



# Hooked and Locked Cal 2022 Solid Squares 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 the solid squares variation of the technique, where you will also make 'opaque' squares. This makes that you will have very light and very dark areas in the pattern, next to the 'mixed coloured' areas.

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>. My advice is to start with this page: <https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/crochet-tutorials/interwoven-or-locking-crochet/interwoven-or-locking-crochet-beginners-tutorials/>.

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

## Video and tutorials

The written tutorial for the solid squares variation, that we will also use as a practice piece can be found here: <https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/crochet-tutorials/interwoven-or-locking-crochet/solid-squares-variation-for-interwoven-crochet-introduction/>.

I also have written tutorials with pictures of the bottom border on my website. This plus all other info of the blanket can be found here:

<https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/hooked-and-locked-cal-2022/hal-cal-2022-introduction-and-overview/>.

For this blanket I made extra videos that show the setup. I've put them all in a playlist on my YouTube channel, but you can also find the links to the videos on the tutorial pages:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0tHWoXKpGCSTcGFNlnYCFNGGHaOeQlj6>.



## Yarn and hooks used

For this blanket I used Scheepjes Colour Crafter in 2 colors.



I used Roermond (1123, dark red) for color 1 and Lelystad (1026, pink) for color 2.

Take 14 balls for color 1 and 13 balls for color 2. This is enough for both the blanket and the practice piece.

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 about 151 cm x 227.

Please do the practice piece, that is designed especially for this CAL and that learns you how to do this technique, first. You can download the pattern from this page and you will also find the videos there:

<https://www.thecraftsteacher.com/en/crochet/crochet-tutorials/interwoven-or-locking-crochet/solid-squares-variation-for-interwoven-crochet-introduction/>.

## 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 important:** *this is the solid squares variation, so you cannot see at the back where to do the 'filling stitches' for the closed squares. So use the written instructions together with the pattern charts of the front, or just use the chart of the front. The charts of the back can be used as an extra check.*

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 (an open square), or 2 double crochets with a 'filling double crochet' (a closed 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, and I make a distinction between open and closed squares .



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!

### 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 with chains in between them, 3f 1x means making 3 double crochets in front of the work without 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 with chains in between them, 3b 1x means making 3 double crochets at the back of the work without chains in between them.
- BPdc: back post double crochet
- Sc: single crochet



### Example of an a-row

This is an example of an a-row that is done at the front side of the pattern. The solid squares will only be visible at the front side of the pattern, so you won't find instructions here like 3b 1x.

Directions: color 2 to front, side st, b 1x, f 2x, b 1x, 7f 1x, 3f 2x, 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)
- make a chain stitch
- 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
- make a chain stitch
- 7f 1x: do 7 dc's in front of the work
- make a chain stitch
- 3f 2x:
  - do 3 dc's in front of the work
  - make a chain stitch
  - do 3 dc's in front of the work
  - make a chain stitch
- 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

This is an example of a b-row that is done at the back side of the pattern. The solid squares will only be visible at the front side of the pattern, so you won't find instructions here like 3f 1x.



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, 3b 2x, 7b 1x, f 8x, b 3x, f 8x, b 7x, f 4x

Explanation:

- **b 1x**: do 1 dc at the back of the work (3 chains)
- make a chain stitch
- **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 end with a chain stitch
- **3b 2x**:
  - do 3 dc's at the back of the work
  - make a chain stitch
  - do 3 dc's at the back of the work
  - make a chain stitch
- **7b 1x**: do 7 dc's at the back of the work
- make a chain stitch
- and so on

## Tips

1. Work the last dc of a row into the chain opening of the previous row of the same color. When you will be making my favorite border around the blanket, these stitches won't shift, because the backpost stitches will keep them in place. It's just simpler and faster and you will get a very nice border. See further in this document for the information about the border.
2. 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.