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Mosaic Sampler CAL - week eight

Wow!! The border already!

The border consists of three patterns, which means you can choose where to stop. See the chart below for the different sizes of the afghan depending on which border you choose to do.

	Pattern 1	Pattern 2	Pattern 3
Dimensions of afghan (cms)	115 cm x 162 cm	125 cm x 171 cm	134 cm x 180 cm
Dimensions of afghan (inches)	45.5 inches x 63.75 inches	49 inches x 67 inches	52.5 inches x 71 inches

Starting the Border

The slip stitch round

The [slip stitch round](#) video demonstrates how to work this round and how to work an invisible stitch.

Using a no 5.5 mm crochet hook and colour D insert hook into the front loop of the third slip stitch of the last row of pattern 7. This is marked as the red square on the chart. Make a chain stitch to secure the yarn and work a slip stitch into the next stitch and all the other stitches in this row. Note: this row can be quite tight to work into. When you get to the corner work 2 chain stitches around the corner. Continue working slip stitches down the side. You are inserting your hook into the hole between the rows when working your slip stitches down the side. Continue working your slip stitches, making sure you work two chains around each corner and when you get back to the beginning join with an invisible stitch to the first slip stitch.

This will give you 182 stitches at the top and bottom and 257 stitches along each side as you count the corner chain stitches. If you have more or less stitches than this you can increase or decrease in round 2.

Try and make these slip stitches quite loose as the envelope border pattern requires you to crochet into both the back and front of these stitches.

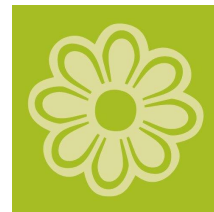
Round 1 - Back border

The tutorial "[First row of border - back and front](#)" demonstrates working this round and round one of the front border.

On the back of your work and using a no 4.5 mm hook and colour A insert your hook into the back of a slip stitch (the bar section) and chain 3. I tend to start at the top ie pattern 7 but it doesn't matter which stitch you start in. Work a treble into the next stitch and repeat this until you get to the corner. At the corner, work two trebles into the first corner chain stitch from the slip stitch row, chain 2 stitches and then work two more trebles into the second corner chain. Continue to work trebles into the back of the slip stitches and when you get to the corner chains work 2 treble, 2 chain, 2 treble as before at each corner until you complete this round. Join with an invisible stitch into the first treble in the round.

Round 1 - Front border

On the front of your blanket and using a no 5 mm hook and colour A, insert your hook into the centre of the 3rd slip stitch from the corner (the red square on the chart) and ch1. Work a dc into the centre of the next slip stitch. Continue working dc until the corner. At the corner, the first chain from the slip stitch row already has two trebles in it from the back round, however we are going to work one dc into it too. Then, ch2 and dc into the second corner chain, which also has two trebles in it from the back round. Continue to work double crochets into the top loop of the slip stitches all the way round and crochet one dc, ch2, one dc at each corner. Join to the first dc in the round with an invisible stitch.



The Front Border

Pattern 1 (round 2)

The tutorial "[Mosaic Sampler CAL - Border Pattern One](#)" demonstrates working the rest of this border both front and back.

Change to colour G and using the chart start at the red line on round 2 - the 5th stitch in from the corner (count the corner chain). Insert your hook and ch1, then dc into the back loop of the next stitch. Make sure you ch2 at each corner and finish this round with an invisible stitch.

At the end of this round there should be a multiple of 12 +7 stitches on each row. If your afghan is the same dimensions as mine this needs to be 187 stitches (this includes the corner chains) along the top and bottom and 259 (again includes the corner chains) at each side. You will probably need to increase or decrease stitches to get the correct amount of stitches.

NOTE: All the corner chains are included in the stitch counts.

The Front Border - Pattern 1 round 3 - 10

On each round start at the red line on the chart with a ch1 and finish the round with an invisible stitch.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO FINISH ROUND FOUR WITH THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF STITCHES OTHERWISE THE PATTERN WON'T WORK AT THE CORNERS.

If you are unsure how to increase or decrease stitches, watch the video [Increase/decrease in your Mosaic Crochet](#).

Continue working pattern one using the chart, paying particular attention to the corner pattern until round 10.

You should finish this round with 203 stitches at the top and bottom and 275 at each side.

See below how to work the back border and how to join the two borders if you are working a one pattern border.

NOTE: All the corner chains are included in the stitch counts.

The Back Border

You can choose to crochet the back border in one colour or in stripes. The back border has half the amount of rounds as the front border as you are crocheting trebles not doubles.

The Back Border - pattern 1

If you are choosing to work one pattern as your border, you will need to crochet four more rounds of trebles for your back border.

Using a 4.5mm hook and starting anywhere on the blanket, pick up both loops of a stitch and ch3 and then work a treble into both loops of the next stitch. Keep working trebles all the way round and at the corners treble 2 into the first corner chain, ch2 and treble 2 into the second corner chain. Join each round with an invisible stitch. You should finish this pattern with 203 stitches at the top and bottom and 275 at each side.

NOTE: All the corner chains are included in the stitch counts.

Join the Front border to the back

To join the two borders, lay the edges parallel to each other and start at one of the corners. Using the colour of the last round of your front border, join both borders together with a slip stitch, through both top loops. End with an invisible stitch.

NOTES for video:

- I use UK crochet terms throughout.
- I may refer to the double crochet into the back loop as double crochet.
- I may refer to the treble stitch into the front loop two rows below as a drop treble.

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I am so happy to have been able to create this pattern and have the opportunity to make it available to you, however in our digital world it is sometimes very easy to forget that a pattern especially when it is free has had many, many hours spent on it. Therefore:

- Please respect the hundreds of hours that have gone into designing and testing this free pattern by myself and my amazing testers.
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Thank you so much to the wonderful ladies of the [CAL- Crochet A Long facebook](#) group and [CAL blog](#) who have helped me make this CAL a reality, as without them I wouldn't have known where to start.

A CAL by its very nature is a social activity so I would love to see your progress throughout the CAL, so if posting on socials please use the tag [@daisyknots](#) and [#mosaicsamplerCAL](#) and I will do a roundup each week on my Insta stories and Facebook page.

And of course I will happily chat on the [CAL- Crochet A Long facebook](#) group and the [event](#) page if you have any questions.

Enjoy the CAL.

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