

## Joining the Squares & Border

*All the remaining squares and postcards are now joined. They are joined in the same way as the squares and rectangles in Week 2.*

### Joining the Squares

The squares and rectangles are joined together with simple single crochet stitches going through the corresponding stitches of both pieces to be joined. The squares and rectangles are joined with the right side (RS) held together so that the single crochet stitches appear to the back of the work and the right side of the work has flat neat joins. Lay out the squares and rectangles using the photo as a guide.

### Shorter joins

Start by joining the shorter joins between each of the squares and Postcards. Join Yarn E through both sts to be joined and make 1 ch (does not count as st), work 1 sc in each of the 27 sts across going through both layers, fasten off.

### Central join

The larger central square is joined to the outer squares in one go. Make sure the RS are facing each other and with WS of large central square facing you, join Yarn E to any outer right st going through to corresponding st on rectangle to be joined, 1 ch (does not count as st), \* work 1 sc in each of the next 129 sts across going through both layers (miss the corner ch-sps of the squares - there will be 51 sts along first postcard, 27 sts across central sunset square and 51 sts across final postcard), when you reach the end of first side and the first

corner insert hook into corner ch-sp of large central square and through to the corner ch-sp of the corner Vintage Heart Square and work 1 sc, repeat from \* for each side, after final corner ch-sp sl st to first sc and fasten off.

### Border

The whole blanket is now crocheted around.

**Round 1** (RS) Join Yarn E to any outer right st of any corner Vintage Heart Square, 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in same st, \* 1 sc in each st across to end of square, skip the corner ch-sps, 1 sc in each of next 51 sts across next Postcard, skip the corner ch-sps, 1 sc in each of next 27 sts across Sunset Square, skip the corner ch-sps, 1 sc in each of next 51 sts across next Postcard, skip the corner ch-sps, 1 sc in each of next 27 sts across next Vintage Heart Square, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet across next side, repeat from \* three times on each side, sl st to first sc, fasten off. [183 sts on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

**Round 2** (RS) Join Yarn D to any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (1 dc, 2ch, 2dc) in same corner ch-sp, \* skip first st, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) all in next st, (skip 2 sts, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in next st) until final st at end of side, skip final st \*\*, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from \* three times ending final repeat at \*\*, sl st to

top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [61 groups of (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) on each side plus 4 dc in each corner with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

**Round 3** (RS) Join Yarn I into any corner ch-sp, 3ch (counts as first dc), (2dc, 2ch, 3dc) in same corner ch-sp, \* skip 3 sts, 3dc in next 1-ch-sp, (skip 2 sts, 3dc in next 1-ch-sp) to final 1-ch-sp of side, skip final 3 sts \*\*, (3dc, 2ch, 3dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from \* three times ending final repeat at \*\*, sl st to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [63 groups of 3 dc on each side with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

**Round 4** (RS) Join Yarn B into any corner ch-sp, 2ch (counts as first hdc), 2hdc in same corner ch-sp, \* 1 hdc in each of next 3 sts, (skip next st instead working 1 hdc into space beneath it, 1 hdc in each of next 2 sts) to end of side \*\*, 3hdc in corner ch-sp, repeat from \* three times ending final repeat at \*\*, sl st to top of beginning 2 ch, do not fasten off, turn. [189 sts on each side plus 3 hdc in each corner ch-sp]

*In Round 5 ensure the WS is facing. This helps prevent the edging from curling and keeps the border flat.*

**Round 5** (WS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 sc in each st around, sl st to first sc, fasten off and weave in all ends.

