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*The Island Stroll CAL*

WEEK 10. THE JOINING & BORDER: PART 1  
THE BLANKET VERSION

SistersInStitch



Yarn and Colors



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## About The Design

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The tenth (and second to last) week has arrived and the time has come to join all of our beautiful squares and octagons together and begin the first rounds of the beautiful border.

This week is focusing on simpler stitches so be ready for lots of single- and half double crochets, and as always: lots and lots of fun.

Let's begin!

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# You Will Need

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## **Yarn**

For the blanket we have used Super Must-Have; a bulky weight yarn in 100% mercerised cotton with a lovely shimmer that comes in 100 grams balls with 115 meters/125 yards.

## **Tools**

A 6 mm crochet hook

A darning needle

A pair of scissors

Stitch markers

## **Pattern Notes**

All the stitches, techniques and terminology used for this pattern is found in the CAL Stitch Guide.



Need help with the pattern? Watch the video tutorial on:  
[www.YouTube.com/SistersInStitch](http://www.YouTube.com/SistersInStitch)

## **Skill Level**

Intermediate

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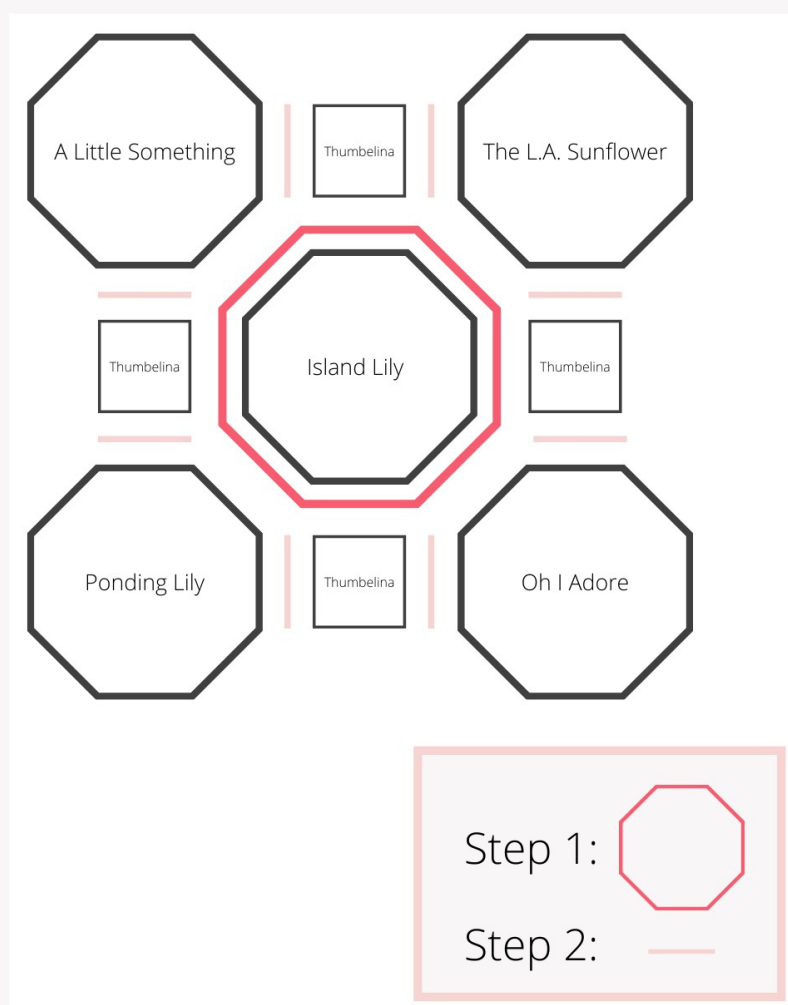


## Part 10. The Joining & Border: Part 1

### THE JOINING PATTERN

Let's join all of our beautiful squares and octagons. We are starting our joining process with the centre octagon and joining one side of all the pieces to it. When all pieces are attached with one side to the centre octagon: we join the aligning sides to the pieces two by two. Octagon to Thumbelina, then Thumbelina to octagon, see illustration below.

You are working with your centre octagon facing towards you during the entire joining; adding every other Thumbelina square and Octagon at a time. Make sure you have them lined up right and use several stitch markers to keep the sides together whilst working, too few might stretch the attached stitches of the blanket!





## THE PLACEMENT

Begin by placing **the Island Lily octagon** as seen in the picture below: with the square shape leaning to the right.

Then place **the L.A. Sunflower octagon** in the same leaning pose next to the top right side; and then **the Ponding Lily octagon** to the bottom right in the same way. These three octagons should now all be leaning in the same way, see the orange marking.

Continue by placing **the A Little Something octagon** as seen in the picture on the top left of the Island Lily octagon, and **the Oh I Adore octagon** to the bottom right: both with the square shapes leaning to the left as seen in the green marking.

Lastly you will place your four Thumbelina squares in the squared spaces between the octagons. After that you are ready to begin the centre join! Use stitch markers to keep them in place, or leave them on the surface and simply pick them up one by one as you go.



**Colorways:** (Sunlight/Sea/Woods)

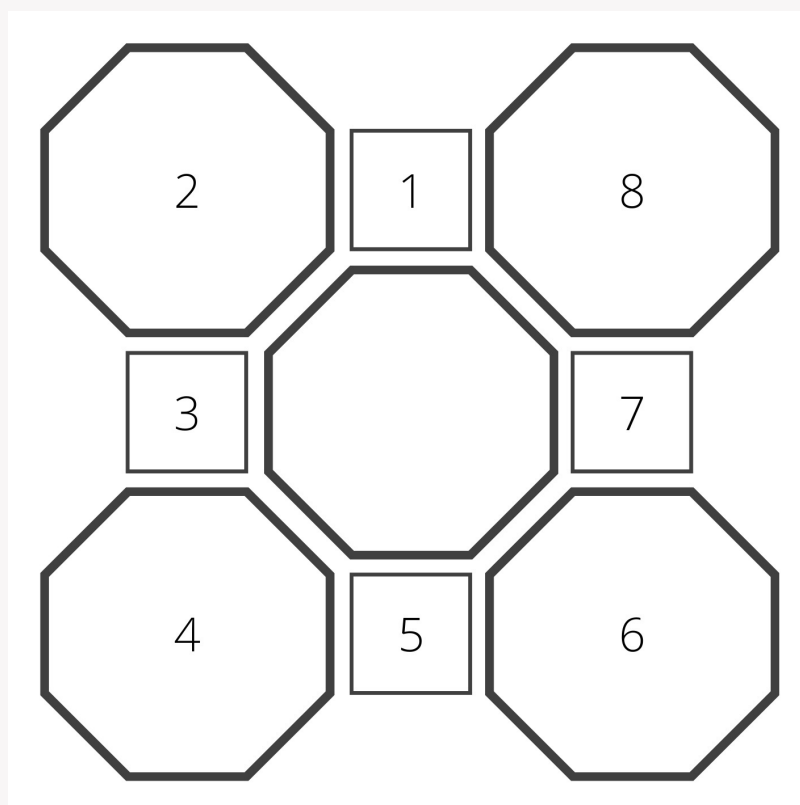
**Note!** Work with your Island Lily octagon facing towards you during the entire joining; whilst adding every other Thumbelina square and octagon at a time facing away from you.

**Step 1. Centre Join** (Mustard/Denim/Pea Green) *Working all stitches through both pieces; begin with a standing st in a top right ch2-sp of your Island Lily octagon and a bottom ch2-sp of the Thumbelina square:*

1 sc around the next ch2-sp + ch 1, \*(1 sc + ch 1 in the next st, skip the next st) x 14 times, 1 sc + ch 2 around the next ch2-sp of the same two pieces, 1 sc around the Island Lily octagon and the ch2-sp of the next piece + ch 1; rep from \* til end, close with an invisible join to the second st

**Check point.** *The 5th and 10th sc, made after a corner, should fall in a FPdc of the Island Lily octagon*

- Per repetition: 16 sc, 1 ch2-sp, 15 ch1-sps



## THE JOINING CONTINUED

**Note!** We are now about to join all the short sides together (the light pink in the illustration on page 1). Keep going counter clockwise for all eight short side joins to make sure that the stitch heads leaning toward the same side.

### **The order to join:**

1 and 2 together (Thumbelina to A Little Something) ,  
then 2 and 3 together (A Little Something to Thumbelina),  
then 3 and 4 together (Thumbelina to Ponding Lily),  
then 4 and 5 together (Ponding Lily to Thumbelina),  
then 5 and 6 together (Thumbelina to Oh I Adore),  
then 6 and 7 together (Oh I Adore to Thumbelina),  
then 7 and 8 together (Thumbelina to The L.A. Sunflower),  
and then finally 8 and 1 together (The L.A. Sunflower to Thumbelina).

**Step 2. Short side join** (Mustard/Denim/Pea Green) *Working all stitches through both pieces; begin with a standing st around the inner ch2-sps of piece 1 and 2:*

1 sc around the next ch2-sp + ch1, (1 sc in the next st + ch 1, skip the next st) x 14 times. *Please note that we are **not** working in the last ch2-sps but instead ends in the last hdc of the short side.* Cut of the yarn and repeat for the next seven short sides. Leave your working ends loose for now, we will fasten it off and hide well during the border rnds.

- *Per short side: 15 sc, 15 ch1-sps*

Fasten off your **starting end** by going through the closest single crochet of the centre join and back through the chain stitch and down the centre of your last made single crochet. Secure on the backside and be careful so it doesn't show on the front. The video tutorial is really helpful here.

## THE BORDER: PART 1

**Colorways:** (Sunlight/Sea/Woods)

**rnd 1** (Mustard/Denim/Pea Green) *Begin with a standing st in the top right corner ch-2sp of the L.A. Sunflower octagon:*

*\*(3 hdc around the next ch2-sp, skip the next st, 1 hdc in the next 26 sts) x 2 times, 3 hdc around the next ch2-sp, skip the next st, (1 hdc in the next 25 sts, 1 hdc4tog over the next 4 sts i.e. the next hdc + ch2-sp + ch2-sp + hdc) x 2 times, (1 hdc in the next 26 sts, 3 hdc around the next ch2-sp, skip the next st) x 2 times; rep from \* til end, close with an invisible join to the second st*

*- Per side: 108 hdc, 2 hdc4to*

**rnd 2** (Mustard/Denim/Pea Green) *Begin around any given st:*

*\*1 BPsc around each st across; rep from \* til end, close with an invisible join to the second st*

*- 440 BPsc*

**rnd 3** (Pearl/Ecru/Eucalyptus) *Begin in any given third corner BPsc placed before a slope:*

*\*1 sc in the next 23 sts, ch 1, skip the next 4 sts, (1 hdc in the next st, ch 1, skip the next st) x 12 times, 1 hdc in the next st, ch 1, skip the next 4 sts, 1 sc in the next 112 sts; rep from \* til end, close with an invisible join to the second st*

*- Per side: 135 sc, 14 ch1-sps, 13 hdc*

*Well done, you've now finished  
the first part of the border!*







# Closing words

Well done lovely! You have now finished the tenth part of the Island Stroll CAL and we hope you had lots of fun. If you share your progress and pieces on social media: please use our official hashtag #IslandStrollCAL cause we would absolutely love to see it.

Next week we will continue on with our eleventh and final part: The Joining, and finish our beautiful pillows.

Until then..

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*For more info & crochet fun:*

[www.SistersInStitch.com](http://www.SistersInStitch.com)



*Until next time...*

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