

Sunburst Ten-Point Star Blanket

A colourful ten-point star blanket, worked in the round from the centre out with a stack of contrast colour bands. An easy repeat once the points are set up — a satisfying stash-buster for scrap DK yarn.



Original Loop Patterns illustration — finished blanket shown in a sample six-colour palette.

CRAFT Crochet	SKILL LEVEL Easy / Confident beginner	SIZE Adjustable, sample ~42"
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MATERIALS

DK weight yarn in 5–6 contrast colours (any brand). Sample blanket uses 6 × 100g balls (approx. 600g / 1300yds total) of Loop Patterns Meadow DK, or similar.

5mm (US H/8) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.

Stitch marker, yarn needle.

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 600g of DK yarn worked to the round count below will give a blanket approximately **42" (107cm)** point to point. Add or remove rounds to make it larger or smaller — see the note at the end of the pattern.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 measure approximately 3.5" (9cm) across, after light steam blocking. Exact gauge isn't critical for this project, but a smaller/larger hook will change the finished size and yardage needed.

NOTES BEFORE YOU START

This pattern uses **US crochet terms**. Work every round with the right side facing you, joining as you go — do not turn between rounds.

Ch 3 counts as the first dc of a round unless stated otherwise. Join each round with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning ch-3.

Changing colour at the start of a round: fasten off the old colour, then join the new colour with a slip stitch into any point ch-2 space (never into a dip) before beginning the next round.

The dips between points are formed by skipping stitches — always skip the number stated, even though it will look tight. This is what pulls each point into shape once blocked.

SPECIAL STITCH

Point Shell (PS) = (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) worked in the same stitch or space.

FOUNDATION RING

Ch 4, join with a sl st to the first chain to form a ring.

ROUND 1 (RS)

Ch 1, work 10 sc into the ring, join with a sl st to the first sc. (10 sts) Fasten off.

ROUND 2

Join new colour in any st. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st. Ch 1. *3 dc in next st, ch 1; rep from * around (9 times more). Join to top of beg ch-3. (10 groups of 3-dc, 10 ch-1 sps) Fasten off.

ROUND 3

Join new colour in any ch-1 sp. Work Point Shell in same sp. *Skip next 3-dc group, Point Shell in next ch-1 sp; rep from * around. Join to top of first Point Shell. (10 Point Shells) Fasten off.

ROUND 4

Join new colour in any ch-2 point space. Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp [Point Shell made]. Dc in next 2 sts, skip next 2 sts (dip made), dc in next 2 sts. *Point Shell in next ch-2 sp. Dc in next 2 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * around. Join to top of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

ROUND 5

Join new colour in any ch-2 point space. Ch 3, Point Shell in same sp. Dc in next 3 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts. *Point Shell in next ch-2 sp. Dc in next 3 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts; rep from * around. Join. Fasten off.

ROUND 6

Join new colour in any ch-2 point space. Ch 3, Point Shell in same sp. Dc in next 4 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts. *Point Shell in next ch-2 sp. Dc in next 4 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts; rep from * around. Join. Fasten off.

ROUND 7 ONWARDS

Continue in this way: each new round, work one more dc on each side of every point before and after the skipped dip (i.e. Round 7 works 5 dc on each side, Round 8 works 6 dc on each side, and so on). Always Point Shell into the ch-2 space at each point, and always skip 2 sts at each dip. Change colour every 1–2 rounds as desired.

Continue until the blanket measures the desired size from centre to point tip, ending after a round where you fasten off. For the sample size (42" / 107cm point to point) this took 17 rounds total.

SIZING NOTE

Each extra round adds roughly 2.5–3" (6–7.5cm) to the point-to-point measurement, and uses progressively more yarn as the round gets longer. Weigh remaining yarn as you go if you're working from a fixed stash and want to make sure colours stretch evenly across all ten points.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Steam or wet block, pinning each point out firmly — this is what gives the blanket its crisp star shape. Let dry fully before unpinning.

Optional edging: join yarn in any dip and work 1 rnd of sc evenly around the entire outer edge, working 3 sc into the tip of each point and skipping 1 st at the base of each dip to keep the edge lying flat. Fasten off and weave in ends.

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