## 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-menot 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 148).

Round 1 (RS) 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in same st and in each st across top edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along next long side edge, \*work 93 dc sts evenly down side edge to central Mushroom Square, work 1dc in corner ch-sp of square, 1dc in each st across square, 1dc in next corner ch-sp of square, work 93 dc evenly down to bottom corner, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along bottom edge, 1dc in base of each st along bottom edge, 2ch, rotate work ready to crochet along next long side edge, work 215 dc sts evenly across side edge, 2ch, ss to first dc, 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 htr), \*(1htr, 2ch, 1htr) in corner 2-ch-sp, 1htr in each st across to end of side, repeat from \* 3 times, ss to top of first 2ch, fasten off. [147 sts across top and bottom, 217 sts across side edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Half Treble 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, 1ch (does not count as st), \*(1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, 1dc in flo of each of next 6 sts.

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

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

1 dc in same ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 htr in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 tr in each of next 3 ch and flo of 3 missed sts in Round 2, 1 htr in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 dc in next ch and flo of missed st in Round 2, 1 dc 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. Work dc 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 the next side, repeat from \* on each of next 3 sides, ss to first dc, fasten off.

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Make sure that in Round 4 you are inserting your hook into the two back loops only 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, 1ch (does not count as st), \*\*3dc in corner ch-sp, 1dc in first st of side, 1htr in blo of each of next 6 sts, \* 1 htr in blo of first st behind leaf, 1 htr in blo of next st also inserting hook through back of htr st on leaf to secure it, 1 htr in blo of each of next 2 sts, work 1ss into the back of the top of the central tr stitch of the leaf, 1htr in blo of next st, 1 htr in blo of next st also inserting hook through back of htr st on leaf, 1htr in blo of final st behind leaf, 1htr in blo of each of next 7 sts, repeat from \* to final st at end of side, 1dc in final st, repeat from \*\* on each of next 3 sides, ss to first dc, 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!

Thank you for joining us! Share your projects on our facebook CAL group!

