



US Terms

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Stylecraft



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Part 9 | Border

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## 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, 31st 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"/135cm square blanket



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## YARN USAGE – COLORWAY 1 – FATHOMS BELOW

**Special DK:** 100g – 295m (322yds), 100% Premium Acrylic.



B  
Cloud Blue



C  
Turquoise



D  
Royal

## YARN USAGE – COLORWAY 2 – BEAUTIFUL BRINY SEA

**Bambino DK:** 100g – 268m (293yds), 100% Premium Acrylic.

**Bellissima DK:** 100g – 268m (293yds), 100% Premium Acrylic.



B  
Double  
Denim  
(Bellissima)



C  
Blue  
Mist  
(Bambino)



D  
Sugar  
Snap  
(Bellissima)

## YARN USAGE – COLORWAY 3 – THE EDGE OF THE WATER

**Batik DK:** 50g – 138m (151yds), 80% Premium Acrylic, 20% Wool.



B  
Sage



C  
Pistachio



D  
Mint

## EQUIPMENT

4.5mm (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.**

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.

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
Ttc	half treble crochet
Tc	treble crochet
Hdtdc	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

## ABBREVIATIONS

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

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## BORDER PREPARATION

I always work a round of single crochet around a blanket before beginning a border. This gives you a good, solid foundation for working into, and also allows you to make sure your stitch count is accurate before moving on to the border.

It's worth checking your stitch count for each square as you go, to correct any errors, rather than waiting until the end of a side or the entire round.

**For this round, work in the back loops only of the stitches.**

With color D, begin with a standing sc in the back loop only of any corner stitch (*which should be the second of 3sc of any Sea Swells square*). 2sc in back loop only of same stitch.



\*<<Working in back loops only, sc in next forty stitches. Sc in back loop of next stitch (*which should be a corner stitch*), then sc2tog in back loops of the same stitch and the next corner stitch. Sc in back loop of next corner stitch>>.



Repeat from << to >> four times, then sc in back loop of next forty stitches, and 3sc in back loop of corner stitch\*\*.

Repeat from \* to \*\* three times, omitting final 3sc. Join with invisible join to beginning sc. Break off yarn.

You should have 257 stitches per side (252 sc, 5 sc2tog), *plus* a corner stitch (*the second of 3sc at the corners*). This means you should have 1032 stitches in total.

Sew in all ends from joining and from this rnd of border preparation.

## BORDER

**Round 1:** With color C, begin with a standing sc in the second sc of any corner 3sc, then (ch1, sc) in same stitch. \*Work (ch1, skip next stitch, then sc in next stitch) 128 times, then ch1, skip next stitch, and work (sc, ch1, sc) in corner stitch\*\*. Repeat from \* to \*\* three times, omitting final (sc, ch1, sc). Join with sl st to beginning sc. (520 sc, 520 ch1. 1040 stitches in total)



**Round 2:** Ch1, then sc in same stitch. \*Ch5, skip ch1, then sc in next stitch. Ch5, skip next two stitches, then sc in next stitch (*which should be a ch1 space*). Work (ch5, skip next three stitches, then sc in next stitch) 63 times\*\*. Ch5, skip next two stitches, then sc in next stitch. Repeat from \* to \*\* three times, omitting final sc. Join with invisible join to beginning sc. Break off yarn. (264 ch5, 264 sc. 1584 stitches in total)



Skip just two stitches before and after each corner, not three as along each side.

**Round 3:** In this round, you will be working into round one chain spaces only. Because it is *all* worked into round one, this isn't indicated within the round instructions.

With color B, begin with a standing sc in any corner ch1 from round **one** (*working in front of round two*).

\*Ch7, skip next stitch, then, working *behind* round two, sc in next ch1.

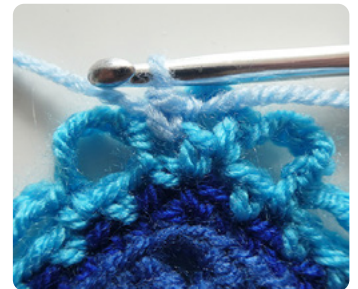
^Ch7, skip next three stitches, then, working *in front of* round two, sc into next ch1.

Ch7, skip next three stitches, then, working *behind* round two, sc into next ch1^^.

Repeat from ^ to ^^ 32 times.

Ch7, skip next stitch, then, working *in front of* round two, sc into next ch1 (*which should be the corner ch1*)\*\*.

Repeat from \* to \*\* three times, omitting final sc. Join with invisible join to beginning sc. Break off yarn. (260 sc, 260 ch7. 2080 stitches in total)

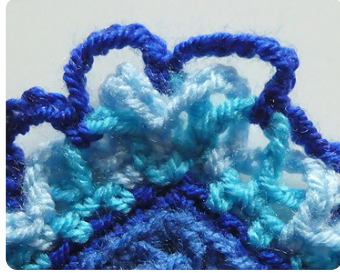
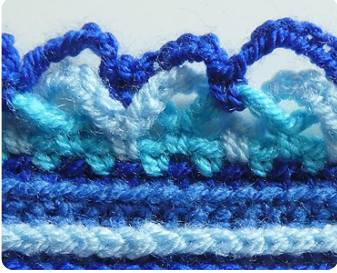


You can fold forward the ch5 from Rnd 2, to work behind it into Rnd 1.

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**Round 4:** In this round, you will be working into round two chain spaces only. Because it is all worked into round two, this isn't indicated within the round instructions.

With color D, begin with a standing sc in any ch5 corner space (*working behind the ch7 from round three*). \*Ch7, skip sc, then sc in next ch5 space\*\*. Repeat from \* to \*\* 66 times, omitting final sc. Join with invisible join to beginning sc. Break off yarn. (264 sc, 264 ch7. 2112 stitches in total)



Sew in all ends.

## FISH APPLIQUÉ (OPTIONAL)

As an extra option, I crocheted some little fish to swim along in one of the Wavy Rectangles.

I made one each in colors F, G and H, but feel free to make as many as you like. Each fish uses less than a gram of yarn.

**Round 1:** In a magic circle, ch3 (*counts as dc here and throughout*), then 11dc. Join with sl st to beginning dc. Pull the beginning yarn end tight to close the circle. (12 dc)

**Round 2:** Ch2 (*counts as hdc*), then 2hdc in same stitch. Sc in next two stitches, 2sc in next stitch, then sc in next two stitches. Work 3hdc in next stitch, sc in next two stitches, 2sc in next stitch, then sc in next two stitches. Join with sl st to beginning hdc. (12 sc, 6 hdc. 18 stitches in total)

**Round 2:** Sl st into next stitch (*which should be the second of 3hdc*). Ch3, then 4dc in same stitch. Break off yarn. (5 dc)

Sew in the final tail, then use beginning tail to attach fish to Wavy Rectangle before sewing in end.

