The Border: Part One

*The whole blanket will now be crocheted around.
Stripes will be created like shutters or blinds framing
the window and letting light through!*

With RS of blanket facing and held upright, join **Yarn A** into outer corner ch-sp of Ceiling Rose square at top right of blanket ready to crochet along top edge.

Round 1 (RS) 1ch (does not count as st), *(1sc, 2ch, 1sc) in corner ch-sp, 1sc in each of next 40 sts, 1sc in each of next 2 corner ch-sps, 1sc in each of next 55 sts, 1sc in each of next 2 corner ch-sps, 1sc in each of next 40 sts, (1sc, 2ch, 1sc) in next corner ch-sp, 1sc in each of next 40 sts, (1sc in each of next 2 ch-sps, 1sc in each of next 40 sts) three times, repeat from * across bottom edge and next side edge, sl st to first sc, turn. [141 sts along top and bottom and 168 sts along the side edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

The next round is made with the WS facing.

Round 2 (WS) 3ch (counts as first dc), *1dc in each st to end of side, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times, sl st to top of first 3 ch, turn. [145 sts along top and bottom and 172 sts on each side edge with 4 x corner 1-ch-sps] The next round is made with the RS facing.

Round 3 (RS) 3ch (counts as first dc), 1dc in each of next 2 sts, *(2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner ch-sp, 1dc in each st to end of side, repeat from * three times, sl st to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [149 sts along top and bottom and 176 sts on each side edge with 4 x corner 1-ch-sps]

In Rounds 4 – 14 do not cut **Yarn A** when changing color. Bring the ball of yarn through the final loop of each round to close the round and leave yarn attached on the WS of the work ready to pick up again when instructed. This avoids lots of ends because the yarn can be re-joined in subsequent rounds. These rounds are made with the RS facing at all times.

Round 4 (RS) Join **Yarn A** into corner ch-sp at top right of blanket ready to crochet along top edge, 5ch (counts as 1 dc and 2 ch), 1dc in same corner ch-sp, *(6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts) 16 times, 6ch, skip final 5 sts, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, (6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts) 19 times, 6ch, skip final 5 sts**, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * to ** once more, sl st to 3rd ch of beginning 5 ch, fasten off but do not cut yarn. [16 groups of 4 dc on top and bottom with ch-sps in-between, 19 groups of 4 dc on side edges with ch-sps in-between and 4 x 2 dc in each corner]

In Rounds 5 - 19 crochet into the skipped sts two rounds below – pay attention to leave the strands of chains loose at the back and do not crochet around them. This helps to keep the colors solid at the front.

Round 5 (RS) Join **Yarn B** into corner ch-sp diagonally opposite from where **Yarn A** was joined, 1ch (does not count as st), *(1sc, 2ch, 1sc) in corner ch-sp, 2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, (5ch, skip 4 sts, 1dc in each of next 5 sts) to end of side, 2ch, skip final st of side, repeat from * three times, sl st to first sc, fasten off. [17 groups of 5 dc on top and bottom with ch-sps in-between, 20 groups of 5 dc on side edges with ch-sps in-between, plus extra sts in each corner ch-sp and 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 6 (RS) Re-join **Yarn A** into corner ch-sp, 5ch (counts as 1 dc and 2 ch), 1dc in same corner ch-sp, *2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in skipped st in Round 4, (6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts) 16 times, 6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in next skipped st in Round 4, 2ch, skip final st of side, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, 2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in skipped st in Round 4, (6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts) 19 times, 6ch, skip 5 sts, 1dc in next skipped st in Round 4, 2ch, skip final st of side**, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * to ** once more, sl st to 3rd ch of beginning 5 ch, fasten off.

Round 7 (RS) Join **Yarn C** into corner ch-sp diagonally opposite from where **Yarn A** was joined, 1ch (does not count as st), *(1sc, 2ch, 1sc) in corner ch-sp, 2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in skipped st in Round 5, 2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, (5ch, skip 4 sts, 1dc in each of next 5 sts) to final group of 5 sts at end of side, 2ch, skip 1 st, 1dc in missed st in Round 5, 2ch, skip 1 st, repeat from * three times, sl st to first sc, fasten off.

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