



Alive

A pattern by Sandra McButton

INFO, TIPS, STITCHES & TRICKS!

This document contains all the information you will need to start the Alive CAL, including Materials, Measurements, Abbreviations and Special Stitches. It also includes detail photos on special techniques used in this pattern.

Practice any stitches you aren't familiar with during the week before Part 1 is released if you like, and continue to refer to this document during each week of the CAL.

MATERIALS

Stylecraft special DK - Scheepjes Colour Crafter

You can buy yarn and yarn kits at [Hooks and Yarn- Yarn store in Amsterdam](#)

Colour			
A	3 balls	G	1 ball
B	2 balls	H	2 balls
C	2 balls	I	2 balls
D	2 balls	J	1 ball
E	2 balls	K	1 ball
F	2 balls		

You will also need:

4mm and 4.5mm crochet hook,
 stitch marker,
 coffee or tea,
 maybe glasses,
 patience
 and the pattern!

MEASUREMENTS

The Alive Blanket measures approx. 160 x 160cm

PATTERN NOTES

Each round is closed with either a ss or an invisible join. Its up to you, it doesnt matter most rounds. Sandra calls rounds rows because she is stubborn in her ways. Dont get confused when she does, a row and round are used synonymously.

STITCH DICTIONARY

This pattern uses US crochet terminology

Abbreviations:

- St = stitch
- Sk = skip
- * * = repeat the section indicated in between * *
- < > = repeat the section within a round indicated in between < >
- (...) = indication for a group of stitches or explanation

Used stitches:

- ch = chain. The number after the Ch indicates how many chains you should make.
- ss = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- trc = triple crochet
- FP/ BPsc = front post/ back post single crochet
- FP/ BPdc = front post/ back post double crochet
- FP/ BPtrc = front post/ back post double crochet
- FPdtrc = front post double triple crochet. Yarn over 3 times before inserting hook around indicated stitch.
- bl-sc = back loop single crochet. Work your stitch only through the back loop of the indicated stitch
- fl-sc = front loop single crochet. Work your stitch only through the front loop of the indicated stitch

- **popcorn**: work 5dc in indicated stitch, all at the same place. Remove hook from loop, and put in the first dc made, from front to back, pull up the loop and pull through stitch. Complete the popcorn with a ch1. Always finish the popcorn with this ch1 unless otherwise specified in the pattern. Pay attention to crochet the popcorn not too tight. A FPstitch around the popcorn goes around the top of the popcorn. The stitch is made in ch-sp1 before and after the popcorn; Insert hook from right to left behind the popcorn just below the ch1's, pull up the loop, pull the pull up, and finish the stitch. In this pattern sometimes a stitch goes through the middle of the popcorn. This is clearly indicated in the pattern.

- **Linen stitch**: (1 sc, ch1, skip 1 stitch)

- **Puff stitches general explanation**: There are 2 types of puff stitches. You may choose to do a puff stitch your own way, but be reminded to work Ch1 after every puff stitch. This chain is not mentioned in the pattern. It's important not to forget that closing ch1! The Ch1 doesn't count as stitch but sometimes we use it to crochet around it (if you need to make a stitch in space before or after a puff stitch). If you crochet your puff stitches loosely it will be easier to pull through all loops when closing it.

- **Puff stitch:** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull through.
 <Yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull through>. Repeat between < and > 2 more times.
 Then: yarn over again and pull through 8 loops on the hook. There are 2 loops remaining on your hook.
 Yarn over and pull through both. Ch1 to finish the stitch. The Ch1 doesn't count as stitch.



- **Minipuff stitch:** Insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull through.
 <Yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull through>. Repeat between < and > 2 more times.
 Then: yarn over again and pull through all 8 loops on the hook. Ch1 to finish the stitch. The Ch1 doesn't count as stitch.



SPECIAL STITCHES

Flower edge2: Crochet the chains loosely

Ch1, ss in 1st dc of popcorn	< Ch2, ss in next dc	Ch2, ss in same dc>. Repeat between < and > 2 more times.	Ch2, ss in the 5th dc of the popcorn. Photo shows backside.	Remove hook from loop. Put hook in first ss made, pick up loop and pull through.	Ch1 to complete Small flower

Flower edge3: as flower edge2, but with ch3 instead.

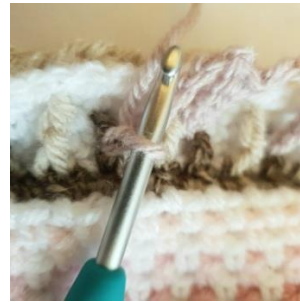
Wheat Stitch: This is the explanation. The amount of chs and scs will be given in the pattern.



Crochet 6 ch, remove the hook from the loop. If needed, make the loop larger to not lose the ch.



Put the hook in the required st, take up the loop, pull through below the st from right to left



Crochet 1 turn ch.



Crochet 6 sc around the chain you just crocheted.

HELP!

Facebook group: for everyone to help each other and Sandra whenever she can:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/160827394402668>

Video Tutorials: The pattern is well written and comes with photos so it should be fine to work from the pattern only.

To help everyone on their way Sandra will make tutorials on Youtube for week 1 and with difficult stitches or when requested. Please subscribe to her channel so you won't miss anything.

You can find her channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@sandraMcButton>

RELEASE:

All parts of the pattern will be published on Ravelry and the website of Hooks and Yarn yarnstore.

You can find the pattern(parts) once published via this link: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/alive-cal>

Or here: [Patronen van Hooks and Yarn - HooksandYarn](#) (Hooks and Yarn yarnstore website)

The first part of the pattern in English (US terms) and Dutch will be uploaded to Ravelry first and to the Hooks and Yarn website soon after.

If you are in the Facebook group, in a Ravelry group or on Youtube, please be kind to each other, the mods and Sandra.

Hope you will enjoy the pattern!