Crochet

## Under the Sea CAL by Catherine Bligh

Welcome to the start of the Stylecraft Under the Sea Blanket Crochet Along designed for us by Catherine Bligh. Designed in three colorways, the blanket can be made in Special DK, Bellissima \& Bambino DK, or Batik DK.

Over the forthcoming weeks we will be bringing you a new block every fortnight ( 2 weeks). The dates for your diary are: 5th April, 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May, 3 Ist May, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July and 26th July.

The patterns will focus on one motif every fortnight and you will need to complete an average of 3 motifs per set.
We will set out at the beginning of each motif which colors and equipment you will need. We will always repeat abbreviations at the beginning of each pattern. As there are three Color Recipes, the colors have been labelled A, B, C etc so you can easily identify which color you need for your chosen blanket. The step by step images within the patterns have been shown in the first colorway, using Special DK. The completed motifs in the other two colorways will be shown at the end of each pattern.

For general hints and tips please see the Getting Ready document which can be found here: https://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk/Content/Downloads/UndertheSea-0GettingReadyv5.pdf

There are 7 different motifs that, when joined together create a $53 " / 135 \mathrm{~cm}$ square blanket
The next part will be available 28th June.


1 Wavy Rectangles
2 Starfish
3 Sea Pennies
4 Sea Anemone
5 Nautilus Shell
6 Sea Swells
7 Big Shells
8 Joining
9 Border

## YARN USAGE - COLORWAY 1 - FATHOMS BELOW

Special DK: $100 \mathrm{~g}-295 \mathrm{~m}$ (322yds), 100\% Premium Acrylic.


A 'hard' repeat (eg, one side of a square) is started with * and ends with **.

A 'soft' repeat (eg, a repeated pattern within each side of a square) is started with << and ends with >>.

Note: when breaking yarn, remember to leave a long tail to make it easier to sew it in securely at the end.

## STITCHES USED

US terminology.

| US |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ch | chain |
| Sl st | slip stitch |
| Sc | single crochet |
| Sc2tog | single crochet 2 sts together |
| Hdc | half double crochet |
| Dc | double crochet |
| Htc | half treble crochet |
| Tc | treble crochet |
| Hdtc | half double treble crochet |
| Dtr | double treble crochet |
| Bpsc | back post single crochet |
| Bphdc | back post half double crochet |
| Bpdc | back post double crochet |
| Fpdc | front post double crochet |
| Fptc | front post treble crochet |
| Bptc | back post treble crochet |
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## ABBREVIATIONS

| Beg | beginning |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rep | repeat |
| Rnd | round |
| RS | Right Side |
| St(s) | stitch(es) |
| WS | Wrong Side |
| Yo | yarn over (yarn round hook) |

Helpful hints (eg, about stitch placements) will be bracketed, italicised, and colored red.
Example: Skip first hdc (the 'hidden’ first hdc)
A ch3 (or ch2) at the beginning of a round always counts as a beginning dc (or beginning hdc), unless otherwise stated.

Where you are not working directly into the round below, the relevant round will be bolded.

The numbers in brackets at the end of each round's instructions are the numbers of stitches that should be in that round.

## EQUIPMENT

4.5 mm (US 7 / UK 7) crochet hook
(or the size required to give the correct measurements)
Tapestry Needle
Locking Stitch Markers

## PATTERN NOTES

Individual round notes will be marked in bold. Example:
Note: put st markers in 4th, 13th, 22nd and 31st sts.
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## METHOD (make 4)

You need to make four of these, which should measure 8.5 "x8.5"/21.5 cm x 21.5 cm .

Round 1: With color B, in a magic circle, ch1, then 6sc. Join with sl st to beginning sc. Pull the beginning yarn end tight to close the circle. ( 6 sc )

Round 2: Ch3 (counts as dc here and throughout), then dc in same stitch, and 2 dc in next five stitches. Join with sl st to beginning dc. (12 dc)

Round 3: Ch3, then 6dc in same stitch. Work (skip next two stitches, then 7dc in next stitch) three times. Skip next two stitches. Join with invisible join to beginning dc.
Break off yarn. (28 dc)


Round 4: With color A, begin with a standing bpdc around the first of any 7 dc group. Bpdc around the next six stitches. *Work a spike stitch between two dc below current position in round two. Bpdc around next seven stitches**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final seven bpdc. Join with invisible join to beginning bpdc. Break off yarn. (28 bpdc, 4 spike stitch. 32 stitches in total)


Make sure you work the spike stitch between two dc from round two.

Round 5: With color B, begin with a standing tc in any spike stitch, then 8tc in same stitch. *Skip next three stitches, then sc in next stitch. Skip next three stitches, then 9tc in next stitch (which should be a spike stitch)**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final 9tc. Join with invisible join to beginning tc. Break off yarn. ( $36 \mathrm{tc}, 4 \mathrm{sc} .40$ stitches in total)


Round 6: With color C , begin with a standing tc in any sc stitch, then (4tc, ch2, 5tc) in same stitch. *Skip next three stitches, then sc in next three stitches. Skip next three stitches, then (5tc, ch2, 5 tc ) in next stitch**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final (5tc, ch2, 5tc). Join with sl st to beginning tc. ( $50 \mathrm{tc}, 12 \mathrm{sc}, 4$ ch2. 70 stitches in total)


The three sc should be in the middle three tc stitches from round six.

Round 7: Ch2 (counts as hdc), then dc in next stitch, 3tc in next stitch, dc in next stitch, and hdc in next stitch. *Work (2sc, ch2, 2sc) in ch2 space. Hdc in next stitch, dc in next stitch, 3 tc in next stitch, dc in next stitch, and hdc in next stitch. Skip next stitch, sc in next stitch (which should be the second of three sc), then skip next stitch. Hdc in next stitch, dc in next stitch, 3tc in next stitch, dc in next stitch, and hdc in next stitch**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final seven stitches. Join with invisible join to beginning hdc. Break off yarn. ( $24 \mathrm{tc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 16$ hdc, 16 sc, 4 ch2. 80 stitches in total)


This is what your corners should look like.


This is what you should have now.

Round 8: With color A, begin with a standing dc in any ch2 corner space, then (ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, dc) in same space. *Ch4, skip next five stitches, then sc in next stitch (which should be the second of 3 tc ). Skip next three stitches, then ( $\mathrm{tc}, \mathrm{ch} 1, \mathrm{tc}$, ch1, tc) in next stitch. Skip next three stitches, then sc in next stitch (which should be the second of 3tc). Ch4, skip next five stitches, then (dc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, dc) in ch2 space**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final (dc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, dc). Join with sl st to beginning dc. ( $24 \mathrm{tc}, 24$ ch1, 8 dc, 8 sc, 8 ch4. 96 stitches in total)


The (dc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, tc, ch1, dc) will become your corner.

Round 9: Ch4 (counts as dc plus chi), skip ch1, then dc in next stitch, ch1, and skip ch1. *Work (dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc) in next stitch. Work (ch1, skip ch1, then dc in next stitch) twice, then ch1, and sc in ch 4 space. Skip next stitch, then 2tc in next stitch. 2tc in ch1 space, 3tc in next stitch, 2tc in ch1 space, and 2tc in next stitch. Skip next stitch, and sc in ch4 space. Ch1, then (dc in next stitch, ch1, and skip ch1) twice**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final four stitches. Join with invisible join to beginning dc. Break off yarn. ( $44 \mathrm{tc}, 32$ ch1, 28 dc, 8 sc. 112 stitches in total)


Make sure your (dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc) is in the middle tc of the corner.

Round 10: With color E, begin with a standing dc in the first ch1 of any (dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc), then 2dc in same space. ** Ch2, then work (skip next stitch, then 3dc in ch1 space) three times. Skip next two stitches (which should be a dc and chi), then sc in next stitch (which should be a sc stitch). Bpdc around next eleven stitches. Sc in next stitch (which should be a sc stitch), then skip next two stitches (which should be a chi and dc). Work (3dc in ch1 space, then skip next stitch) twice, and 3dc in ch1 space**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final 3dc. Join with invisible join to beginning dc. Break off yarn. ( $72 \mathrm{dc}, 44$ bpdc, 8 sc, 4 ch2. 132 stitches in total)


Round 11: With color D, begin with a standing dc in any ch2 corner space, then (ch2, dc) in same space.
*Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then sc in next stitch. Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then dc in next stitch (which should be a sc stitch). Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then sc in next three stitches. Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then dc in next stitch (which should be a sc stitch). Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then sc in next stitch. Ch3 loosely, skip next four stitches, then (dc, ch2, dc) in ch2 space**.

Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final (dc, ch2, dc). Join with sl st to beginning dc. ( $24 \mathrm{ch} 3,20 \mathrm{sc}, 16 \mathrm{dc}, 4 \mathrm{ch} 2.116$ stitches in total)

Your work will cup here. That's okay! It will sit flat by the end.


Round 12: Ch3. *Work (dc, ch2, dc) in ch2 space, then dc in next st. Work (4dc in ch3 space, then dc in next st) 3 times, then dc in next 2 sts. Work ( 4 dc in ch3 space, then dc in next st) 3 times**. Rep from * to ** 3 times, omitting final dc. Join with invisible join to beg dc Break yarn. (140 dc, 4 ch2. 148 sts total)


Round 13: With color B, begin with a standing dc in any ch2 corner space, then (ch2, dc) in same space. *Bptc around next three stitches, bpdc around next twenty-nine stitches, then bptc around next three stitches, and (dc, ch2, dc) in ch2 space**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final (dc, ch2, dc). Join with invisible join to beginning dc. Break off yarn. (116 bpdc, 24 bptc, 8 dc, 4 ch2. 156 stitches in total)


Round 14: With color A, begin with a standing hdc in any ch2 corner space, then (ch2, hdc) in same space. *Bphdc around next thirty-seven stitches, then (hdc, ch2, hdc) in ch2 space**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final (hdc, ch2, hdc). Join with sl st to beginning hdc. (148 bphdc, 8 hdc, 4 ch1. 160 stitches in total)

Round 15: Ch1, then sc in same stitch. *3sc in ch2 space, skip first hdc (the 'hidden' first hdc), then sc in next thirty-eight stitches**. Repeat from * to ** three times, omitting final 3sc. Join with invisible join to beginning sc. Break off yarn. (164 sc)

Sew in all ends.


Completed block in Colorway 1


Completed block in Colorway 2


Completed block in Colorway 3

