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Tips & Tricks (US)

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• Festival of Lights CAL •



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 Color 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 Color Placement Table

One ball of each color:

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 (US TERMS)

[] number of sts on a given round

beg beginning

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

BPhdc back post half double crochet: yoh, insert hook from back to front to back to go around post of st indicated, work hdc

BPsc back post sc crochet: insert hook from back to front to back to go around post of st indicated, work sc

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

FPsc front post single crochet: insert hook from front to back to front to go around post of st indicated, work sc

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

hdc half double crochet

pm place stitch marker

rs right side

sc single crochet

sc2tog single 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

sk skip(ped)

sm stitch marker(s)

sp(s) space(s)

ss slip stitch(es)

st(s) stitch(es)

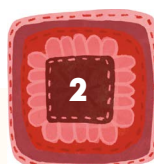
tr treble crochet

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 dc beginning double crochet: 1sc, ch1 (counts as 1 dc)

beg hdc beginning half double crochet: ch1, 1sc (counts as 1 hdc)

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

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

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 (sc, hdc, dc, BPsc) 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 Color Placement Table for the required color 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 color, work st in old color up to last yoh, yoh in new color, finish st and continue to work following sts in new color.

Organicon version: as this version uses less overall colors than Metropolis, you may not need to change color/fasten off where indicated in pattern. Pay close attention to schematic and Color 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 Color

For some of the Metropolis Triangle Motifs and all the Organicon version Triangle Motifs, colors 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 hdc with beg hdc. Change color as follows in the round: work joining ss in old color to final two loops on hook, yoh with new color, pull through and make ch1 of beg hdc of next round with new color.

Pc Stitches in Border

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

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

