



Part 6

Our woodland wander amongst the trees, enjoying all the woodland wonders, is coming to an end! We finish with a border of beautiful trailing leaves and then there are some forget-me-not flowers... scatter them around the blanket to symbolise all the happy memories from our wander through the woods.

Border

The whole blanket will now be crocheted around. In Round 1 when crocheting along the long side edges the stitches are worked into the sides of the rows, around the posts of the sts at the end of the rows.

With RS facing and blanket held upright, join **Yarn J** to top right st (the final st worked in Row 150).

Round 1 (RS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in same st and in each st across top edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along next long side edge, *work 93 sc sts evenly down side edge to central Mushroom Square, work 1 sc in corner ch-sp of square, 1 sc in each st across square, 1 sc in next corner ch-sp of square, work 93 sc evenly down to bottom corner, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along bottom edge, 1 sc in base of each st along bottom edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along next long side edge, work 215 sc sts evenly across side edge, 2ch, ss to first sc, turn. [145 sts across top and bottom, 215 sts across side edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Turn the work so Round 2 is made with the WS facing.

Round 2 (WS) 2ch (counts as first hdc), *(1hdc, 2ch, 1hdc) in corner 2-ch-sp, 1hdc in each st across to

end of side, repeat from * 3 times, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off. [147 sts across top and bottom, 217 sts across side edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Half double crochet stitches are unique in that they have 3 loops/strands at the top of the stitch. Make sure that in Round 3 you are inserting your hook into the one very front loop only. This ensures that two loops remain ready to be crocheted into in Round 4.

In Round 3 we are crocheting leaves as we go. Two colours are used, alternating the colours of the leaves. When changing colour trail the non-working yarn behind the blanket as a long strand. Do not pull the yarn too tight when re-joining. Do not worry about the long loose strand of yarn, it will be crocheted around in Round 4 to encase it and hide it.

Round 3 (RS) Join **Yarn A** into any corner ch-sp, 1 ch (does not count as st), *(1sc, 2ch, 1sc) in corner ch-sp, 1 sc in flo of each of next 6 sts.

To make a leaf: make 8 ch, skip 7 sts, 1 ss in flo of next st, turn work ready to crochet back long chains just made, skip the ss, 1 ss in next ch, 1 sc in next ch, 1hdc in next ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 ch, 1hdc in next ch, 1 sc in final ch.

Rotate work again ready to crochet back along the bottom of the same 8 chains. When crocheting back along the chains insert hook into the chain and then through the front loop only of the corresponding missed st in Round 2 to secure the leaf to the border.

1 sc in same ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1hdc in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 dc in each of next 3 ch and flo of 3 missed sts in Round 2, 1hdc in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 sc in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 ss in final ch, 1 ss in same flo as where 8 ch was joined to with a ss, pulling through **Yarn H**, 1 ss in flo of each of next 6 sts.

Repeat from 'to make a leaf' across the side to next corner ch-sp alternating the colours of the leaves between **Yarn H** and **Yarn A**. Work sc sts in the flo of the final 7 sts of the side crocheting around the non-working yarn to bring it round ready to start on the next side, repeat from * on each of next 3 sides, ss to first sc, fasten off.

Make sure that in Round 4 when you are inserting your hook into the blo it's the two back loops from Round 2. We will also be inserting the hook through the back of the leaf as indicated to help keep the leaf open on the border and prevent it from curling in too much.

Crochet around the loose strand of yarn from the leaves to encase it and neaten.

Round 4 (RS) Join Yarn J into any corner ch-sp, 1 ch (does not count as st), ** 3sc in corner ch-sp, 1 sc in first st of side, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 6 sts in Round 2, * 1 hdc in blo of first st in Round 2 behind leaf, 1 hdc in blo of next st also inserting hook through back of hdc st on leaf to secure it, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 2 sts in Round 2, work 1 ss into the back of the top of the central dc stitch of the leaf, 1 hdc in blo of next st in Round 2, 1 hdc in blo of next st in Round 2 also inserting hook

through back of hdc st on leaf, 1 hdc in blo of final st in Round 2 behind leaf, 1 hdc in blo of each of next 7 sts in Round 2, repeat from * to final st at end of side, 1 sc in final st, repeat from ** on each of next 3 sides, ss to first sc, fasten off and weave in all ends.

Forget Me Not Flower

(As made in part three)

Use the ends of yarn to secure the flowers with a knot onto the blanket. Attach 1 flower into each of the 4 corners of the blanket and of course, you can add forget-me-nots anywhere else on the blanket that you like!

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