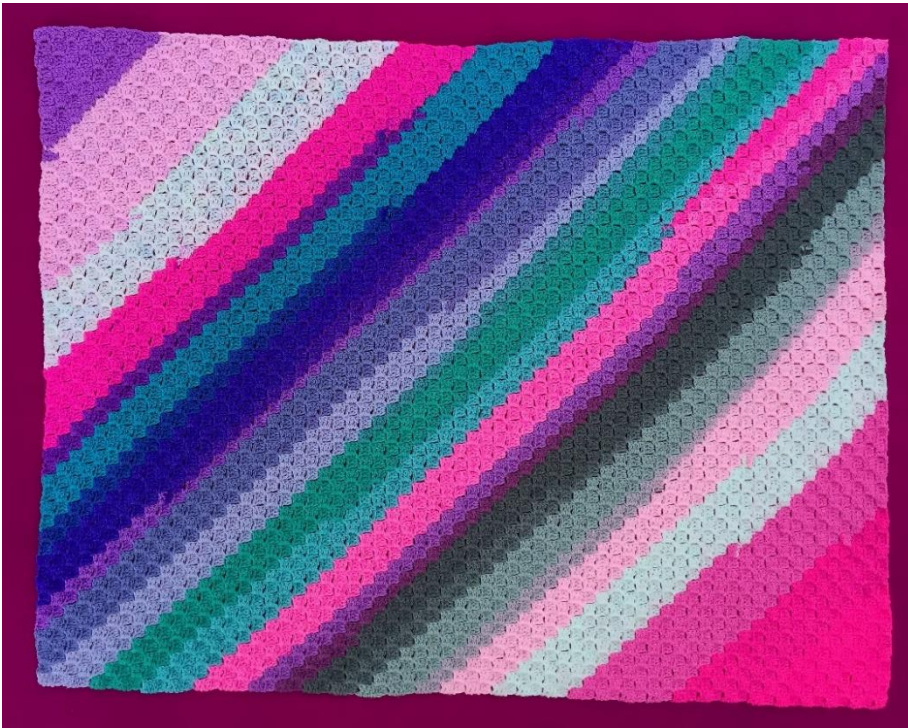


THREE MANDALA THRILL CROCHET BLANKET

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YARN:

Any dk weight yarn will work for this project. This is a weight category 3 yarn.

The blanket pictured was made with **Lion Brand Mandala Baby** in Unicorn Cloud, Pixie Hollow, and Dreamworld (shown from top left to bottom right in sample).

The blanket requires **3 cakes** of Mandala or Mandala Baby: 1,770 yards total (1,616 m).

If you use a different brand of yarn, use the hook size recommended on the yarn label. You may need more or less yarn than listed here.

Finished blanket size: 33 by 42 inches (84 x 107 cm) with the recommended yarn and hook size.

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Yarn weight: dk weight (category 3)

Hook size: 5 mm (US H size)

Gauge: 3 C2C blocks = 2 inches (5 cm)

Terms: **chain:** Yarn over and pull through loop on hook.

slip stitch: Insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull through stitch and loop on hook.

dc: double crochet (US). Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch and two loops, yarn over, and pull through both loops on hook.

Row 1: Chain 6. dc in 4th loop from hook and next two chains. [1 block made]

Row 2: Chain 6. dc in 4th loop from hook and next two chains. Flip the block from Row 1 over and slip stitch into the chain 3 space (see tutorial below). Chain 3 and dc 3 times into the chain space. [2 blocks made]

Rows 3-51: Chain 6. dc in 4th loop from hook and next two chains. (Slip stitch into the chain 3 space of the next block, chain 3, dc 3 times into the chain space) repeat across row. [51 blocks made after Row 51]

Rows 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, and 64: Slip stitch into each of the two chains that form the side of the last block of your previous row. Slip stitch into the chain 3 space from the last block of your previous row (see tutorial below). (Chain 3 and 3 dc into the chain 3 space. Slip stitch to the next block) repeat across row.

Rows 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, and 65: Chain 6. dc in 4th loop from hook and next two chains. (Slip stitch into the chain 3 space of the next block, chain 3, dc 3 times into the chain space) repeat across row but do not create a block on top of your first block of your last row. [65 blocks made after Row 65]

Rows 66-116: Slip stitch into each of the two chains that form the side of the last block of your previous row. Slip stitch into the chain 3 space from the last block of your last row. (Chain 3 and 3 dc into the chain 3 space. Slip stitch to the next block) repeat across row. Do not create a block on top of your first block of your previous row (see tutorial below).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

In plain English:

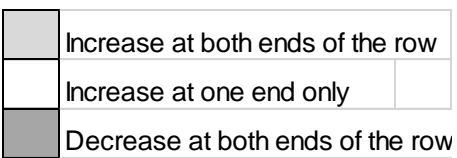
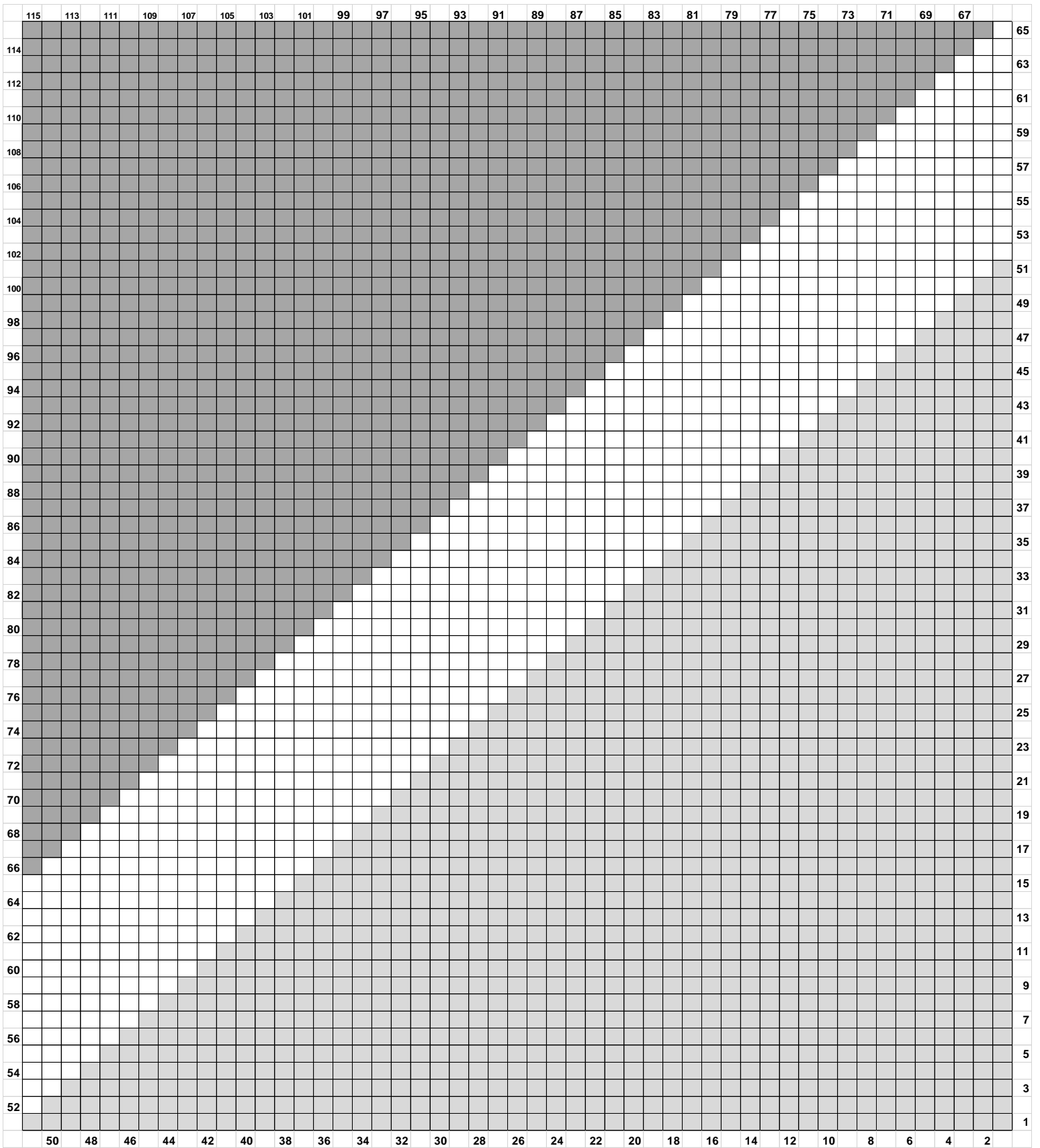
The blanket is all corner-to-corner stitch (C2C). It is 51 blocks wide and 65 blocks long.

Increase at the beginning and end of each row in the C2C stitch until you have 51 blocks along each side.

Then keep one side straight and steady with 51 blocks and increase on the other side until you reach 65 blocks on the long side.

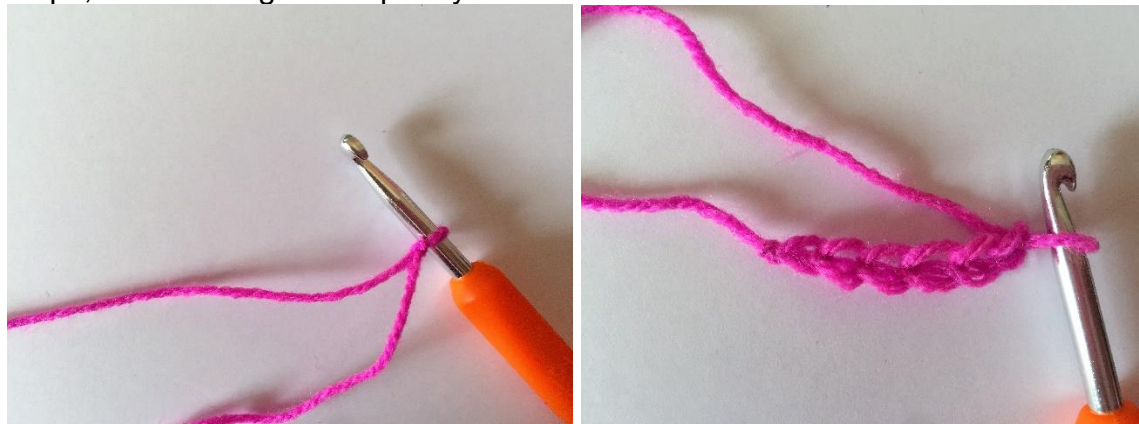
Then decrease at both the beginning and end of each row until you have only one block remaining.

See the chart and tutorial below for more information.



PATTERN TUTORIAL

1. To begin Row 1, make a slipknot and place the loop on your hook. Here's a video showing how to make a slipknot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGIQOAZenLU>. Then chain 6 loops, not counting the loop on your hook.



2. Now yarn over and stick your hook into the fourth chain loop from the hook. Complete a double crochet stitch. Double crochet into each of the remaining two chains. Row 1 is done!



3. Chain 6 to start Row 2. Then double crochet into the 4th chain from the hook. Then double crochet into the next two chains. This is your 2nd C2C block.



4. Now you will attach the second block to the first block with a slip stitch. Flip the block from Row 1 so its bottom is now on the top. Insert your hook into the chain 3 space at the top and slip stitch.



5. Chain 3. Then double crochet 3 times into the same space where you placed the slip stitch. This is your third C2C block. You are done with Row 2!



6. To start Row 3 and all rows through Row 51, turn your work and chain 6. Double crochet into the 4th chain from the hook and the next two chains. Slip stitch to the first block in your last row.



7. Chain 3, then double crochet three times in the chain space. Slip stitch to the next block. Repeat until you get to the end of the row.



8. Create the last block of Row 3 on top of the first block of Row 2. Then turn your work and repeat steps 6, 7, and 8.



9. Beginning in Row 52, you will add only one additional block per row instead of adding two. This keeps one side straight with 51 blocks and allows the other side to grow to create a rectangle. To begin Row 52 and all even rows through Row 64, slip stitch into each of the two chains that form the side of your last block, then slip stitch into the chain 3 space from your last block of the previous row.



10. Then chain 3 to start the next block and continue as usual.



11. Row 53 and all odd rows through Row 65 begin with a chain 6 to create a new block and end without creating a new block on top of the first block of the previous row. Slip stitch to the last block and turn your work instead of creating a new block sticking out the side.



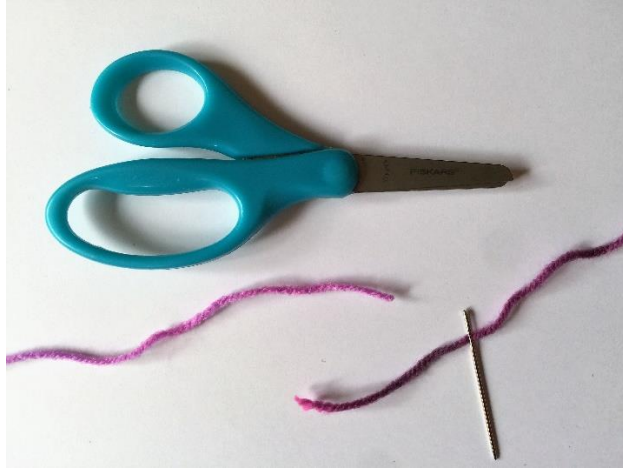
12. After Row 65, you will start to decrease at both ends of each row. To begin Row 66, slip stitch into each of the two chains that form the side of the last block, then slip stitch into the chain 3 space from the last block of the previous row as shown in step 9.

Then chain 3 to start the next block and continue as usual. At the end of Row 66, do not create a block on top of the first block of your previous row. Slip stitch to that block and turn your work as shown in step 11 above.

To add a new cake or work around a knot:

Use the Russian join method to add a new cake. You will need a yarn needle, a hook, and scissors. If you find a knot, cut the knot out and rejoin the yarn with this method.

1. Thread one yarn end onto the needle. Then insert the needle into the same piece of yarn about an inch back from the needle.



2. Weave the needle back and forth through the yarn a few times, splitting the yarn in half as you poke the needle through. Insert your hook into the loop closest to the eye of the needle so you don't lose this loop.



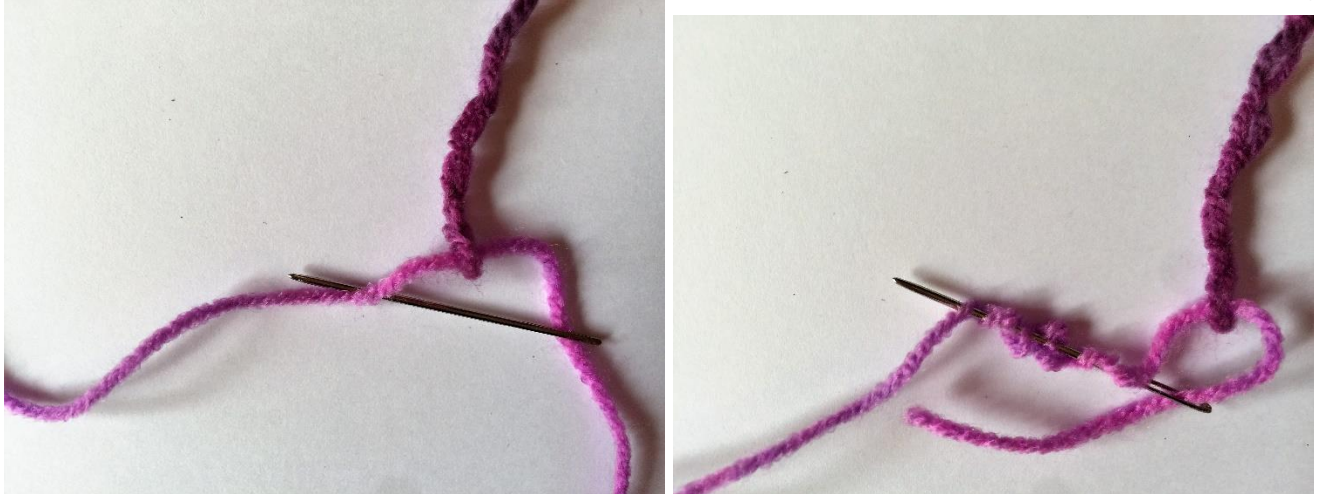
3. Pull the needle through, keeping the loop on the hook.



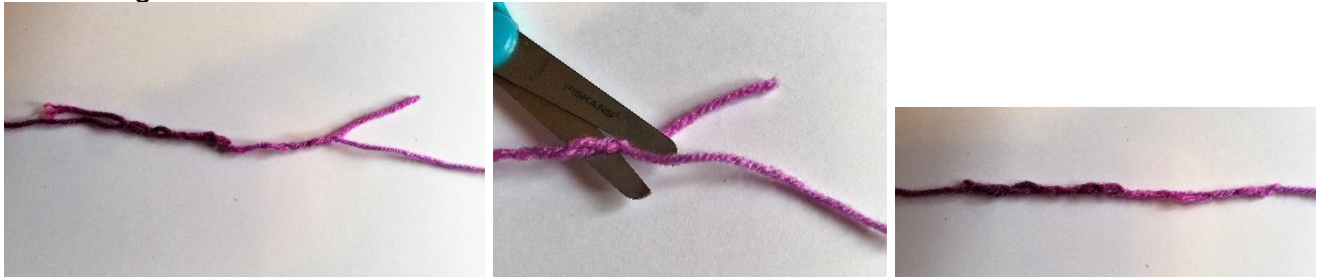
4. Thread the other yarn end onto your needle and pass the needle through the loop on your hook. As soon as you get the needle into the loop, you can remove the hook so it's out of the way.



5. Weave the needle back and forth through the new piece of yarn a few times and pull it through.



6. Trim the ends. Pinch and roll the join in your fingertips to smooth it out. Then continue crocheting!



Still having trouble?

Check out Tamara Kelly's video tutorials on her excellent crochet blog, Moogly. She shows how to hold the yarn and hook, how to make a slipknot, how to make a chain, and how to half double crochet:

<http://www.mooglyblog.com/learn-how-to-crochet/>

Left handed video: <http://www.mooglyblog.com/how-to-crochet-left-handed/>

Here's a **C2C video tutorial** from The Crochet Crowd: <http://thecrochetcrowd.com/cornertocorner/>

Russian Join video tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MXT2mrR894>