

Giorni di Sole



Giorni di sole means sunny days in Italian. I designed this blanket for a very special baby of a dear friend. My wish was he and his family will always find a sunny sky above them and their days will be full of laughter, bright smiles and happiness. No matter the season, the clouds, the time, where they are or what situations they could be living: there will always be a warm sun shining in the colorful skies of their hearts.



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A note from the author

Everything you knit or crochet, from the smallest amigurumi to the largest blanket, from the easiest scarf to the most complicated lace shawl, always carries a little piece of you. Along with your thread of yarn, you are weaving your emotions, your wishes, your past, present and future: your story. That is why I always say that what we craft tells its unique tale. When you gift your creation to someone, that tale expands and embrace that other person, his or her life and emotions. It becomes a link between the two of you, a bridge crossing two worlds, a string connecting two hearts. This is maybe one of the most beautiful thing your talent and dedication can do. Gifting your creation to someone, or even to yourself, will bring you the purest happiness you can find. That pure happiness can only be crafted.

This is why this pattern is free for everyone. It is my gift to you. I hope it will bring happiness, to you and to everyone you will think about while you create.



Please, share your progresses and finished masterpiece on Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag #giornidisoletblanket. I would love to see your adaptations of my pattern! Of course, if you need any help with the pattern or if you have questions, feel free to ask on the Ravelry page, or contact me on Instagram, my blog or Facebook.

I hope you enjoy crocheting this blanket as I did. Know that if you choose to use your precious time to make your creation with this pattern, I will be honored.

Thanks for downloading and for your comments.



Pattern

The blanket is made of 49 Granny Squares joined together with a little border.

It measures approximately 97 x 97 cm / 38 x 38 inch.

Material

- Yarn: 2 balls Scheepjes Colour Crafter (or any DK weight yarn) in:
Yellow (Color A) and White (Color C), 6 balls in contrasting colors (Color B)
- Crochet hook size 4 mm (G)
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

Every complete square is about 13 cm / 5 inch

Gauge is not crucial in this project.

Level

Beginner

Abbreviations

St, sts Stitch, stitches

CH Chain

SC Single Crochet (UK DC Double Crochet)

DC Double Crochet (UK TR Treble Crochet)

TR Triple Crochet (UK DTR Double Treble Crochet)

Sl st Slip stitch

||, (), ** Repeat the sequence between the symbols

Pattern notes

The CH at the beginning of the round always count as a stitch unless otherwise stated.

Joining a new color: I always make a standing st to join but you can also join with a Sl st and CH 1 for the SC, 2 for the HDC, 3 for the DC or 4 for the TR. This CH substitute the st and therefore you have to include it in the final st count. You will find a nice tutorial on my blog.

The SC on top of the picot from round 3 is made using the 2nd CH made on round 2, the one just before the SC made on top of the TR.

I strongly recommend to weave in the tails on every color change or, at least, after completing each square. Otherwise you will probably be overwhelmed!

Since this is a blanket, gauge and finished measurements are not that important; you can use your favorite yarn! There are no limits to your creativity here. Just consider that if you change yarn weight you will end up with a bigger or smaller blanket. Anyway, you can also change the finished measurements to your liking just adding or removing squares!

You will need a total of 8 colors. Yellow (Leuven - 2008) for the centers, white (Barneveld - 1005) for the border and 6 more colors of your choice as contrasting colors. I have used Middelburg - 1003, Texel - 1019, Eelde - 1422, Bastogne - 2015, 1010 Amsterdam and Rhenen - 1188.

Directions

(Make 7 squares for each color B)

Using A

Make a magic ring, CH 2 (does not count as a st), 16 DC in the ring, join with a Sl st in the first DC (16 DC).

Round 1: CH 3, 2 DC into the same st, *CH 1, skip the next st, 3 DC in the next st*, CH 1, join with a Sl st into the top of the CH 3 (24 DC).

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Round 2: CH 2, [1 DC, 1 TR, CH 2, 1 SC on top of TR (picot made), 1 DC] in the next st, HDC in the next st, SC in the CH 1 space, *HDC in the next st, [1 DC, 1 TR, CH 2, 1 SC on top of TR, 1 DC] in the next st, HDC in the next st, SC in the CH 1 space *, rep * 7 times, sl st on top of the CH 2 (8 rays – 8 SC, 16 HDC, 16 DC, 8 TR and 8 picot). Fasten off.

Using C:

Round 3: Join with a standing TR (read pattern notes) in one of the SCs between the rays of the previous round, 2 TR into the same st, CH 2, 3 TR into the same st (1st corner made), *CH 1, SC on top of the picot (read pattern notes), CH 1, 3 DC in the SC from the previous round, CH 1, SC on top of the picot, CH 1, [3 TR, CH 2, 3 TR] in the next SC from the previous round (corner made)*, CH 1, SC on top of the picot, CH 1, 3 DC in the SC from the previous round, CH 1, SC on top of the picot, CH 1, join with a sl st in the first TR (24 TR, 4 CH 2 spaces, 12 DC, 16 CH 1 spaces).

Round 4: CH 3, DC in the next 2 sts, *[2 DC, CH 2, 2 DC] in the CH 2 space (corner made), DC in the next 3 sts, skip the CH 1 space, DC in the next st, DC in the next CH 1 space, DC in the next 3 sts, DC in the next CH 1 space, DC in the next st, skip the next CH 1 space, DC in the next 3 sts* 4 times, omitting the last 3 DC on the last repetition. Sl st on top of the CH 3. Fasten off.

Using B:

Round 5: Join with a standing DC in one of the corner spaces, 2 DC, CH 2, 3 DC (corner made), *(CH 1, skip 2 sts - be mindful of the first hidden st -, 3 DC in the next st), 5 times, CH 1, skip 2 sts, [3 DC, CH 2, 3 DC] in the corner space*, rep. 3 times, skip 3 sts, (3 DC in the next st, skip 2 sts,) 4 times, 3 DC into the next st, skip 3 sts, join with a Sl st in the first DC.

Joining:

I have used the join as you go method because I find it faster but if you want you can also crochet 49 complete squares and then join them together with a Sl st or use your favorite joining method.

To join as you go, crochet 1 complete square. This will be the first one of the first row. Then crochet all the other squares stopping at the end of round 4.

Building the first line:

Crochet only one repeat of round 5 but do not complete the second corner. Make 3 DC in the corner space but instead of chaining 2, take the first square and line it back to back with the one you are currently crocheting. Sl st into the 1st square corner space, then complete the corner on the 2nd square by making 3 DC in the corner space. Replace every CH 1 with a Sl st into the CH 1 space of the other square and continue with the repetition until you reach the next corner. Make the 3rd corner as the previous one, then complete the square and join with a Sl st into the first st made.

Building the other lines:

Join the 1st square of every line to the 1st one of the previous line as described before. Join the following squares like the previous ones but when you reach the 3rd corner, Sl st in both corners of the 2 adjacent squares. Complete the joining with the other square and then close the round with the last repeat.

Border:

Round 1: CH 3, DC in the next 2 sts, CH 1, 3 DC, CH 2, 3 DC in the corner space, skip 2 sts, SC in the next st, *(DC in the next 3 sts, DC in the CH 1 space) 6 times, DC in the next 3 sts, DC in the 1st joined corner space, DC in the Sl st space of the joining point, DC in the 2nd corner space*, repeat to the last square of the line. *(DC in the next 3 sts, DC in the CH 1) 6 times, DC in the next 3 sts, 3 DC, CH 2, 3 DC in the corner space. Continue in the same way along the whole blanket. On the last square, omit the 3 DC and the corner and join with a Sl st on top of the CH 3.

Round 2: Sl st in the next 3 sts, CH 1, SC in the same st, skip the next 2 sts, 7 DC in the corner space, skip the next 2 sts, *[SC in the next st, skip the next 3 sts, 5 DC in the next st, skip the next 3 sts] 3 times, SC in the next st, skip the next 4 sts, 7 DC in the next st (this should be the stitch on top of the joining), skip 4 sts* 5 times. On the last square of the top line, rep [] 3 times, SC in the next st, skip the next 2 sts, 7 DC in the corner space. Continue along the edge until you reach the last square. Rep. [] 3 times, Sl st in the first SC.

Blocking

Wet blocking is recommended. Pin the central DC of each DC cluster to enhance the scallops.

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