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FESTIVAL FEVER

CROCHET ALONG BLANKET
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Part 1

Flowers & Bell Tents
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It's time to celebrate!

We're thrilled to unveil our brand-new crochet-along for 2025: 'Festival Fever' – a joyful 6-part blanket CAL designed by the brilliant Eleonora Tully for King Cole!

This vibrant design celebrates the spirit of festivals, community, and creativity, with rows bursting in bold, uplifting King Cole shades and a rhythmic mix of stitches. It's the perfect project to lift hearts and hooks this season!

Tension

Using Cottonsoft DK: 18 standard treble stitches across and 11 rows measures 10cm x 10cm using a 4.0mm hook.

Using Big Value DK: 17 standard treble stitches across and 10 rows measures 10cm x 10cm using a 4.5mm hook.

Measurements: The finished blanket measures approximately 95cm x 135cm (37.5in x 53in) using Big Value DK 50g.



Abbreviations | UK TERMS

blo: back loop only
bobble: see below
ch: chain
ch-sp(s): chain space(s)
dc: double crochet
dc2tog: double crochet 2 stitches together
dc3tog: double crochet 3 stitches together
dtr: double treble
dtr2tog: double treble 2 stitches together
dtr3tog: double treble 3 stitches together
flo: front loop only
FPs: Front Post slip stitch (see below)
FPtrtr: Front Post triple treble (see below)
htr: half treble
pompom bobble: (see below)
RS: right side
ss: slip stitch
st(s): stitch(es)
tr: treble
trtr2tog: triple treble 2 stitches together (see below)
trtr: triple treble
WS: wrong side
yoh: yarn over hook

Special Stitches

Front Post slip stitch: complete a slip stitch as normal but insert hook around the stem of the st indicated inserting hook from right to left going from the front to the back and then round to the front again.

Front Post triple treble: complete a triple treble st as normal (the stitch starts by wrapping yarn around hook 3 times) but insert hook around the stem of the st inserting hook from right to left going from the **front** to the back and then round to the front again.

Pompom Bobble: Make 4ch, tr4tog in third ch from hook going under both top and back strands of the chain, 3ch, tr4tog in third ch from hook going under both top and back strands, ss to first ch of beginning 4 ch going under both top and back strands, make 1 ch.

Bobble: Complete all the following in the same stitch: with contrasting colour yarn, *yarn over hook (yoh), insert hook into st, yoh, pull contrasting yarn through to front, yoh, pull through 2 loops, repeat from * 4 times more (you should now have 5 contrasting colour loops and 1 main colour loop on hook), pull main colour yarn through all the loops on the hook (1 bobble made), continue with main colour, push bobble towards front of work, carry contrasting colour yarn along behind work and crochet next stitches around it to carry yarn along invisibly behind the work.

Triple treble two stitches together: work a triple treble st as normal (the stitch starts by wrapping yarn around hook 3 times) but stop at final yoh when there are two loops left on hook, work another triple treble into the same st as indicated and stop at final yoh (there should now be 3 loops on the hook), yoh and pull through all 3 loops.



Pattern Notes

- There are some variations in the colours between using the Cottonsoft and Big Value yarns. Some colours are very similar and share the same colour name, whereas others are slightly different. All the colours for both versions have been carefully chosen.
- The Cottonsoft DK yarn crochets with a different tension than the Big Value DK, hence a smaller hook size is recommended.
- The starting/turning chains count as the first stitch of each row or round unless otherwise indicated. It may help to put a stitch marker into the top of the starting/ turning chains at the beginning of each round or row making it easier to identify them as a stitch and the correct place to insert your hook at the end of the round or subsequent rows.
- When changing colours in a row, join the new colour by pulling it through at the final yoh (yarn over hook) of the stitch as indicated.
- After changing colours, fasten off the previous colour yarn unless otherwise indicated.

Part 1

Let's begin our Festival Fever celebrations through crochet! Are we celebrating at home or are we out and about? Maybe we're enjoying our gathering in a festival field with flowers and bell tents – that's the inspiration for Part 1 of our festival fever.

Wherever the celebrations, they continue after dark with the rising moon and lights shining brightly against the night sky... enjoy these first 30 rows of colourful, joyful crochet!

Using **Yarn A** make 147 ch (alternatively start with 145 foundation trebles and then go to Row 2).

Row 1 (RS) 1 tr in 4th ch from hook (the 3 missed ch count as first tr), 1 tr in each ch to end, turn. [145 sts]

Row 2 (WS) 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st, (miss 2 sts, 5 tr in next st, miss 2 sts, 1 dc in next st) to end, join with **Yarn B** at end of final st, turn. [24 shells]

Row 3 (RS) 3ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 1 tr in next st, * 1 htr in next st, 1 dc in next st, 1 htr in next st, 1 tr in each of next 3 sts, repeat from * to end (the final repeat will end with 1 tr in each of the final 2 sts), turn. [145 sts]

Row 4 2ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in next st and each st to end, join with **Yarn C** at end of final st, turn.

Row 5 3ch, 1 tr in next st and each st to end, join with **Yarn D** at end of final st, turn.

Row 6 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st, (1 dtr in next st, 1 dc in next st) to end, join with **Yarn E** at end of final st, turn.

Row 7 3ch, (1 htr in next st, 1 tr in next st) to end, join with **Yarn F** at end of final st, turn.

Row 8 Repeat Row 6 joining with **Yarn C** at end of row.

Row 9 3ch, (1 htr in next st, 1 tr in next st) to end, turn.

Row 10 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st and each st to end, join with **Yarn G** at end of final st, turn.

Row 11 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st, 3ch, miss 2 sts, * 1 dc in next st, 1 tr in next st, 1 dtr in next st, trtr2tog in next st, 1 dtr in next st, 1 tr in next st, 1 dc in next st**, 6ch, miss 5 sts, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, 3ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc in final st, turn. [12 'tents']

Row 12 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st, 3ch, miss 3 ch, * 1 dc in next 3 sts (the first 3 sts of the tent), (1 dc, 1 htr, 1 dc) all in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts**, 6ch, miss 6 ch, repeat from * 11 times

ending final repeat at **, 3ch, miss 3 ch, 1 dc in final st, join with **Yarn H** at end of final st, turn. [12 'tents']

Row 13 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in first st, 1 tr in each of next 2 missed sts in Row 10 crocheting in front of the strands of chains so they are at the back of the work, * 1 dc in blo of each of next 3 sts, miss 1 st, 1 dc in blo of next st, miss 1 st, 1 dc in blo of next 3 sts**, 1 tr in each of the next 5 missed sts in Row 10 crocheting in front of the strands of chains, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, 1 tr in each of next 2 missed sts in Row 10, 1 dc in final st, turn.

Row 14 3ch, 1 tr in each of next 2 sts, * 1 htr in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, 1 htr in each of next 2 sts**, 1 tr in each of next 5 sts, repeat from * 11 times ending final repeat at **, 1 tr in each of next 2 sts, 1 tr in final st, turn.

Row 15 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc in each of first 6 sts, 1 dc in next st first inserting hook through flo of central st in Yarn G in Row 12 as well as the st (this helps to lift the central point of the tent), * 1 dc in each of next 11 sts, 1 dc in next st first inserting hook through flo of central st in Yarn G in Row 12 as well as the st, repeat from * 10 times, 1 dc in each of final 6 sts, turn. [145 sts]



Row 16 3ch, 1tr in next st and each st to end, join with **Yarn I** at end of final st, turn. [145 sts]

Row 17 (RS) (The right side of the work is facing so the bobbles are pushed towards you), 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each of first 12 sts, * 1 bobble in next st with **Yarn D**, 1dc in each of next 11 sts (carry contrasting colour yarn along behind work and crochet next stitches around it to carry yarn along invisibly behind the work), repeat from * 10 times, 1dc in final st, turn. [145 sts including 11 bobbles]

Row 18 (WS) 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in first st and in each st to end, join with **Yarn B** at end of final st, **do not fasten off Yarn I - this will be rejoined each time throughout the next rows to avoid ends**, turn.

Row 19 (RS) 1ch (does not count as st) 1dc in first st, miss 2 sts, 5tr in next st, * 2ch, miss 5 sts, 5tr in next st, repeat from * to final 3 sts, miss 2 sts, 1dc in final st, fasten off, do not turn. [24 shells]

Row 20 (RS) Keep **RS** facing and re-join **Yarn I** into first dc made in Row 19, 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in first st, * 1dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1dc in blo of each of next 2 sts** , (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into central st (the 3rd st) of the missed 5 sts in Row 18 (ensure hook goes under the 2-ch from previous row to encase it), repeat from * 23 times ending final repeat at **, 1dc in final st, join **Yarn F** at end of final st, turn.

Row 21 (WS) 3ch, 2tr in first st at base of 3 ch, 2ch, miss 5 sts in black, * 5tr in next 1-ch-sp, 2ch, miss 6 sts in black, repeat from * 22 times (there will be 5 sts to miss on final repeat), 3tr in final st, fasten off, do not turn. [23 shells and 2 half shells]

Row 22 (WS) Keep **WS** facing and re-join **Yarn I** into top of 3 ch made at start of previous row, 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in same place, 1dc in flo of each of next 2 sts, * (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in 1-ch-sp 2 rows below in black (ensure hook goes under the 2-ch from previous row to encase it), 1dc in flo of next 2 sts** , 1ch, miss 1 st, 1dc in flo of next 2 sts, repeat from * 23 times ending final repeat at **, 1dc in final st, join with **Yarn J** at end of final st, turn.

Row 23 (RS) 1ch (does not count as st) 1dc in first st, miss 3 sts, 5tr in next 1-ch-sp, * 2ch, miss 6 sts in black, 5tr in next 1-ch-sp, repeat from * 22 times, miss 3 sts, 1dc in final st, fasten off, do not turn. [24 shells]

Row 24 (RS) Keep **RS** facing and re-join **Yarn I** into first dc made at start of previous row, 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in first st, * 1dc in blo of each of next 2 sts, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1dc in blo of each of next 2 sts** , (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in 1-ch-sp 2 rows below in black (ensure hook goes under the 2-ch from previous row to encase it), repeat from * 23 times ending final repeat at **, 1dc in final st, join with **Yarn D** at end of final st, turn.

Rows 25 – 26 Repeat Rows 21 – 22, at end of Row 26 do not change colour, continue with **Yarn I** in next row.

Row 27 (RS) 1ch (does not count as st) 1dc in first st, * 1dc in next st, 1htr in next st, miss 1 st, 1tr in 1-ch-sp, miss 1 st, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, 1dc in next 1-ch-sp, repeat from * to end (the final repeat will end with 1dc in final st), **fasten off, do not turn**. [145 sts]

Row 28 (RS) Keep **RS** facing and join **Yarn A** into first dc made at start of previous row, 3ch, 1tr in next st and each st to end, join with **Yarn G** at end of final st (do not cut **Yarn A**, leave it attached ready to be re-joined later), turn. [145 sts]

Row 29 (WS) No turning chain, 1ss in first st, (1tr in next st, 1ss in next st) to end, fasten off **Yarn G**, **do not turn**.

Row 30 (WS) Go back to beginning of Row 29, insert hook into first ss and pick up **Yarn A**, 3ch, 1tr in next st and each st to end, join with **Yarn C** at end of final st, turn. [145 sts]



FESTIVAL FEVER



HEADLINER 1 COTTONSOFT DK STAGE

- 100g
- Azure (3366) x 2
 - Hot Pink (1848) x 2
 - Lime (1601) x 2
 - Antique Gold (3461) x 2
 - Violet (717) x 1
 - Red (5700) x 1
 - Ecru (711) x 1
 - Sky (714) x 2
 - Black (746) x 2
 - Clementine (3464) x 1



HEADLINER 2 BIG VALUE DK 50c STAGE

- Turquoise (4044) x 3
- Fuchsia (4034) x 2
- Pea Green (5822) x 3
- Yellow (4027) x 2
- Violet (4038) x 2
- Red (4029) x 2
- Cream (4021) x 2
- Cornflower (4097) x 2
- Black (4053) x 3
- Orange (4028) x 2

