



# My first crocheted blanket

This project is appropriate for a person with some knowledge of crocheting, skill level basic to intermediate. The pattern explains how to make a blanket of size 110 per 150 cm. I present a diagram accompanied by a written explanation. Please contact me if you have other questions regarding this pattern.

## Materials needed

Yarn. I used bulky sheep wool bought from a small Romanian workshop specialized in sheep wool. They provided three colors: natural (color A), mustard (color B) and black (color C). I bought from each color 500 g but the finished product does not require to use all quantity.

Crochet hook: I used a crochet hook size 5 resulting in 16 stitches per 10 cm. However, gouge is not very important for this project.

Markers: 2.

## Stitches used

Basic stitches: Chain / Single crochet (sc) / half double crochet (hdc).

Advanced stitch: Front Post Half Double Crochet (fphdc) (Here is a link to a video tutorial: [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu-V-UJYY3M>])

## The design

Illustration 1. The diagram (sorry for the messy handwriting)

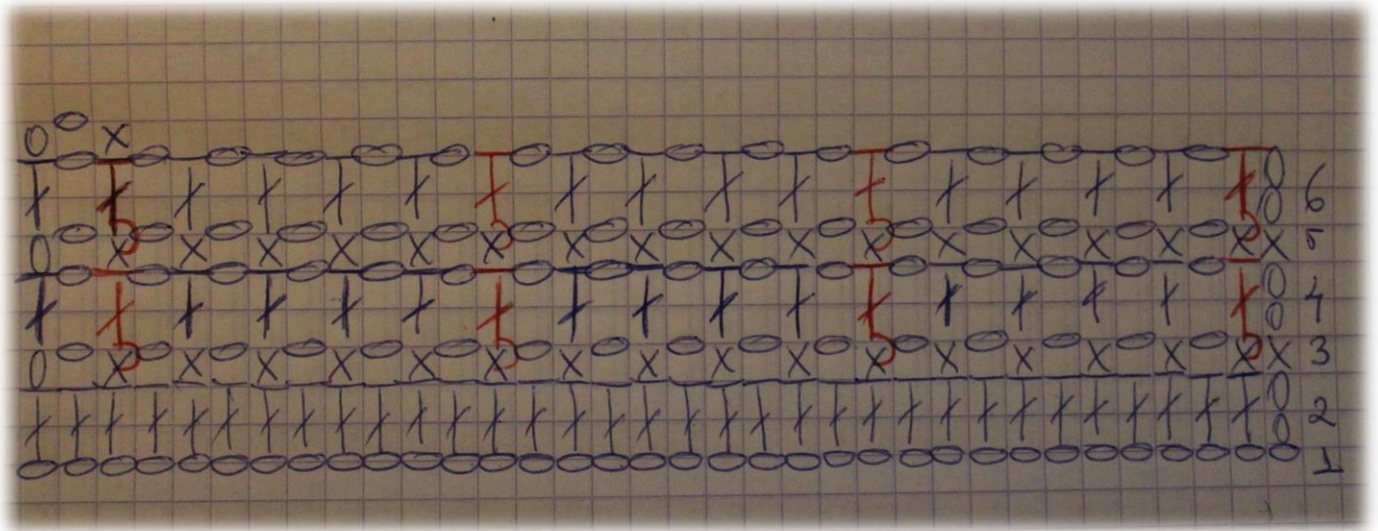
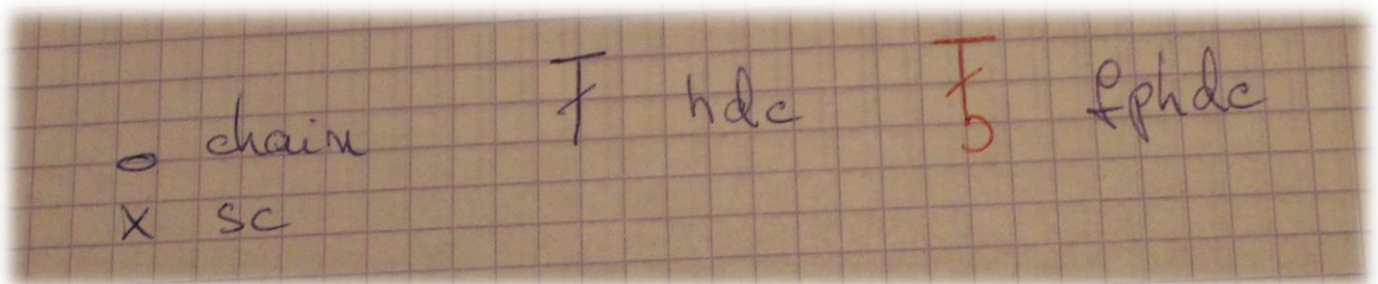


Illustration 2: Legend for the symbols used



### *Start working with color A.*

Row 1: Chain multiple of 10 + 4 stitches to account for the repetitive nature of the design. Aim for a length of 110 cm.

Row 2: Chain 2. Make a half double crochet in the 4<sup>th</sup> chain from the hook. Continue with half double crochet in each of the following chains.

Row 3: Chain 2. Make a single crochet in the 5<sup>th</sup> stitch from the hook. Continue with a sequence of [chain 1 / skip 1 / single crochet in the next stitch] until you reach the next to last stitch. Single crochet in the last stitch.

Row 4. Chain 2. Make a Front Post Half Double Crochet around the second single crochet from the previous round and chain 1. \*Continue with a sequence of 4x [half double crochet on top of the single crochet from the previous round / chain 1]. Make a Front Post Half Double Crochet around the single crochet from the previous round and chain 1.\* Repeat the instructions between \*\* until you reach the next to last stitch. Half Double Crochet in the last stitch.

Row 5,7,9,11,13. Repeat Row 3.

Row 6, 8, 10, 12, 14. Repeat Row 4.

Continue working until you reach Row 14, who should be similar to Row 4.

*Change to color B.*

Repeat Rows 3 to 14.

*Change to color C.*

Repeat Rows 3 to 14.

*Change to color A.*

Repeat Rows 3 to 14.

Continue changing the colors until you reach desired length of the blanket. In my case the last color block was color C (black).

### **Finishing the blanket**

Change to color A and repeat Row 3. Next, repeat Row 2. Continue crocheting an edge for the neighboring long side by only using single crochet. When you reach the end of the long side continue onto the neighboring short side with making slip stitches until you reach the second long side. Continue onto the second long side by crocheting single crochet stitches until you reach the end of it.

## **About me:**

If you enjoy my work please have a minute and think about the reason why I go through all the trouble of putting together the tutorials and maintaining the blog. I do all this effort with the hope in mind that some of you wilkl also take a look at the 2 associations that I endorse: The Friends of Cats Association and SOS Dogs. Both associations work to address the problem of the cats and dogs with no home in Oradea (Romania) and surrounding. For more information send me an email, I will be happy to tell you more ☺

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If you can' t sponsor you can donate

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