

YLA CROCHET ALONG "FOUR SEASONS"

Preparation File



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Are you looking forward to start? The YLA Crochet Along Four Seasons will start on January 4th 2017. This file gives you the necessary information to prepare yourself for the project. Please read this carefully. If you can manage the basic crochet stitches, you should be able to join the YLA CAL.

The inspiration for the YLA Crochet Along comes from the four seasons. Every season has its charm and its beautiful colors. We have planned the color combinations with the seasons in mind. Which season is your favorite? Please check the [official yarn packs](#) in our webstore.

Materials

15 skeins [Caron Simply Soft](#) or [Stylecraft Special DK](#)
2 crochet hooks (see information on gauge swatch for the size)
Box of stitch markers
Tapestry needle
Scissors

Publication dates

To give everyone enough time to work on the project, the patterns will be published every other week. There will be 8 parts. We aim to have the patterns online at 10.00 AM (Dutch time). You can download the patterns on our [blog](#) and in the special [YLA Crochet Along Facebook group](#).

Pattern part 1: Wednesday 01/04/2017
Pattern part 2: Wednesday 01/18/2017
Pattern part 3: Wednesday 02/01/2017
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Color chart

The original blankets were made with Caron Simply Soft. We have used 15 skeins in 11 different colors. There is, as you can see in the photographs, one main color. For the seasons winter, spring and summer we have used 4 skeins of the main color, for autumn we have used 5 skeins.

Here you can take a look at the content of the different seasonal yarn packs.

Caron Autumn	Stylecraft Autumn	Caron Winter	Stylecraft Winter	Caron Spring	Stylecraft Spring	Caron Summer	Stylecraft Summer
1x Bone	1x Stone	1x White	1x White	1x Soft Pink	1x Candy Floss	1x White	1x White
1x Pumpkin	1x Spice	1x Grape	1x Violet	1x Plum Wine	1x Pale Rose	1x Superduper Yellow	1x Citron
1x Autumn Red	1x Claret	1x Iris	1x Lobelia	1x Sage	1x Sage	1x Limelight	1x Grass Green
1x Harvest Red	1x Lipstick	1x Robin's Egg	1x Sherbet	1x Strawberry	1x Shrimp	1x Cobalt Blue	1x Turquoise
1x Pistachio	1x Meadow	1x Pagoda	1x Teal	1x Orchid	1x Wisteria	1x Royal Blue	1x Royal
1x Gold	1x Saffron	1x Blue Mint	1x Turquoise	1x Sunshine	1x Saffron	1x Grape	1x Magenta
1x Burgundy	1x Burgundy	1x Ocean	1x Petrol	1x Light Country Blue	1x Storm Blue	1x Watermelon	1x Fondant
1x Light Country Peach	1x Apricot	1x Purple	1x Emperor	1x Blackberry	1x Clematis	1x Red	1x Matador
1x Chocolate	1x Walnut	1x Cool Green	1x Aspen	1x Sparkle Violet / Platinum	1x ByClaire Sparkle Lila	1x Mango	1x Sunshine
1x Sparkle Red	1x ByClaire Sparkle Red	2x Sparkle Snow	2x ByClaire Sparkle Silver	2x Off White	2x Cream	2x Sparkle Fuchsia	2x ByClaire Sparkle Fuchsia
5x Taupe	5x Mocha	4x Soft Blue	4x Cloud Blue	4x Soft Green	4x Duck Egg	4x Green	4x Kelly Green

Would you rather make your own color combinations or use a different yarn? You will have to calculate the amount of yarn you will need yourself. A skein of Caron Simply Soft weighs 170 grams (6 oz.) with a length of 288 meters (315 yards). A skein of Stylecraft Special DK weighs 100 grams (3.5 oz.) with a length of 295 meters (322 yards).

We would appreciate it if you ordered your yarn from us. We would love to advise you on making your color combinations.

Crochet hooks

We have used a size 5 mm (US H/8) hook for the main part of this project, and a size 5.5 mm (US I/9) hook for some rounds. (for Stylecraft Special DK a size 4 mm (US G/6) and 4.5 mm (US 7)). As everyone has their own style and yarn tension, you might need to use a bigger or smaller hook. You can find this out by making a gauge swatch. A gauge swatch lets you check if your stitches match up to the pattern's gauge.

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Gauge swatch

Make a gauge swatch to determine if you have the right tension, so your blanket will have the same dimensions as the original. It isn't a problem if you don't want to make a swatch, however your blanket may end up bigger or smaller than the original and you may risk running out of yarn. Please keep that in mind. ☺

Work ch 13 + ch 2, 1 dc in the third ch from your hook (counts as 1 dc), 12 dc, turn, ch 3, 12 dc. Repeat until you have 7 rows of dc. Your swatch should measure 10x10 cm (4 x 4 inches). If your swatch is bigger, use a smaller hook. If your swatch is smaller, try using a bigger hook.

Are you using Stylecraft Special DK? Your swatch will be smaller and should measure approximately 9x9 cm (3.5 x 3.5 inches). If your swatch does not have the right size you also need to change your hook size.

Finished size

The size of the blanket made of Caron Simply Soft will be approximately 115x165 cm (45 x 65 inches). The blanket made with Stylecraft Special DK will be smaller, about 105x145 cm (41.5 x 55 inches). The finished size may differ from the original if your stitches do not match up to the pattern's gauge, as we have explained above.

Stitch markers

We use stitch markers in various places to help you find certain stitches. Please make sure you have a box of stitch markers at hand.

Invisible join

In the description of the pattern we always start a round with a number of chains and we end with a slip stitch. That way the pattern is also doable for beginners.

To end your rounds neatly, without a visible join, you can use the invisible joining method. You can also begin a round with a standing stitch instead of the chain beginning. Do you want to know how these methods work? [Watch this clear explanation](#)

Have fun with the preparations and we hope you will join us on January 4th 2017!

Kind regards,
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