



Log Cabin - Les Petits patrons (Hooked and Locked Cal 2021) in Interwoven Crochet technique Introduction



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Introduction

This blanket is made with the interwoven crochet technique. It is two layers of filet crochet that is 'woven' through each other, while crocheting, in a specific way so that beautiful patterns can be created. This blanket is also done in a log cabin technique, where blocks are crocheted together right away in a 'circular' way.

What's special about this log cabin technique, is that I figured out to crochet the blocks together without having the colors 'bleed' into a previous block, is that the blocks get a nice border, both at the front and the back side.

Another thing that is also very nice about this blanket, is that each pattern is very simple to crochet. The repeats within the pattern rows are quite short, so easy to remember, Which makes that you can crochet very fast.

If you haven't done this kind of crochet before, than please learn the basic technique first. You can find all about it on my website (<https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/>). I have written tutorials there with lots of pictures and I have the accompanying video's on my YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheCraftsteacher>.

I also have tutorials of reading the pattern charts on both my website and on my YouTube channel as well.

Video and tutorials

For this blanket I made extra videos, that show the special steps you have to do to crochet the blocks together in a beautiful way. There are also special videos for the practice piece and the border. I've put them all-in a playlist on my YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0tHWOXKpGCTOwYOBcKRFJrlyimMgyfKk>.

I also have written tutorials with lots of pictures on my website. All info can be found here: <https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/hooked-and-locked-cal-2021/hal-cal-2021-introduction-and-overview/>.



Yarn and hooks used

For this blanket I used Scheepjes Colour Crafter in 6 colors. 5 Different colors for the foreground and 1 color for the background.



I used Barneveld (1005, white) for color 1 (the background). For color 2 I used Zwolle (1082, purple-ish), Texel (1019, light blue), Eelde (1422, aqua), Almelo (1316, light green) and Leiden (1020, light yellow).

I have added a chart how much yarn each block uses on this page:

<https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/hooded-and-locked-cal-2021/hal-cal-2021-choosing-colors-block-usage-and-crochet-symbols/>. You could use my choice of colors, but you could also choose your own colors and how many colors you want. I recommend using just 1 color as a background color (color 1).

The balls are 100 grams and have 300 meters working length. It is a 100% Premium Acrylic (Anti Pilling).

I used hooksize 4.5 mm.

The size of the blanket is 157 cm x 215 cm.

Do the practice piece, that is designed especially for this CAL, first. You can download the pattern from this page and you will also find the videos there:

<https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/hooded-and-locked-cal-2021/hal-cal-2021-the-practice-piece/>. The measurements should be approximately 30 cm wide and 24.5 cm high.



Choosing your colors and usage

When choosing your colors, take the contrast between the foreground and background color into consideration. With my choice, the contrast with the white is not very high when combined with the light yellow and light green. For me that was a choice, because I wanted to have a soft spring like blanket. In the pictures of the tutorials you can see a dark grey is used. The contrast here is much higher.

Another effect of choosing a light or dark background is how you experience a pattern. It makes a difference if you 'see' the pattern with the lighter or darker color, what 'pops up' more. You could first try this out on graph paper with a couple of blocks. Just take a chart of a block and 'translate' the colors to the colors you have in mind. Keep in mind with that which is color 1 and which is color 2.

You can find lots of colors for Colour Crafter on the Scheepjes website:

<https://www.scheepjes.com/en/colour-crafter-328/>. Use that to create your own color palette.

Usage per block

Go to this page: <https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/hooded-and-locked-cal-2021/hal-cal-2021-choosing-colors-block-usage-and-crochet-symbols/>. On this page you will also find a graph that you can draw in with your own colors. If you prefer to use a different Scheepjes yarn (Softfun, Stone Washed or River Washed would also be very nice!), you could use it to figure out how much you would need for an entire blanket.

How to read the charts and written pattern

For each part I have a chart for the front side of the pattern and a chart for the back side of the pattern. Please follow the tutorial on my website or on YouTube if you would like to use these charts to crochet off. *Pay attention: this is a log cabin technique, that works a little bit different at points, so follow the tutorials for the log cabin first.*

You can also follow the written directions and use the charts for checking.

Each square in the pattern is made of 2 double crochets on the side and a chain stitch to create the 'hole' in the square. In the written directions below I do not use 'double crochet' or 'chain', because that is just part of the technique. Please check out the tutorials where I make this clear. I only give directions on where to put the double crochets: on the side, in front of the other color or on the back of the other color.

An a-row is made with color 1, a b-row is made with color 2.



Each row consists of an a-row and a b-row.

A-rows

An a-row is crocheted with color 1.

Very important: each a-row starts with where to lay the yarn of color 2, in front or to the back. If you do not do that correctly, you cannot make the first stitch of the b-row on the correct side of the work.

Each a-row starts and ends with a 'side st'. This is a double crochet, but it is just on the side of the work, so not in front of at the back of color 2. *Look at the tips about this first double crochet.*

B-rows

A b-row is crocheted with color 2. A b-row always consists of 1 square less than an a-row.

O-rows

The setup rows are made with chains.

The number of stitches is **without** the number of turning chains (if you use that for the first double crochet) of the next row! See the video for this blanket.

Abbreviations

- side st: side stitch as explained with the a-rows
- f: front. f 1x means making a double crochet in front of the work, f 3x means making 3 double crochets in front of the work (of course with chains in between them!)
- b: back. b 1x means making a double crochet at the back of the work, b 3x means making 3 double crochets at the back of the work (of course with chains in between them!)
- BPhdc: back post half double crochet
- BPdc: back post double crochet
- BPedc: back post extended double crochet
- Sc: single crochet

Example of an a-row

Directions: color 2 to front, **side st**, **b 1x**, **f 2x**, **b 1x**, f 6x, b 1x, f 7x, b 1x, f 2x, b 1x, f 7x, b 1x, f 6x, b 1x, f 2x, **b 1x**, **side st**

Explanation:



- Put the yarn of color 2 to the front.
- **side st**: do the first dc (3 chains, see tips)
- make a chain stitch (see tips)
- **b 1x**: do 1 dc at the back of the work
- make a chain stitch
- **f 2x**:
 - do 1 dc in front of the work
 - make a chain stitch
 - do 1 dc in front of the work
- make a chain stitch
- **b 1x**: do 1 dc at the back of the work
- and so on
- **b 1x**: do 1 dc at the back of the work
- make a chain stitch
- **side st**: do the last dc

Example of a b-row

A b-row works the same, except that the yarn has to be right away on the correct side to be able to make the first dc.

Directions: **b 1x**, **f 3x**, **b 7x**, f 8x, b 3x, f 8x, b 7x, f 4x

Explanation:

- **b 1x**: do 1 dc at the back of the work (3 chains, see tips)
- make a chain stitch (see tips)
- **f 3x**:
 - do 1 dc in front of the work
 - make a chain stitch
 - do 1 dc in front of the work
 - make a chain stitch
 - do 1 dc in front of the work
- make a chain stitch
- **b 7x**: like f 3x, but this time making the dc's at the back of the work 7 times separated from each other with a chain stitch
- and so on



Tips – Read this before the start!

Also take a look at the photo tutorial to see what I mean with the following tips!

1. At the start of a new row it is common practice to make 4 chains: 3 chains for the dc and 1 in-between-chain. If you crochet your chains very loosely, see if you'd better make 3 chains in total. Try this out until you have made the starting row of block 3. If the borders of your block will be to 'wide', you will notice that when crocheting the first row of a new block onto the previous blocks (like at the start of block 3, when you're crocheting 'into' the sides of block 1 and block 2) the border at the front of your work will stand up slightly because of using backpost stitches), will look sloppy and loopy.
2. Work the last dc of the 'regular' rows into the chain opening. You don't need to work into a chain stitch, because when crocheting a new block onto the sides, you will be using backpost stitches, that make everything fall in place. It's just simpler and faster for this project to do it this way.
3. Avoid the edges as much as you can when finishing ends. Go into the inside of your work as quick as you can and work the tails of your yarn in there. This also means that if you run out of yarn and have to attach a new ball, or when cutting out a knot, don't do this at the sides. The sides will be a bit more 'visible' with this technique, so keep them as tidy as possible.