



WEEK SIX

Joining the squares and the border

It's time for our Tropical Shores to come together... All the squares will now be joined and then a border will be crocheted around them. With little palm trees scattered around the edge, just like along real Tropical Shores!



Blocking

Your squares may benefit from blocking before joining them together. If your squares are different in size then blocking can really help to ease them to the same size and it can also help to set and neaten some of the stitches. The larger squares should measure approximately 24cm x 24cm and the smaller squares half the size at approximately 12cm x 12cm.

Joining the Squares

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

Start by joining the smaller squares together first with the horizontal join. Pay attention that when you get to the shell square, the shell is facing the correct way.

Then join the smaller squares to the sides of the larger squares adjacent to them with the vertical join. Continue to join the sides of the larger squares together on the vertical joins.

Finish with the long horizontal joins.

Border

The whole blanket is now crocheted around.

Round 1 (RS) Join **Yarn B** to any corner ch-sp, 1ch (does not count as st), (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in same corner ch-sp, *1dc in each st to end of side, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1dc in each st to end, ss to to first dc, fasten off. [212 sts on each side edge, 170 sts on top and bottom edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 2 (RS) Join **Yarn C** to any corner ch-sp, 3ch, (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same corner ch-sp, *1tr in each st to end of side, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1tr in each st to end, ss to top of first 3 ch, fasten off. [216 sts on each side edge, 174 sts on top and bottom edges with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 3 (RS) Join **Yarn D** to corner ch-sp to top right of blanket (ready to crochet down first long side edge), 1ch (does not count as st), (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in same corner ch-sp, * 1dc in each of next 2 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around first sand coloured st in Round 13 of square below, 1dc in each of next 10 sts, (miss next st working 1FPquadtr around st directly below it in Round 13 of square below, 1dc in each of next 20 sts) two times, miss next st working 1FPdtr around central white st directly below it in Round 8 of square below, 1dc in each of next 20 sts, miss next st working 1FPdtr around central white st directly below it in Round 7 of square below, 1dc in each of next 20 sts, (miss next st working 1FPquadtr around sand coloured st directly below it in Round 1 of square below, 1dc in each of next 20 sts) two times, miss next st working 1FPdtr around central white st directly below it in Round 7 of square below, 1dc in each of next 20 sts, miss next st working 1FPdtr around central white st directly below it in Round 8 of square below, (1dc in each of next 20 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around sand coloured st directly below it in Round 13 of square below) two times, 1dc in each of next 10 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around final sand coloured st in Round 13 of square below, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around first sand coloured st in Round 13 of square below, 1dc



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in each of next 10 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around sand coloured st directly below it in Round 13 of square below, (1dc in each of next 20 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around sand coloured st directly below it in Round 13 of square below) seven times, 1dc in each of next 10 sts, miss next st working 1FPquadtr around final sand coloured st in Round 13 of square below, 1dc in each of next 2 sts **, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * for next side edge and top edge ending at **, ss to first dc, fasten off. [218 sts along each side edge, 176 sts along top and bottom with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 4 (RS) Join **Yarn H** to any corner ch-sp, 4ch (counts as 1 htr and 2 ch), 1htr in same corner ch-sp, * 1htr in each of next 2 sts, miss next st, (1FPdtr, 1FPtr, 1FPdtr) all around next st, miss next st, 1htr in each of next 8 sts, (miss next st, (1FPdtr, 1FPtr, 1FPdtr) all around next st, miss next st, 1htr in each of next 18 sts) to second to last raised st of side, miss next st, (1FPdtr, 1FPtr, 1FPdtr) all around next st, miss next st, 1htr in each of next 8 sts, miss next st, (1FPdtr, 1FPtr, 1FPdtr) all around next st, miss next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts **, (1htr, 2ch, 1htr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to second ch of beginning 4 ch, fasten off. [220 sts along each side edge, 178 sts along top and bottom with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

In Rounds 5 and 6 insert hook into the back 2 loops of the htr sts, leaving one strand to the front of the work.



Round 5 (RS) Join **Yarn F** to any corner ch-sp, 4ch (counts as 1 htr and 2 ch), 1htr in same corner ch-sp, * 1htr in blo of each of next 2 sts, miss next st, (1FPdtr and 1FPtr) around next st, 1FPtr around next st, (1FPtr and 1FPdtr) around next st, miss next st, 1htr in blo of each of next 6 sts, (miss next st, (1FPdtr and 1FPtr) around next st, 1FPtr around next st, (1FPtr and 1FPdtr) around next st, miss next st, 1htr in blo of each of next 16 sts) to second to last group of raised sts of side, miss next st, (1FPdtr and 1FPtr) around next st, 1FPtr around next st, (1FPtr and 1FPdtr) around next st, miss next st, 1htr in blo of each of next 6 sts, miss next st, (1FPdtr and 1FPtr) around next st, 1FPtr around next st, (1FPtr and 1FPdtr) around next st, miss next st, 1htr in blo of each of next 2 sts **, (1htr, 2ch, 1htr) in corner ch-sp, repeat from * three times ending final repeat at **, ss to second ch of beginning 4 ch, fasten off. [222 sts along each side edge, 180 sts along top and bottom with 4 x corner 2-ch-sps]

Round 6 (RS) Join **Yarn E** to any corner ch-sp, 2ch (counts as first htr), 2htr in same corner ch-sp, * 1htr in blo of each of next 3 sts, 1htr in each of next 5 sts going into sts as normal, continue with 1htr in blo of each st to end of side working 1htr into raised sts as normal, 3htr in corner ch-sp, repeat from * two times, 1htr in blo of each st to end, ss to top of first 2 ch, **do not fasten off**, turn.

Round 7 (WS) 2ch (counts as first htr), 1htr in each st around working 3htr into each central corner st, ss to top of first 2 ch, fasten off and weave in all ends.

*And that completes this year's
Tropical Shores CAL.*

*We hope you've enjoyed it as much as we
have and you now have your own beautiful
blanket designed by Elenora Tully*

See you next year