

Crochet Temperature Blanket in Granny Squares

Welcome to Radiate Arts' Crochet-a-long for 2023!

It's lovely to see the colours change along with the temperatures as the year progresses. Each block of colour in the 2022 temperature scarf has reminded me of moments throughout the year – New Year's Day, with an unseasonal warm walk along the beach, the first change of colour from blues to greens, signifying warmer weather on the way, the super-hot temperatures we had throughout the summer, through to the latest freezing spell where the coolest colour was introduced in December (I thought we'd never use it!).

Taking time out each day to relax, empty your mind, and knit or crochet a few rows is a perfect way to ground yourself from the stresses of life. I find the rhythmic act of knitting or crochet really soothing, and as this is a year-long project there is no rush to finish, you can miss a few days or weeks and catch up when you can – no pressure!

Following the project is easy, we have set out two colourways below for you to choose from and a link to crochet and knitting basics if you're a complete beginner. We will then post weekly temperatures on our social media channels (usually on a Friday or Saturday) and each temperature corresponds to a colour, just crochet 1 row in your Granny Square for each daily temperature and each 7-row granny square will represent a week. We will be doing this for 49 weeks to make a large square blanket (7x7). This will give you time to finish the blanket before Christmas so you can gift it to someone special, or to yourself – you deserve it after doing the hard work!

If a blanket seems too daunting, you can always use our 2022 temperature scarf pattern using the same colours. You can find the pattern on our website [HERE](#).

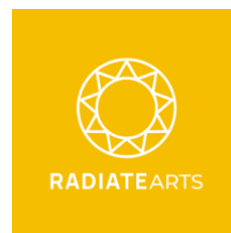


This is the progress of 2022's knitted scarf so far, using the natural colours we chose way back in January.

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Colourway 1 - **Chester** - Progress Flag using **Paintbox Yarns DK Cotton**:



There are 11 colours, and you will need approximately 24 balls to make the blanket. It's best to get one of each colour for now as we don't know which colours are going to be used the most.

We're using 9 colours for the temperatures and the brown and black colours for joining up the squares and adding a border at the end.

Daily temperatures will be recorded in degrees Celsius at 12 noon in **Chester**. Colour numbers and corresponding temperatures are:

Colour	Temperature
Washed Teal (433)	- 2° or lower
Blush Pink (454)	- 3°-5°
Paper White (401)	- 6°-8°
Pansy Purple (448)	- 9°-11°
Sailor Blue (440)	- 12°-14°
Racing Green (428)	- 15°-17°
Buttercup Yellow (423)	- 18°-20°
Blood Orange (420)	- 21°-23°
Pillar Red (415)	- 24° or higher

Coffee Bean (411) and Pure Black (402) for attaching the squares together and the border.

PLUS a 4mm crochet hook.

You don't have to use the colours above, this is a great way to use yarn from your existing stash, or any DK yarn you can pick up from charity shops.

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Colourway 2 – **Llyn Clywedog** - Pastels using **Paintbox Yarns Simply DK**:



There are 8 colours, and you will need approximately 12 balls to make the blanket. It's best to get one of each colour for now as we don't know which colours are going to be used the most.

We're using all 8 colours for the temperatures and the coolest colour (102) for joining up the squares with a colour of your choice to add a border at the end – ideally whatever we have left over.

Daily temperatures will be recorded in degrees Celsius at 12 noon in **Llyn Clywedog**, Mid Wales.

Colour numbers and corresponding temperatures are:

Colour	Temperature
Champagne White (102)	- 2° or lower
Seafoam Blue (131)	- 3°-5°
Washed Teal (132)	- 6°-8°
Pistachio Green (124)	- 9°-11°
Pale Lilac (145)	- 12°-14°
Dusty Rose (141)	- 15°-17°
Candyfloss Pink (149)	- 18°-20°
Blush Pink (153)	- 21° or higher

PLUS a 4mm crochet hook.

You don't have to use the colours above, this is a great way to use yarn from your existing stash, or any DK yarn you can pick up from charity shops.

Crochet Basics

The best way to learn crochet is to follow online tutorials. Here's a video and step-by-step guide we recommend for crochet basics followed by a video tutorial of the granny square we'll be using:

<https://www.prima.co.uk/craft/crochet/a26583936/how-to-crochet/>