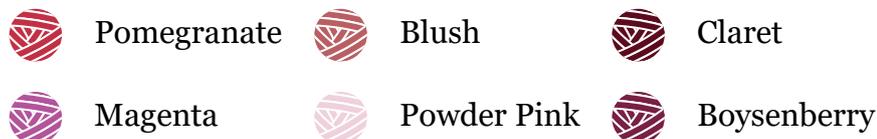


## Dahlia Blanket – Spike Stitch Border

### Materials

Stylecraft Special DK in the following colours:



### Pattern Information

Use the same hook size as for the body of the Dahlia blanket. The pattern is written in UK crochet terms using the following stitches and abbreviations:

- ch** Chain
- st(s)** Stitch(es)
- sp** Space
- sk** Skip
- sl st** Slip Stitch
- dc** Double Crochet
- tr** Treble Crochet
- sp-tr** Treble Crochet Spike Stitch (a treble crochet worked into the skipped stitch two rows below the current one, drawing the loop up to the height of the current working row)

### Round 1, using Pomegranate

Beginning at the top right hand corner of your blanket, insert hook into first stitch and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc into each st along the top edge of your blanket. Insert hook into the gap between the last two tr stitches of the top stripe and work (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) around the post of the stitch to turn the corner. Working down the long sides of the blanket you'll be working around the "posts" of the stitches at the end of each row, as follows:

Work 1 dc around the post of the next st;

\* 2 dc around the post of the next stitch; 1 dc around the post of the next stitch \*

Repeat between \*\* all the way down the long side of the blanket.

When you reach the bottom, you'll be working a corner turn into the end of the foundation row, as follows:

(1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) into the first loop of the foundation chain;

Work 1 dc into each stitch along the bottom of the blanket (picking up the single loops of the foundation chain)

When you get to the end, work (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) onto the last loop of the foundation row to turn the corner.

You'll now be working into the long side of the blanket - this is the edge where you darned in your ends so you may need to do a little bit of wiggling to get your hook under the posts of the stitches.

\* 1 dc around the post of the next st; 2 dc around the post of the next st \*

Repeat between \*\* all the way along the long edge.

When you get back to the top, insert your hook under the post of the top stitch and work (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) to create the last corner; sl st into the 2nd ch of the beginning ch-2 to close the round. Fasten off and darn in ends.

### Round 2, using Blush

Insert hook into any ch-2 corner space and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc into each stitch along the first edge; work (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) into the ch-2 corner space to turn the corner.

Continue working 1 dc into each stitch along the edges of the blanket, turning the corners by working (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) into the corner spaces.

When you arrive back where you started, work 1 dc into the same space where you made your first ch-2;

Ch 2; sl st into the 2nd ch of the beginning ch-2 to close the round. Fasten off and darn in ends.

### Round 3, using Claret

Insert hook into any ch-2 corner space and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr into same sp; sk 1 stitch;

\* 2 tr in next st; skip 1 st; \*

Repeat between \*\* until you reach the end of the first side.

To turn the corner, work (2 tr; ch 2; 2 tr) into the ch-2 corner sp;

Skip 1 stitch (*note : this stitch may be trying to hide!! It'll be tucked in very close to the corner trebles you just made so make sure you search for it, find it, skip over it and correctly put your hook into the next stitch*)

\* 2 tr into next st; sk 1 st \*

Repeat between \*\* along each side of the blanket, working (2 tr; ch 2; 2 tr) into each corner space, remembering to leave a skipped stitch either side of the corner turn (watch out for those stitches trying to hide!)

When you arrive back where you started, work 2 tr in the same corner space as your beginning ch-3;

Chain 2; sl-st into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to close the round. Fasten off and darn in ends.

### Round 4, using Magenta

Insert hook into any ch-2 corner space and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); sk 1 st; 1 dc in the centre SPACE between the next 2 tr;

sk 1 st; 1 tr-sp in the skipped st two rows below;

\* sk 1 st; 1 dc into the centre space between next 2 tr; sk 1 st; 1 tr-sp in the skipped st two rows below; \*

Repeat between \*\* along the first side.

To turn the corner, work (1 dc; ch 2; 1 dc) in the ch-2 corner space;

\* sk 1 st; 1 dc into the space between next 2 tr; sk 1 st; 1 tr-sp in the skipped st two rows below; \*

Repeat between \*\* along each side of the blanket, turning the corners by working (1 dc; ch-2; 1 dc) into the chain-2 corner spaces.

When you arrive back where you started, work 1 dc in the same corner space as your beginning ch-2; chain 2; sl-st into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close the round. Fasten off and darn in ends.

### **Round 5, using Powder Pink**

Insert hook into any ch-2 corner space and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Repeat round 2.

### **Round 6, using Boysenberry**

Insert hook into any ch-2 corner space and pull through a loop of the new colour.

Repeat round 2.