



## Part 3

*Let's take a rest on our woodland wander and find a comfortable place to sit a while... wrapped up warm we listen to the sounds of the forest and savour the views of more autumn colors. Nearby there's a sleeping fox... we may or may not see this beautiful creature and many of the other woodland wonders around us that are there but not so easy to see. Careful not to disturb the resting woodland wonders!*

### Sleeping Fox Square

(make 1)

Rounds 1 - 4, the non-working yarn is held on top of the previous round and crocheted over with the working yarn until it is joined again. When changing colour, join the new yarn at the final yoh of the stitch as indicated.

### Main Square and Fox Body

Using **Yarn B**, make 4ch, ss to first ch to join into a ring (or make a magic ring).

**Round 1 (RS)** 3ch (counts as first dc here and throughout), 5dc into the ring changing to **Yarn A** at end of 5th dc, 6dc into the ring crocheting around **Yarn B** and changing back to **Yarn B** at end of final dc, ss to top of first 3 ch to join. [12 sts]

**Round 2 (RS)** 3ch, 1 dc into first st at base of 3 ch, 2dc in each of next 5 sts crocheting around **Yarn A** and changing to **Yarn A** at end of final dc, 2dc in each of next 6 sts crocheting around **Yarn B** and changing back to **Yarn B** at end of final dc, ss to top of first 3 ch. [24 sts]

**Round 3 (RS)** 3ch, 1 dc into first st at base of 3 ch, 1 dc in next st, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in next st) 5 times crocheting around **Yarn A** and changing to **Yarn A** at end of final dc, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in next st) 6 times crocheting around **Yarn B** and changing back to **Yarn B** at end of final dc, ss to top of first 3 ch. [36 sts]

**Round 4 (RS)** 3ch, 1 dc into first st at base of 3 ch, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts) 5 times crocheting around **Yarn A** and changing to **Yarn A** at end of final dc, (2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times crocheting around **Yarn B** and changing back to **Yarn B** at end of final dc, ss to top of first 3 ch. [48 sts]

Do not fasten off **Yarn A** or **B**. Continue with **Yarn B** to make tail.

### Fox Tail

**Row 1** Make 16ch, 1 dc in 4th ch from hook, 1 dc in each of next 2 ch, dc2tog over next 2 ch, 1 tr in next ch, tr2tog over next 2 ch, 1 tr in next ch, tr2tog over next 2 ch, 1 tr in each of next 2 ch, ss into flo of 4th st along in Round 4 on fox body, ss in flo of next st, turn so top of tail can be crocheted back along in Row 2.

**Row 2** 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in first tr st on tail, 1 hdc in each of next 3 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts, 1 sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts, 1 ss in next st, fasten off.

For tip of tail join **Yarn G** into side of Row 1 at of the top of the tail, make 3ch, dc2tog across side of Row 1 at top of tail, fasten off.

The fox tail will be secured once the main square is finished.

**Round 5 (WS)** With WS of main piece facing re-join **Yarn A** into final st in Round 4 made in **Yarn A**, 3ch, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, (1 dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times, now crochet into the front loops only, (1 dc in flo of each of next 3 sts, 2dc in flo of next st) 6 times, ss to top of first 3 ch, turn. [60 sts]

Round 6 is made with the RS facing.

**Round 6 (RS)** 2ch (counts as first hdc), 1 hdc into first st at base of 2 ch, 1 hdc in each of next 4 sts, (2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 4 sts) 11 times to end, ss to top of first 2 ch. [72 sts]

Half double crochet stitches are unique in that they have 3 loops/strands at the top of the stitch. Make sure that in Round 7 you are inserting your hook into the back 2 loops only. This ensures that one loop remains to the front of the work.

**Round 7 (RS)** 1 ch (counts as first sc), 1 sc in blo of each of next 5 sts, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 tr in blo of next st, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) all in blo of next st (corner made), \* 1 tr in blo of next st, 1 dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 sc in blo of each of next 7 sts, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1 tr in blo of next st, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) all in blo of next st (corner made),

repeat from \* two times, 1tr in blo of next st, 2dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1hdc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1sc in final st, ss to first 1 ch. [21 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

**Round 8** 2ch (counts as first hdc), \* 1hdc in each st to end of side, (1hdc, 2ch, 1hdc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from \* 3 times, 1hdc in each st to end of round, ss to top of first 2 ch. [23 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

**Round 9** 3ch, \* 1dc in each st to end of side, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from \* 3 times, 1dc in each st to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [27 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

### Fox Face and Ears

The fox face is made with the right side (RS) facing at all times and made in a continual spiral without closing each round with a ss. Put a stitch marker in the first or last stitch of each round to help keep your place.

Using **Yarn B** make 5 ch.

**Round 1 (RS)** 1sc in second ch from hook, 1sc in each of next 2 ch, 3sc in final ch, rotate work ready to crochet along the bottom of the chains, 1sc in each of next 2 ch, 2sc in final ch. [10 sts]

**Round 2** 2sc in first st, 1sc in each of next 2 sts, 2sc in each of next 3 sts, 1sc in each of next 2 sts, 2sc in each of final 2 sts. [16 sts]

**Round 3** 2sc in first st, make 4ch, 1sc in second ch from hook, 1hdc in next ch, 1dc in next ch (Ear 1 made), skip 1 st on Round 2, 1sc in

each of next 2 sts, make 4ch, 1sc in second ch from hook, 1hdc in next ch, 1dc in next ch (Ear 2 made), skip 1 st on Round 2, 2sc in next st changing to **Yarn G** at end of 2nd sc, (now crochet around **Yarn B** until the end of the round so it is ready to be re-joined at end of round), 2sc in each of next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 2 sts, make 3ch, skip 3 sts, 1sc in each of next 2 sts, 2sc in each of next 2 sts changing back to **Yarn B** at end of 2nd sc.

**Round 4** 1ss in next st, \*work 3ss along the side of ear 1, make 2ch at top point of ear, 1ss in each of next 3 sts down other side of ear, 1ss in each of next 2 sts, repeat from \* once more, fasten off.

### Nose

Join **Yarn B** in the first missed st of the 3 sts in Round 2 which were missed in Round 3 (make sure hook goes under the length of 3 ch so it is encased in the next sts), 1ch (does not count as st), 1sc in same st going around length of 3 ch, 1 bobble in **Yarn I** in next st, 1sc in next st, fasten off and weave in ends.

Using a small amount of **Yarn I** embroider two eyes onto the face using photo as a guide. Then sew both the fox head onto the main square and secure the tail onto the main square.

### Forget me Not Flower (make 7 or as many as you like)

Using **Yarn C**, make 4ch, ss to first ch to join into a ring (or make a magic ring).

**Round 1 (RS)** 1ch (does not count as st), 10sc into the ring, ss to first sc to join, fasten off. [10 sts]

**Round 2 (RS)** Join **Yarn K** into any st, 1ch (counts as first ss), \*(1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in next st, 1ss in next st, repeat from \* 4 times ending with final ss in the same st as beginning 1 ch, fasten off leaving a tail of yarn long enough to attach flowers onto square. [ 5 petals]

Use the ends of yarn to secure three flowers with a knot along the bottom of the fox square. Set aside four to attach to the corners of the blanket later. Of course you can add forget-me-nots anywhere else on the blanket that you like!



### Joining the Squares

The squares are joined together along the vertical side edges to form one long panel across the width of the blanket. Lay out the squares using photo as a guide. Place squares to be joined WS facing together and RS facing outwards, with the edges held upright ready to crochet across them.

Join **Yarn J** into the outer right corner ch-sp of the front square only, 1ch, insert hook into corresponding corner ch-sp on back square, make 1ss followed by 1ch, 1ss in first st on front square,





1 ch, skip first st on back square, 1 ss in next st on back square, 1 ch, \* skip 1 st on front square, 1 ss in next st on front square, 1 ch, skip 1 st on back square, 1 ss in next st on back square, 1 ch, repeat from \* across side to final st on front square, 1 ch, skip final st on back square, 1 ss in corner ch-sp on back square, 1 ch, 1 ss in corner ch-sp on front square, fasten off.

Now continue working the rows on the main blanket.

**Row 64 (RS)** 3ch (counts as first dc here and throughout), skip next st, 2dc in next st, (skip 1 st, 2dc in next st) to end, join with Yarn I at end of final st, turn. [145 sts]

In the next rows work the 2dc in-between the 2 dc in each pair of dc into the centre space in-between them (not into the obvious space between the pairs). This pushes the 2 dc apart and creates a 'V Stitch'.

**Row 65 (WS)** 3ch, skip first 3 sts, 2dc in space before next st, (skip 2 sts, 2dc in space in-between next pair of 2 dc) to final pair of dc, skip next st, 2dc in final st, join with Yarn A at end of final st, turn.

**Row 66 (RS)** Repeat Row 65, do not fasten off, continue with Yarn A in next row.

**Row 67 (WS)** 3ch, 1dc in next st and each st to end, turn.

Autumn leaves are now made again. Cut a length of yarn measuring approx. 120cm for each leaf. Cut 5 pieces in Yarn B, 5 pieces in Yarn C, 5 pieces in Yarn D, 4 pieces in Yarn E and 4 pieces in Yarn I. After using each

piece, leave the yarn there ready to be re-joined for each leaf in the subsequent rows.

**Row 68 (RS)** 2ch (counts as first hdc) \* 1BPdc around each of next 5 sts changing to Yarn B at end of 5th dc, 3FPdc around next st changing back to Yarn A at end of 3rd st, repeat from \* across row to final 6 sts using a length of Yarn C for the next leaf, Yarn D for the 3rd leaf, Yarn E for the 4th leaf and Yarn I for the 5th leaf, then go back to use another length of Yarn B for the 6th leaf and continue in order, after final 3FPdc in Yarn D work 1BPdc around each of next 5 sts, 1hdc in final st, turn. [191 sts including 23 groups of 3 raised sts]

**Row 69 (WS)** 2ch (counts as first hdc), \* 1FPdc around each of next 5 sts changing to Yarn D at end of 5th dc, 1BPdc around each of next 3 sts changing back to Yarn A at end of 3rd st, repeat from \* across row to final 6 sts changing to next colour for each leaf accordingly, after final leaf work 1FPdc around each of next 5 sts, 1hdc in final st, turn. [191 sts including 23 groups of 3 raised sts]

**Row 70 (RS)** 2ch (counts as first hdc) \* 1BPdc around each of next 5 sts changing to Yarn B at end of 5th dc, FPdc3tog over next 3 sts changing back to Yarn A at final yoh, repeat from \* across row to final 6 sts changing to next colour for each leaf accordingly, after final leaf work 1BPdc around each of next 5 sts, 1hdc in final st, turn. [145 sts including 23 groups raised sts]

**Row 71 (WS)** 3ch, 1dc in next st and each st to end (pay attention

to crochet into the top of the 2 ch which is the final st), join with Yarn J at end of final st, turn. [145 sts]

**Row 72 (RS)** 3ch, 1dc in next st and each st to end, join with Yarn H at end of final st (do not cut Yarn J, leave it attached ready to be re-joined later), turn. [145 sts]

**Row 73 (WS)** No turning chain, 1 ss in first st, (1dc in next st, 1 ss in next st) to end, fasten off Yarn H, do not turn.

**Row 74 (WS)** Go back to beginning of Row 73, insert hook into first ss and pick up Yarn J, 3ch, 1dc in next st and each st to end, do not fasten off.

## Joining panel of squares to main blanket

The panel of squares is now joined to the main blanket with dc stitches on the WS.

With RS facing lay the panel in place above Row 74 and then fold the panel down so RS are facing together and WS are facing outwards. Make 1 ch and then insert hook into outer corner ch-sp of Mushroom square and through to first st of Row 74 (which was the final st made in Row 74), work 1 sc in going through both layers, 1 sc in each of next 27 sts going through both layers, 1 sc in corner ch-sp of Mushroom Square and through to corresponding st in Row 74, 1 sc in corner ch-sp of Flower Square and through to corresponding st in Row 74, continue with 1 sc in each st and corner ch-sp of the squares and through to the corresponding stitches in Row 74 to end. Fasten off and weave in ends. [145 sts]

Join us next week for part 4!  
Retracing our steps; heading back through the woods.