blo, pm in dc3tog, 1dc blo in each st to end, turn. [47 sts]

Rows 3-24 Rep Row 2, decreasing each row by 2 sts. [3 sts]

Row 25 Ch1, dc3tog blo, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), fasten off. [1 st]

Note: this swatch forms Square 1 of Blanket.

MEASUREMENTS BLANKET

Approx. 100 x 140cm (39½ x 55in), after blocking

VIDEO TUTORIALS

In the video description there are time stamps to help you find

the place in the video that you are looking for.

English (UK Terminology)

Right-handed: <https://youtu.be/OrvdnEGQLQg>

Left-handed: <https://youtu.be/5Ub-YWigLSI>

Dutch

Right-handed: <https://youtu.be/TFm2BUPaYs>

Left-handed: <https://youtu.be/0l6GlRclTbM>

GAUGE/TENSION NOTES

Squares

The size of each Square is approx. 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in) (before blocking) and weighs 4.7 grams on average; however, Squares with a base chain, i.e. (reps of) Square 1, 2 or 3, are heavier.

See Schematic 1: Gauge Weight to discover what your Blanket should weigh after a certain number of Squares.

After working 10 Squares, your Blanket should weigh 50g. If you find that your gauge is significantly larger than indicated, try changing your hook to a 2.75mm or 2.5mm size, otherwise you may not have enough yarn to complete the Blanket. Keep an eye on the height of your stitches by watching the golden loop video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBIBuiHZg_I

Tip: weigh your Blanket at regular intervals, e.g., after 4 Squares, to make sure that you are still on gauge.

Schematic 1: Gauge Weight

Number of Squares	Weight	Number of Squares	Weight
1	5.2g	50	239g
2	10.1g	60	288g
3	15.3g	70	332g
4	20g	80	377g
5	25g	90	422g
10	50g	100	474g
25	120g	110	515g
40	191g	117	547g

Border

After working all 117 Squares to the given gauge, you will have approx. 115g of yarn left. Each round of the Border uses approx. 7g of yarn when worked to the same gauge. If you have significantly less yarn left, work fewer reps of Border - Round 1.

After completing the final round of the Border there is approx. 6g of yarn left. If you happen to have enough yarn left to work another round, feel free to do so. If you don't have enough yarn to work all the Border rounds, you may stop earlier (Border will then be less wide).





The Blanket will measure approx. 76 x 112cm (30 x 44in) before the Border and before blocking. This is because the diagonals of the Squares pull the Blanket inward. Blocking the Blanket at the end will both make it larger and flatten out this wobble.

SCHEMATIC NOTES

The Blanket is made from 117 Squares in a layout of 9 Squares wide and 13 Squares high. The schematic shows the order in which the Squares need to be worked. Start at Square 1 and work them in the order given. There is a right-handed and left-handed schematic; use the one applicable to you. The Row 1 edge of Square 1 forms the bottom-right corner when crocheting right-handed or bottom-left corner when crocheting left-handed.

TIPS & SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Whirl Colour Gradient

This Blanket is made from a single, Limited Edition Scheepjes Mega Whirl. However, you can also use 3 standard Scheepjes Whirl yarn cakes to make the Blanket. If you are using 3 Whirls, alternate which one you use to achieve a similar gradient effect to the samples made using Mega Whirl. In other words, make Square 1 from Whirl 1, Square 2 from Whirl 2 and Square 3 from Whirl 3. Then, start over again, so Square 4 is from Whirl 1, Square 5 from Whirl 2, Square 6 from Whirl 3, and so on and so forth. Begin using all Whirls in the same way, working always either from the centre or the outside, whichever you prefer.

For those using the Scheepjes Mega Whirl, to make the Blanket as shown, start making the Blanket from the inside of the yarn cake. If you prefer, you can also start on the outside of the Mega Whirl; the Border will be the light colour from the inside of the cake.

Using Stitch Markers

If you find it difficult to identify where to start working along the edge of a Square, mark the first stitch of Row 1 and Row 2. Place a stitch marker in the dc3tog, and move it up each row. When the Square is finished, remove the marker.

Place a stitch marker on the front of your work to help you remember which is the RS and which is the WS. Move this marker to the Square you are currently working on so that you always have it in sight.

Hidden Stitches

When coming to the end of a row, be sure to also work the very last stitch. It can be hidden by the turning chain.

Yarn Tails

When working away yarn tails, do this in such a way that you connect adjacent Squares to prevent holes forming in the corners between Squares.

Blocking

The Squares (and Blanket) will be a little wobbly due to the decrease along the diagonal of the Squares; the diagonals of the Squares pull the Blanket inwards. Wet blocking the blanket at the end will make it both larger and flatter out this wobble.

Tassels (optional)

Use any leftover yarn to make tassels for the Blanket. To create a tassel, cut a few equal lengths of yarn from the leftover yarn cake and fold them in half. Using your crochet hook and with the Blanket front facing, insert your hook between stitches in the final Border round from back to front, pick up the loop of the folded strands, pull the loop through to the back of the Blanket, then pick up the strands and thread the through the loop. Pull to secure tassel.





Schematic: Crochet Blanket Layout (right handed)

117	116	112	111	103	102	90	89	73
115	113	110	104	101	91	88	74	72
114	109	105	100	92	87	75	71	55
108	106	99	93	86	76	70	56	54
107	98	94	85	77	69	57	53	37
97	95	84	78	68	58	52	38	36
96	83	79	67	59	51	39	35	22
82	80	66	60	50	40	34	23	21
81	65	61	49	41	33	24	20	11
64	62	48	42	32	25	19	12	10
63	47	43	31	26	18	13	9	4
46	44	30	27	17	14	8	5	3
45	29	28	16	15	7	6	2	1

Schematic: Crochet Blanket Layout (left handed)

73	89	90	102	103	111	112	116	117
72	74	88	91	101	104	110	113	115
55	71	75	87	92	100	105	109	114
54	56	70	76	86	93	99	106	108
37	53	57	69	77	85	94	98	107
36	38	52	58	68	78	84	95	97
22	35	39	51	59	67	79	83	96
21	23	34	40	50	60	66	80	82
11	20	24	33	41	49	61	65	81
10	12	19	25	32	42	48	62	64
4	9	13	18	26	31	43	47	63
3	5	8	14	17	27	30	44	46
1	2	6	7	15	16	28	29	45

Key ↗ placement final dc3tog
 ↳ working direction beg of Square

