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## Tips & Tricks (UK)

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# Tips & Tricks

*This document contains important information on gauge and techniques used to create the Festival of Lights Blanket. Please read carefully before beginning this project.*

## MATERIALS

*Metropolis version*

[Scheepjes Metropolis Colour Pack](#)

(75% Extra Fine Merino Wool, 25% Nylon; 80 x 10g/40m)

**Yarns A-H** Refer to Colour Placement Table

**Scheepjes Metropolis**

(75% Extra Fine Merino Wool, 25% Nylon; 50g/200m)

**Yarn I** 069 Miami x 2 balls

3mm crochet hook

Stitch markers

*Organicon version*

[Scheepjes Organicon](#)

(100% Soft Organic Cotton; 50g/170m)

**Yarns A-H** Refer to Colour Placement Table

*One ball of each colour:*

211, 213, 215, 222, 223, 224, 228, 231, 233, 234, 238, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 254, 257, 258, 259, 263, 266

**Yarn I** 261 Night Shadow x 2 balls

3mm crochet hook

Stitch markers

## MEASUREMENTS

*Metropolis version*

Finished Blanket 100 x 100cm

*Organicon version*

Finished Blanket 95 x 95cm

## VIDEO TUTORIAL

Jessica has made video tutorials for each part. The following link will take you to the introduction: <https://youtu.be/cUCV6nhkiBo>

## BLOG

Be sure to also head over to Jessica's blog where she'll provide more information and tips & tricks per CAL part!

<https://jessicawifall.com/blog/>

## ABBREVIATIONS (UK TERMS)

[ ] number of sts on a given round

**beg** beginning

**blo** back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loops only

**BPdc** back post double crochet: insert hook from back to front to back to go around post of st indicated, work dc

**BPhtc** back post half treble crochet: yoh, insert hook from back to front to back to go around post of st indicated, work htr

**ch-1 sp(s)** chain 1 space(s): number denotes number of chains in chain space(s)

**ch(s)** chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

**cnr(s)** corner(s)

**dc** double crochet

**dc2tog** double crochet 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st/sp, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh, draw through all loops

**dtr** double treble crochet

**FPdc** front post double crochet: insert hook from front to back to front to go around post of st indicated, work dc

**FPss** front post slip stitch: insert hook from front to back to front to go around post of st indicated, work ss

**htr** half treble crochet

**pm** place stitch marker

**RS** right side

**sk** skip(ped)

**sm** stitch marker(s)

**sp(s)** space(s)

**ss** slip stitch(es)

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**tr** treble crochet

**WS** wrong side(s)

**yoh** yarn over hook

**\*.....; rep from \* x more times/to end** work instructions after \* and then repeat that section as specified

**(.....) twice/x times** work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated



## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**beg tr** beginning treble crochet: 1dc, ch1 (counts as 1 tr)

**beg htr** beginning half treble crochet: ch1, 1dc (counts as 1 htr)

**beg pc** beginning popcorn(s): work (beg tr, 3tr) in indicated st/sp, remove loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in ch1 of beg tr, place loop back on hook, draw through all loops

**pc** popcorn(s): 4tr in indicated st/sp, remove loop from hook, insert hook front to back in top of first tr, place loop back on hook and draw through tr

**puff st(s)** puff stitch(es): (yoh, insert hook in indicated st/sp, yoh, pull up loop) 3 times (7 loops on hook), yoh, draw through all loops

**nj** needle join: cut yarn leaving long tail for weaving in end; lift loop with hook until tail emerges then thread tail onto needle, sk next st and insert needle from front to back through both loops of following st, insert needle down through st where tail emerged and under back bump through to reverse, pulling gently to create false st identical in size

**standing (dc, htr, tr, BPdc)** with slip knot on hook, work indicated st

## PATTERN NOTES

Blanket consists of 5 different Motifs that are all worked and then joined together before Border is added all around. See Colour Placement Table for the required colour number per round for each Motif.

To create sharp angles, some sts are worked in back bump of a ch; when this occurs, both the st and the ch on other side of st are considered sts. When pattern indicates to work a st in back bump of third ch from hook, the sk ch-2 forms cnr; mark cnr ch-2 sp with sm to make it easier to find later and move sm up as you go. Give cnr a little tug when completed to help keep it in shape.

When changing colour, work st in old colour up to last yoh, yoh in new colour, finish st and continue to work following sts in new colour.

**Organicon version:** as this version uses less overall colours than Metropolis, you may not need to change colour/fasten off where indicated in pattern. Pay close attention to schematic and Colour Placement Table as you go.

## TIPS & TECHNIQUES

### Blanket Layout

To help with placement of Motifs, write number of Motif as indicated on Schematic: Blanket Layout on piece of paper and pin to Motif. Cross out Motifs made on schematic as you go to keep track of Motifs made.

### Yarn Tails

We recommend crocheting over the ends when possible and weaving in ends every now and then while creating the various Motifs to avoid having to weave all the ends in at the end. It also prevents the ends from tangling.

### Triangle Motif – Changing Colour

For some of the Metropolis Triangle Motifs and all the Organicon version Triangle Motifs, colours are alternated between rounds and therefore the yarn can be carried up on WS instead of cutting the yarn each round, if desired. Replace nj with ss join and standing htr with beg htr. Change colour as follows in the round: work joining ss in old colour to final two loops on hook, yoh with new colour, pull through and make ch1 of beg htr of next round with new colour.

### Pc Stitches in Border

Round 3 of the Border features colourful pc sts that are made with leftover colours from the Motifs. You can use any order of your choosing, or you can follow the table of your respective colourway when making the photographed sample. When changing colour, work pc sts as normal until last pc of chosen colour. For last pc, pull new colour through in last step of 4th tr and then close pc with new colour.

### Stitch Markers

It is handy to mark cnrs with a sm to make it easier to find them when working the next round. Move up the sm as you go.



Schematic: Blanket Layout

