

Bobbing Boats Blanket



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A wavy sea with bobbing boats. This charming little blanket is full of fun and is quick and easy to make. I have designed the blanket in many different colors using Aran weight yarn (USA worsted) and DK weight (USA light worsted) for the boat and sun appliques. A great pattern for using up those yarn scraps! I hope you enjoy making it as much as I did! I have listed all blanket yarns and colors in the chart below 😊

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This pattern is written in USA terms for conversion to UK see chart below.

Supplies

Aran weight yarn (USA Worsted) - Most similar Aran yarns will work with this pattern.

Hook sizes - Blanket 5.5mm, Boats 3.5mm, Sun 4mm (USA I/9, E/4, G/6)

Darning needle and scissors, sewing needle, matching sewing cotton thread for appliques.

[Blanket in top photo above](#) Kingcole Comfort Aran 1 x 100g (220y /202m) Color (A) Denim, Main color (B) Sky 2 x 100g (440y /404 m)

[5 Boats](#) Stylecraft [DK](#): Col. Lipstick and white - scraps (25g for 5 boats, total)

[Blanket in middle photo above](#) James C. Brett Baby Aran 1 x 100g ball of each color:

Blue (BA5), Mint (BA1), Lemon (BA2), Soft Pink (BA8), Pink (BA6),

[Sun](#) - Stylecraft special DK: Col. Citron)

[5 Boats](#) - Stylecraft special DK: Col: Aster, Pomegranate, Fondant, Turquoise, Lavender, white, (25g for 5 boats, total)

[Blanket in bottom photo above](#) Kingcole Comfort Aran 1 x 100g (220y /202m) Colour (A) Candy, Main color (B) Orchid 2 x 100g (440y /404 m)

[5 Boats](#) Stylecraft [DK](#): Col. Lipstick and white - scraps (25g for 5 boats, total)

5 Buttons of your choice - approx. 1.5cm.

Blanket size Approx. 24½" x 26½" May be made larger but more yarn will be needed.

Gauge is unimportant with a blanket as it does not have to fit anyone. As long as you are happy with the drape and feel of the blanket. For your information my gauge is 8 rows and 14 sts measuring across the blanket, using a Dc stitch in the wavy stitch pattern.

[Yarn alternative suggestions](#) Stylecraft Special Aran, James C. Brett Aran. Paintbox Simply Aran. Most 100g balls of aran weight (USA Worsted) will work with this pattern.

CROCHET TERMS	
British English	USA - American English
double crochet (dc)	single crochet (sc)
half treble (htr)	half double crochet (Hdc)
treble (tr)	double crochet (dc)
Tension	Gauge
yarn over hook (yoh)	yarn over (yo)
Space (sp)	Space (sp)

Stitch Guide

Single crochet (Sc): * insert hook in stitch, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from *

Half double crochet (Hdc): * Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook; repeat from*

Double crochet (Dc): * Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over and draw through two loops, yarn over and draw through two remaining loops on hook; repeat from *

Half double crochet 2 together (decrease) (Hdc 2 TOG) Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over, pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over, draw through all 5 loops on hook.

Half double crochet increase Work 2 Hdc's into the same st.

Double crochet decrease (Dc Dec) across 3 sts *Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * twice more, yarn over draw through all 4 loops on hook.

How to change color (there are various way to change color)

The method I have used for this blanket is by bringing through the new color on the last 'yarn over' of the last stitch in the row, then drawing it through the loop on the hook. Carry on with new color, cutting previous color when you have worked a little way along, to make sure the yarn end is secure, sew in ends later.

Tying on a new color Cut yarn, leaving a 4" tail, draw up hook, pulling out yarn end from loop, tie new color onto your previous color close to work, insert hook into indicated stitch, pull up new color ready to begin.

The darning needle in the tutorial photos is used to indicate the placement of the next stitch.

Washing instructions To preserve the longevity of the blanket, I recommend a warm handwash with mild detergent, low spin, pull into shape, dry flat naturally.

Sewing on the appliques Pin the boats and sun into your chosen positions. Stitch the boats to the blanket using matching coloured sewing cotton thread and a fine needle. Make tiny back stitches around the applique, connecting it securely to the blanket. If your stitches are small enough, they will not show through to the other side and will be lost in the yarn fibres of the blanket 😊

Please read the pattern through thoroughly before starting. For safety advice on making up crocheted items please refer to my website www.kerryjaynedesigns.com/pages/safety-care

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Blanket - Hook size 5.5mm (USA I/9) - Yarn - Aran weight (USA worsted weight)

Boat appliques DK weight yarn (Usa light worsted weight) - Hook size 3.5 mm, (or 4mm (G/6) if you don't have a 3.5mm will do.)

Size of blanket - 24½" x 26½"

Altering the size

If you want to make the blanket wider, the multiple chain length is 14 + 10 + 3 turning chain.

So in other words: Make a length of chains to the width required, that can be equally divided by 14 exactly, then add 10, then add 3 for the starting chain. This will be your total chain length, not including the loop around your hook 😊

To increase the length, simply make more rows until desired length.

Instructions are for the blue blanket with the red boats) For the pastel blanket with the sun, make 9 rows of stripes, 9 rows of lemon, 14 rows of pale pink, 14 rows of pink, using the photo for reference.

To begin

Color A

Chain (Ch) 83 (loosely or use a larger hook size for the chaining).

(pic 1)

Row 1

Dc into the 4th ch from hook (do not include the loop around the hook in your chain count), Dc into next 3 ch's, * 3Dc into next ch, Dc into next 5 ch's, make a Dc Dec across next 3 sts, Dc into next 5 ch's; repeat from * to last 6 ch's, 3Dc into next ch, Dc into next 5 ch's **changing to color (A) on the last 'yarn over' of the last Dc st (refer to *How to change color on page 2, and pics 9&10)**, you may cut the previous yarn leaving a 4" tail, turn (pics 1-10)

Color B

Row 2

Slip stitch (sl st) into next st (not the 1st st, see pics 11&12).

Ch2 (counts as the 1st Dc st), Dc into next 4 sts, *3Dc into next st, Dc into next 5 sts, make a Dc Dec across next 3 sts, Dc into next 5 sts; repeat from * to last 6 sts, 3Dc into next st, Dc into last 5 sts changing color as before on last st, turn (pics 11-16)

Row 3 Repeat row 2 with color A

Row 4 Repeat row 2 with color B

Row 5 Repeat row 2 with color A

Row 6 Repeat row 2 with color B

Row 7 Repeat row 2 with color A

Row 8 Repeat row 2 with color B

Row 9 Repeat row 2 with color A

Color B only

Rows 10 - 46 Repeat Row 2

If you wish to make the blanket longer, continue until desired length.

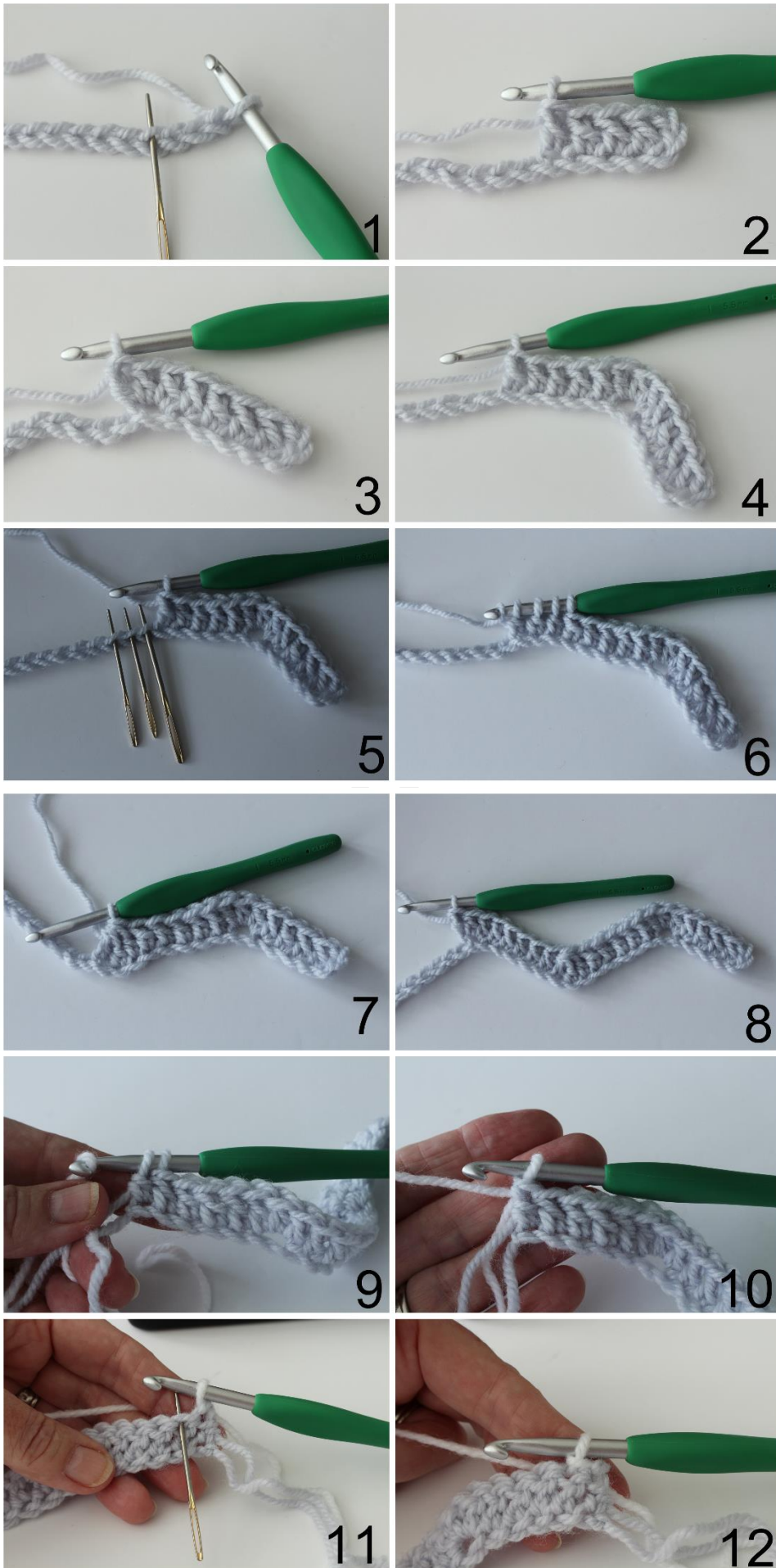
Cut yarn, leaving a 4" yarn tail, draw end through loop on hook to fasten off.

Sew in ends neatly into back.

To make Boat and Sun appliques (see below).

The Bobbing Boats Tutorial

Demonstrated in Kingcole Comfort aran. Col. Silver and white





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By making a slip stitch into the next stitch when you start a new row, creates a cute picot edge, so there is no need for a border :-)

To make the Boats

Hook size 3.5mm (E/4) - DK yarn in two colors of your choice.

Row 1 Ch11, Hdc into the 3rd ch from the hook (do not count the loop around your hook), Hdc into each of next 7 ch's, make 2Hdc into last ch, turn (11 sts) (pics 1,2)

Row 2 Ch2 (counts as a st throughout), Hdc into same st, Hdc into each of next 9 sts, Hdc into 3rd ch of ch3 (this is the next tiny chain, you will need to wiggle your hook to get into this ch), turn (12 sts) (pics 3,4)

Row 3 Ch2, Hdc into same st, 1Hdc into next 10 sts, Hdc into 2nd ch of ch2, turn (13 sts) (pics 5,6)

Row 4 Ch2, Hdc into same st, Hdc into next 11 sts, Hdc into 2nd ch of ch2, draw up hook, pulling out yarn end from loop, sew in ends. (14 sts) (pics 7,8)

Sail

With wrong side of boat facing, insert hook into 2nd st along, pull up new color to begin. (pic 9)

Row 1 Ch2, Hdc into next 10 sts, turn (11 sts) (pic 10, 11)

Row 2 Ch2, starting in same st, Hdc 2 TOG across 1st 2 sts, Hdc into next 6 sts, Hdc 2 TOG across last 2 sts, turn (9 sts) (pics 12-16)

Row 3 Ch2, Hdc into same st, Hdc into next 7 sts, turn (9 sts) (pic 17)

Row 4 Ch2, starting in same st, Hdc 2 TOG across 1st 2 sts, Hdc into next 4 sts, Hdc 2 TOG across last 2 sts, turn (7 sts) (no pic)

Row 5 Ch2, Hdc into same st, Hdc into next 5 sts, turn (7 sts) (pic 18)

Row 6 Ch2, starting in same st, Hdc 2 TOG across 1st 2 sts, Hdc into next 2 sts, Hdc 2 TOG across last 2 sts, turn (5 sts) (no pic)

Row 7 Ch2, Hdc into same st, Hdc into next 3 sts, turn (5 sts) (Pic 19)

Row 8 Ch2, starting in same st, Hdc 2 TOG across 1st 2 sts, Hdc 2 TOG across last 2 sts, turn (3 sts) (pic 20)

Row 9 Ch2, Hdc 2 TOG across 1st 2 sts, turn,

Row 10 Ch1, sl st into 1st st. Cut yarn leaving 4" tail, draw up hook pulling out yarn end from loop, pull tight, sew in ends. (pic 21)

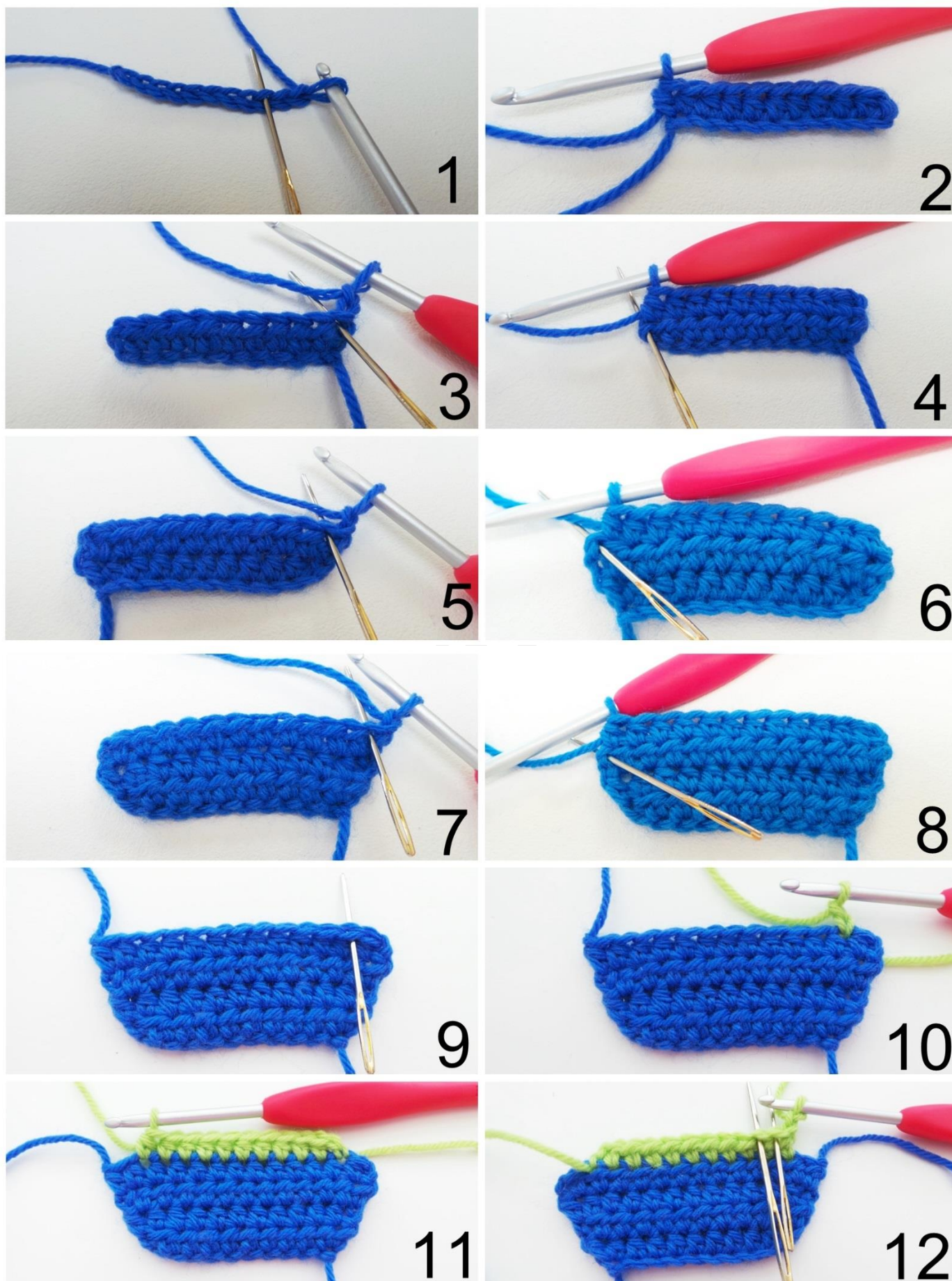
To make Sail Mast

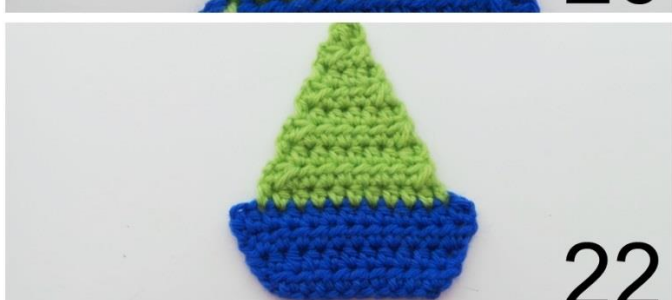
Thread a length of yarn onto a darning needle (approx. 8") Tie a knot at one end. Starting at the back of the sail, in the bottom central position, bring needle through to front. Weave the needle in and out (keeping it straight) to the top of the sail, catching a thread from each row as you go. Over sew at back of sail to secure yarn. Sew a button onto each boat with matching yarn, if the yarn is too thick to go through the needle, separate the yarn ply to make it thinner. (pics 23, 24)

Pin the boats into your chosen positions. Stitch the boats to the blanket using matching colored sewing cotton thread and a fine needle. Make tiny back stitches around the applique, connecting it securely to the blanket. If your stitches are small enough, they will not show through to the other side and will be lost in the yarn fibres of the blanket 😊

Boat Tutorial

Shown in blue and green for clarity





To make the Sun

To start – Sun 4” size Hook size 4mm (The tutorial shows larger size with one extra round).
Ch4, sl st into 1st chain (ch) to form a ring. (pic 1)

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as a st now and hereafter), crocheting over your yarn tail (see *notes above),
Make 11Dc into ring, sl st into 1st Tr st. (pics 2,3) (12 sts)

Round 2 Ch2, Dc into same st, * 2Dc into next st; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc st.
(pics 4-6) (24 sts)

Round 3 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next st, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next st; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc st. (pics 7-9) (36 sts)

Round 4 Make *3Dc into the next st, ch4, sl st into 4th ch from hook (not counting the loop on hook), 3Dc into same st, skip a st, sl st into next st; skip a st, repeat from * 8 times more, cut yarn leaving a 4” yarn tail, draw up hook, pulling out yarn end from loop, using a darning needle take yarn end to back through 1st st. Sew in ends. (pics 11-18) (9 sun rays)

To start – Sun 5” size Hook size 4mm

Ch4, sl st into 1st chain (ch) to form a ring. (pic 1)

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as a st), crocheting over your yarn tail (see *notes above),
Make 11Dc into ring, sl st into 1st Dc st. (pics 2,3) (12 sts)

Round 2 Ch2, Dc into same st, * 2Dc into next st; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc st.
(pics 4-6) (24 sts)

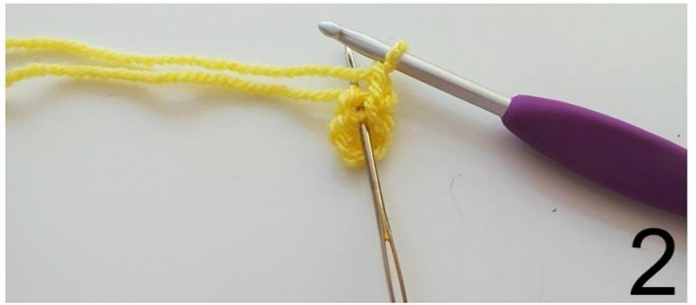
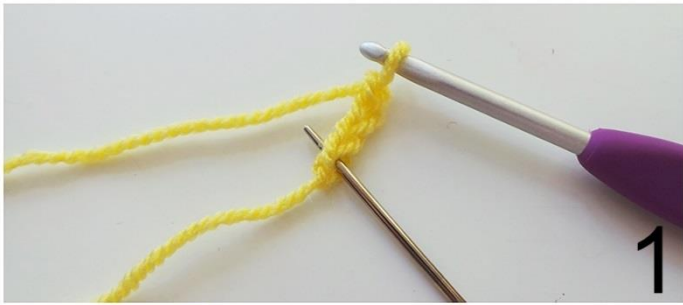
Round 3 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next st, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next st; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc st. pics 7-9) (36 sts)

Round 4 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next 2 sts, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next 2 sts; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc st. (pic 10) (48 sts)

Round 5 Make *3Dc into the next st, ch4, sl st into 4th ch from hook (not counting the loop on hook), 3Dc into same st, skip a st, sl st into next st; skip a st, repeat from * 11 times more, cut yarn leaving a 4” yarn tail, draw up hook, pulling out yarn end from loop, using a darning needle take yarn end to back through 1st st. Sew in ends. (pics 11-18) (12 sun rays)

Sun Tutorial

Demonstrating the 5" sun, follow the written instructions for the size you are making.

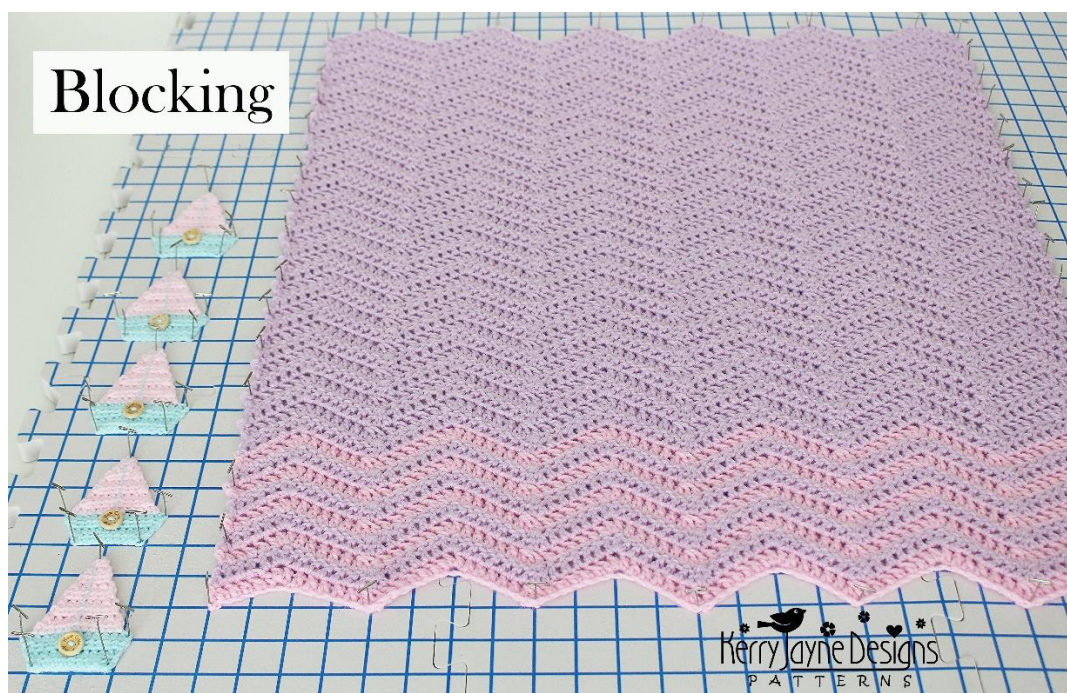




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[Blocking your finished garment](#)

For a professional finish, pin the blanket and boats out squarely on a blocking board or padded surface covered with a towel, straightening out edges. Using a misting bottle, spray lightly with water and leave to dry naturally. For more information on blocking see my tutorial [HERE](#)



Shown here above in Kingcole comfort aran yarn. Col. Candy pink and orchid.



Designed to match perfectly with the Freedom Jacket [Here](#) and the Freedom Hat [Here](#)
Freedom Jacket pattern includes sizes up to 8 Years. Hat pattern includes sizes from baby up to Adult.



Cuddling my gorgeous grandson sweet William – 8 weeks old 😊



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