





Ripple Border

Carousel Blanket - Part 5

Crochet Along*

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Well we are almost there! Border time already. How's it going for you?

I don't know about you, but with a long repetition I often get a bit fed up and have in the past given up on some ripple blankets and they have taken me years..... yes, years to complete. We don't want that to happen. So for this deeply rippled edge I thought a colour change ripple would be fun. Every dip is in a different colour for 6 rounds of 16 dips....that's a lot of colours in this ripple!

Lots of colour changes....I know, but I actually enjoyed this colourful ripple, it didn't get boring and I felt I could have gone on and on and added lots more rows and never get bored. So if you have the yarn and want it a little bit bigger than the approximately 5 ft/I 52cm diameter then ripple away...

The next block will be available 15 November.



EQUIPMENT

US G/6 (4mm / UK 8) crochet hook Stitch marker

MEASUREMENT

6cm wide

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain(s)
dc double crochet
mm millimetre(s)
rep repeat

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sp(s) space(s)
sl st slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)
yoh yarn over hook

NOTES:

Fastening off and rejoining yarn

You will achieve a much neater colour change if you complete rounds and fasten off the yarn, rather than joining mid stitch. When fastening off a yarn at the end of a round, the slip stitch that you have made to join can look like a stitch when you are working the following round. Make sure you count correctly and do not count the slip stitch as a stitch when working subsequent rounds.

Dealing with yarn ends

I always recommend weaving in ends as you go or sewing them in; it's just easier when you get to the end as there's nothing more to do.

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Special DK colours used:

1822

1003 Aster









Batik colours used:







1068



Lipstick Citron 1827 1823



1907

Plum



Cherry



Old Gold

Violet

Biscuit



1711





1188 Lavender

Mustard

1903

Coral

1908

Sage







Duck Egg



Aspen





1906 Heather

1915 Graphite

Olive

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METHOD

The border is made of 6 rounds; each round uses 16 colors (a different color for each 'dip') in the following color sequence.

Special DK

- Pistachio, Aster, Lipstick, Citron, Turquoise, Magenta, Fuchsia Purple, Mustard, Spice, Aspen, Grass Green, Lavender, Duck Egg, Pistachio, Clematis, Parma Violet
- 2: Clematis, Citron, Turquoise, Mustard, Aspen, Lipstick, Pistachio, Parma Violet, Magenta, Duck Egg, Aster, Fuchsia Purple, Grass Green, Mustard, Spice, Pistachio
- 3: Magenta, Spice, Pistachio, Spice, Aster, Citron, Mustard, Lavender, Fuchsia Purple, Grass Green, Pistachio, Clematis, Turquoise, Parma Violet, Aspen, Duck Egg
- 4: Fuchsia Purple, Aspen, Mustard, Aster, Grass Green, Pistachio, Spice, Duck Egg, Clematis, Citron, Parma Violet, Magenta, Lipstick, Aspen, Turquoise, Lavender
- 5: Citron, Magenta, Fuchsia Purple, Duck Egg, Lipstick, Clematis, Turquoise, Pistachio, Parma Violet, Lavender, Spice, Mustard, Clematis, Aster, Grass Green, Aster
- 6: Mustard, Clematis, Lipstick, Aspen, Fuchsia Purple, Spice, Grass Green, Citron, Pistachio, Magenta, Aspen, Parma Violet, Lavender, Duck Egg, Aster, Turquoise

Batik DK

- 1: Pistachio, Indigo, Cherry, Biscuit, Teal, Plum, Raspberry, Old Gold, Coral, Sage, Olive, Violet, Storm, Pistachio, Heather, Graphite
- 2: Heather, Biscuit, Teal, Old Gold, Sage, Cherry, Pistachio, Graphite, Plum, Storm, Indigo, Raspberry, Olive, Old Gold, Coral, Pistachio
- 3: Plum, Coral, Pistachio, Coral, Indigo, Biscuit, Old Gold, Violet, Raspberry, Olive, Pistachio, Heather, Teal, Graphite, Sage, Storm
- 4: Raspberry, Sage, Old Gold, Indigo, Olive, Pistachio, Coral, Storm, Heather, Biscuit, Graphite, Plum, Cherry, Sage, Teal, Violet
- 5: Biscuit, Plum, Raspberry, Storm, Cherry, Heather, Teal, Pistachio, Graphite, Violet, Coral, Old Gold, Heather, Indigo, Olive, Indigo
- 6: Old Gold, Heather, Cherry, Sage, Raspberry, Coral, Olive, Biscuit, Pistachio, Plum, Sage, Graphite, Violet, Storm, Indigo, Teal

Round 1: Join color1 in ch-2 sp at point of marked First Hexagon at start of Part 4 by ch2 (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 23 sts, skip next 2 sts (that is the last st of the down side and the first st of the up side), 1dc in each of next 23 sts, 1dc in ch-2 sp at point working last part of st in color2, cut off color1, *continue with color2, ch3, 1dc in same sp, 1dc in each of next 23 sts, skip next 2 sts (last st of down side and first st of up side), 1dc in each of next 23 sts, 1dc in ch-2 sp at point working last part of st in color3, fasten off color2, rep from * to end using remaining 14 colors in correct color sequence, sl st in 2nd of ch-2, fasten off. [24 sts on each side, total of 48 sts in one dip with ch-3 at point]



To change colour:

Half make the dc as follows: yoh, insert hook in sp, yoh and pull a loop through (3 loops on hook), yoh and pull through 2 loops on hook.



Then double the end of the new yarn, place on hook and pull the next color though the last 2 loops on the hook, completing the dc. Weave the yarn end into the ch-3 as you go.









Repeat the pattern, changing color after every dip.....

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Rounds 2-6: Work the same as Round 1, following the color sequence for each round.



Notes: You can crochet over the end of the newly attached yarn as you go, but you will need to sew in the last yarn used. Sew it back into the same color or it will show and doesn't look nice....I tried it on several of the ripples and it really wasn't good. So leave yourself an end long enough to sew off neatly.



At this point it was getting too big to sit on my 4' table... when it was finished and after a simple wash it was about 5' across...a generous and colorful blanket to snuggle into.





You can see from this picture I spent a lot of time crocheting this blanket while in bed with one or two furry friends for company.



I thoroughly enjoyed doing the color change ripple. I didn't find it as boring as doing a single color for a long run, and it was quite exciting seeing the color changes next to each other.

I almost kept going for a deeper border...you could, if you want to, add a few more rounds....have fun or stop here and finish with PART 6: The final round of little triangular stitches...cya next time.