






Diamonds Are Forever Blanket



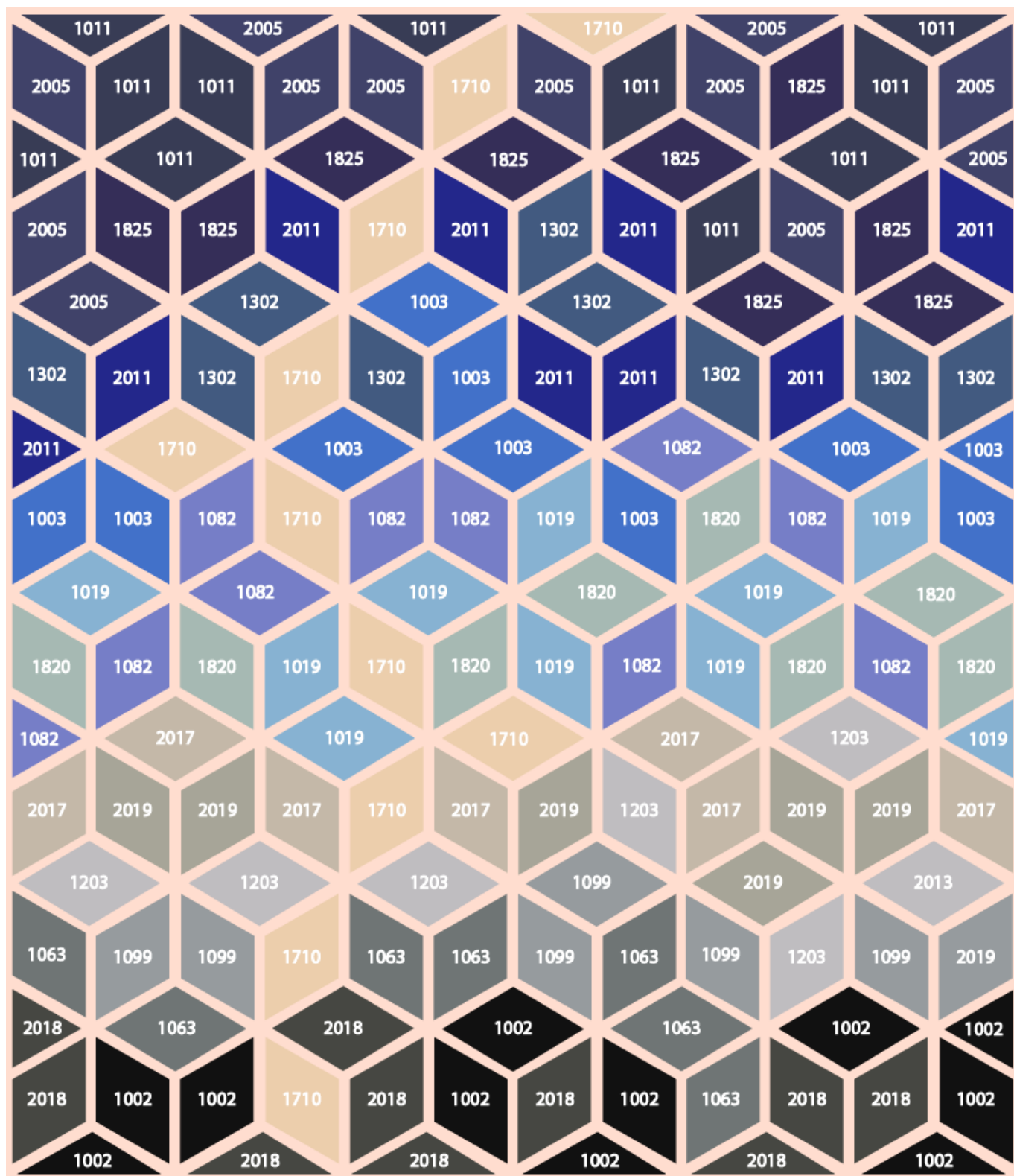
About a year ago I saw a painting that got me to thinking if the motif wouldn't make a gorgeous blanket. The motif was a 3D-pattern with diamond squares in pink shades with a special gold stripe which gave the painting that little extra. I thought about my upcoming project almost every single day but I couldn't decide how to go ahead with it. Six months later I finally found the perfect diamond square that I wanted to use for the blanket. A diamond square designed by Haakmaarraak that she used for her [Spicy Diamond Blanket](#). I found it hard to follow the written pattern but found the diagrams very useful and easy to follow. The square is fast and easy to make and has become one of my favorite squares. Since I'm not much for pink shades I made my blanket with mostly blue shades. And the result is fantastic if you ask me.



The yarn used for the blanket is one of my favorites, Scheepjes Colour Crafter 100g. A cozy acrylic yarn that you can use for pretty much anything. The blanket consists of 154 squares total and measures ap. 220x170 cm/87x67 in (one square measures ap. 30x18 cm/12x7 in) which makes it perfect for to warm two people during cold winter nights. You will crochet three different squares to make the sides even. Haakmaarraak has great diagrams for all of the squares. Below you'll see how many squares you'll have to make in every color.

			
1011	7	1	3
2005	9	1	2
1825	9		
2011	8	1	
1302	9		
1003	9	1	
1082	9	1	
1019	9	1	
1820	8		
2017	7		
2019	7		
1203	7		
1099	6		
1063	7		
2018	6	1	3
1002	7	1	3
1710	10	1	

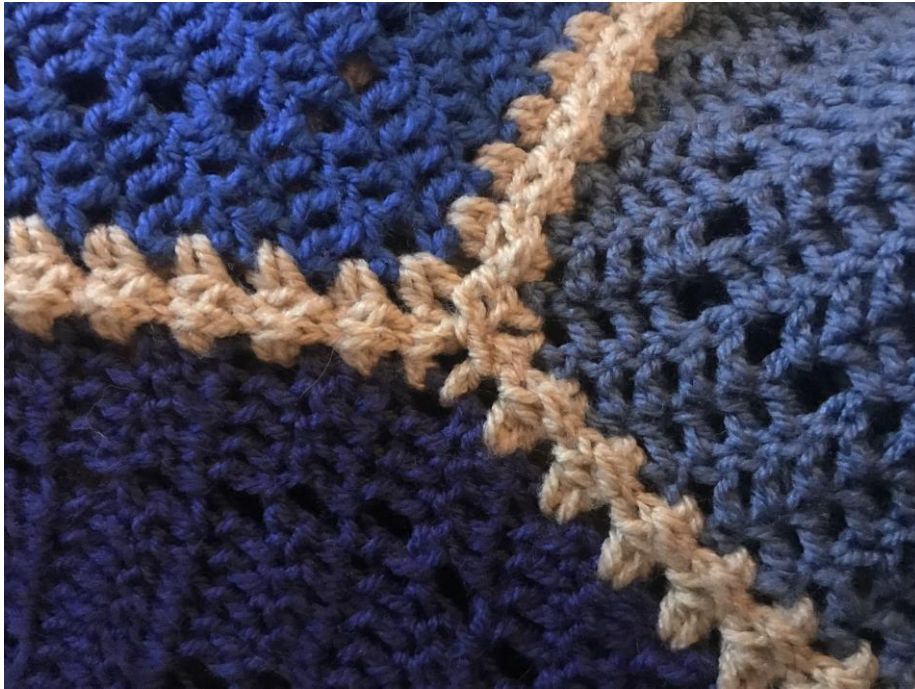
You'll need 1 skein in every color except for color 1710 since this colour is also used for crocheting the squares together. You'll need 7 skeins for this one, 23 skeins total for the whole blanket. You can arrange the squares in many different ways but if you want to make yours like mine you can use this color scheme.



I joined the squares row by row horizontal but the most important thing is that you'll find a way to join them that suits you. You have to crochet around the whole square on every square without exceptions, don't forget to place the squares in the same direction. Attach your yarn, color 1710, in a corner on the long side of the square. Crochet 1 hdc in the corner, *ch 1, 2 hdc on the next row* repeat until you reach the corner on the short side. Chain 2

and continue with 2 hdc on the next side of the "tip". You don't crochet on the tip, just around it with the ch 2. Repeat *ch 1, 2 hdc* until you reach the next long side corner. In the corner you crochet 1 hdc, ch 2, 1 hdc. Continue like this until you have crocheted around the whole square.

When you join your squares switch out the ch 1 with 1 sl st around the opposite chain on the square next to this on. In the corners I crocheted ch 1, 1 sl st around other squares chain, ch 1 instead.



I decided not to make a frame around the finished blanket since I liked the way it was/still is. If you want to make a frame I suggest that you continue in the same pattern with 2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc and so on.

Great job! You've finished your Diamonds Are Forever Blanket. It took some time but I'm sure you're pretty proud of yourself right now. If you publish your work on social media then please tag me @LVAcrochet and/or use the hashtag #lvacrochet so I'll find your work easier.

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