



Introduction to New Beginnings Make Along

I am so happy to finally be able to welcome you to daisyknots' *New Beginnings* make along and I hope you enjoy the pattern as much as myself and my testers have.

The idea for New Beginnings was conceived way back at the end of last year, as I wanted to design and make a blanket as a gift for an Easter wedding (yes that's how long I have been sitting on this pattern). The bride and groom are both Scottish, therefore I wanted it to, not only have a strong Scottish connection but, to have a romantic twist as well. Therefore, I decided to use lots of Celtic knot work for the Scottish part and for the romantic element I designed the central knots to show longevity with Endless knot and love with Entwined knot.

And as for the name, that was the easy bit, because New Beginnings not only signified our newly weds, new beginning but it's a new beginning for myself and my husband too, as we have just moved back to our homeland of Scotland after 35 years away.

New Beginnings has two motifs, which are both 65 rows by 60 stitches, which means that these motifs can be used separately or together and can be made into any size of project you wish. On the next page I have given the yarn amounts required for one motif, a table runner, a throw and an afghan and also shown are the amount of motifs required for these projects. At the end of your project you have the choice whether to add an envelope border or a tassel edging as I have included instructions and video tutorials for both. For my make along project I am going to make a throw with 12 motifs and I will finish it with an envelope border.

There are also 5 tapestry mosaic charts included with New Beginnings as I do love a tapestry mosaic project or at least a light touch of one. These charts can be combined to make many, many variations of the pattern and as a little extra I have created mockups using some of them. The mockup file can be accessed via a link from the pattern as there are 19 mockups, and I didn't want to overwhelm people who either, are not interested in tapestry mosaic or feel intimidated by it. I will admit to not being sure which option I am going to make yet, I am still debating between two or three of them.

One of the things I love about overlay mosaic crochet is that because it uses so few stitches, it is a beautiful form of crocheting that is available to everyone, regardless of their skill level. The skill level in New Beginnings varies depending on what combination of motifs and tapestry mosaic motifs you decide to use. If using Motif A or Motif B by themselves, the pattern is suitable to anyone who has worked a small overlay project before and I have only elevated it from a complete beginners project because there is a large repeat to it. However, if you wish to use any of the tapestry mosaic elements the pattern is more suited to a slightly more experienced crocheter. And if you want to really challenge yourself you can combine both motifs and add some tapestry mosaic elements too. This is my aim, though as I am quite a lazy crocheter I might regret this at some stage.

A massive thankyou to my wonderful testers, Carol, Caroline, Dianne, Nicky, and Nina. Thankyou ladies you are stars and this pattern and MAL would not be a reality without all of you.

As a make along is a fabulous social activity I really want to see your progress throughout, so please, please post lots of pics over at daisyknots mosaic community where I will def be posting updates of my own progress and if there is enough questions or queries I may do some Facebook lives to help in answering them.

I'm very keen to get started on my blanket and I have deliberately waited so I can start with everyone else, so I'm very excited and can't wait to begin. So, let's go and have fun, and make ourselves something gorgeous using the New Beginnings pattern at the same time. I'm really looking forward to seeing all your variations and chatting with you all.

Big hugs
Moir xxx



Motif A, Endless Knot repeated 12 times



Motif B with tapestry mosaic highlighting the Entwined Knot



Motif A with tapestry mosaic highlighting the Endless Knot



New Beginnings Blanket - Motif Block A

To make the New Beginnings blanket I used Drops Nepal.

Gauge for New Beginnings Blankets:

Using a 5mm hook:

17 stitches and 16 rows = 10 cm (4 inches) square

Equipment:

- 4.5mm, 5mm and 5.5mm hook

Yarn Weight:

Aran/Worsted

Yarn Amounts for New Beginnings Motif Block A. Yarn used Drops Nepal							
New Beginnings- with 4cm envelope border (Width x Length)	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	C for sl st + borders (meters)	New Beginnings- with 14cm tassel border (Width x Length)	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	C for edges and tassels (meters)
One Motif (34cm x 35.5cm) no border	127	114					
Runner (46cm x 188cm) 5 motifs	830	975	200	Runner (38cm x 210cm)	710	640	70
Throw (116cm x 153cm) 12 motifs	1735	1790	230	Throw (109cm x 176cm)	1675	1490	65
Afghan (148cm x 188cm) 20 motifs	2800	2810	300	Afghan (144cm x 210cm)	2730	2450	75

New Beginnings Blanket - Motif Block B

To make the New Beginnings blanket I used Drops Nepal.

Yarn Amounts for New Beginnings Motif Block B. Yarn used Drops Nepal							
New Beginnings- with 4cm envelope border (Width x Length)	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	C for sl st + borders (meters)	New Beginnings- with 14cm tassel border (Width x Length)	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	C for edges and tassels (meters)
One Motif (34cm x 35.5cm) no border)	130	113					
Runner (46cm x 188cm) 5 motifs	840	975	200	Runner (38cm x 210cm)	720	640	70
Throw (116cm x 153cm) 12 motifs	1760	1800	235	Throw (109cm x 176cm)	1690	1490	65
Afghan (148cm x 188cm) 20 motifs	2845	2800	300	Afghan (144cm x 210cm)	2760	2440	75

New Beginnings Rug

To make the New Beginnings rug I worked with two strands of cotton aran yarn to get the density required.

Equipment:

- 6mm hook

Yarn Weight:

Aran/Worsted x 2 strands

Gauge for New Beginnings Rug:

Using a 6mm hook:

13 stitches and 12 rows = 10 cm (4 inches) square

New Beginnings Rug Motif Block A			Yarn Amounts			Calculate yarn amounts
Yarn = Drops Paris (2 strands worked together)		Starting Chains	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	Total Meters	To calculate the yarn amount required for your rug. 1. Work out the number of motifs your rug will require by multiplying the pattern repeat by the row repeats. 2. Multiply the yarn used for one motif by the amount of motifs your rug needs. Please note the yarn amounts opposite are based on the stated gauge.
One motif	Size = 51cm x 57cm	66	440	410	850	
Runner = 3 motifs	3 pat reps x 1 row reps	186	1320	1230	2550	
No of balls			18	17		

New Beginnings Rug Motif Block B			Yarn Amounts			Calculate yarn amounts
Yarn = Drops Paris (2 strands worked together)		Starting Chains	Colour A (meters)	Colour B (meters)	Total Meters	To calculate the yarn amount required for your rug. 1. Work out the number of motifs your rug will require by multiplying the pattern repeat by the row repeats. 2. Multiply the yarn used for one motif by the amount of motifs your rug needs. Please note the yarn amounts opposite are based on the stated gauge.
One motif	Size = 51cm x 57cm	66	442	420	862	
Runner = 3 motifs	3 pat reps x 1 row reps	186	1326	1260		
No of balls			18	17		