

## BIRKA RUG

**Design:** Lankava, Molla Mills.

**Size:** 160 cm.

**Yarn:** Lankava Frotee Loopy Craft Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1.2 kg = approx. 280 m) 2.6 kg black (70), 2.6 kg natural white (52) and 300 g blue (74).

**Crochet hook:** 8 mm or as per gauge.

**Gauge:** 7 sts and 4 rows = 10 cm.

**Abbreviations:** row = round, ch = chain stitch, st = stitch, dc = double crochet, sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch.

**Colorwork:** Crochet double crochets in the round with two colors according to the pattern and chart. Keep one yarn inside the double crochets throughout the work. When changing colors, crochet the final yarn over of the previous stitch with the new color.

**Instructions:** Make a magic loop with the white yarn around two fingers.

**Row 1:** Crochet into the loop 3 ch (= 1st dc of the row), 17 dc and weave in the yarn ends as you go. Switch to black yarn by making the last yarn over of the last dc with the black yarn, then crochet 1 sl st into the 3rd ch. Tighten the ring by pulling the yarn tail. Start increases in six corners.

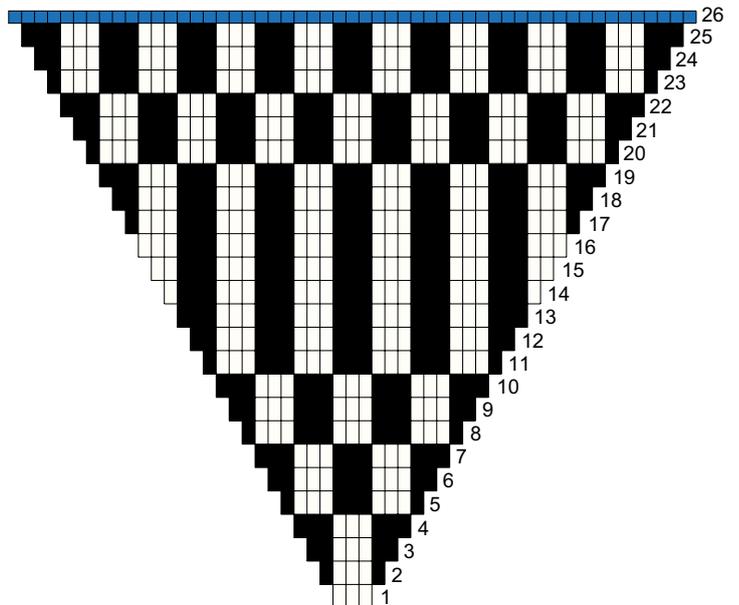
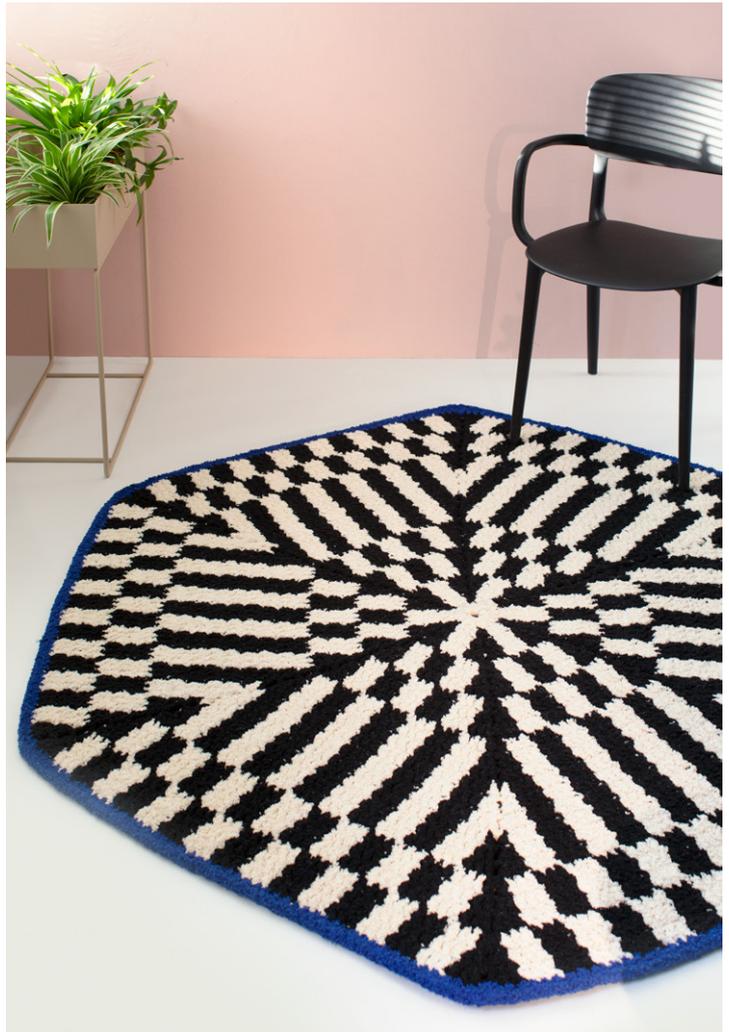
**Row 2:** With black yarn, crochet 3 ch, switch to white yarn and crochet 1 dc into the same st as ch, \*crochet 2 dc with white, switch to black yarn and crochet 1 dc into the same st as the white dc (= increase), ch 1 and 1 dc into the next st, switch to white yarn and crochet 1 dc into the same st as the black dc\*, repeat \*-\* four more times, 2 dc with white, switch to black yarn and crochet 1 dc into the same st as the white dc, ch 1, 1 sl st into the 3rd ch = 30 dc. Close all rounds in the same way.

**Row 3:** With black yarn, crochet 3 ch + 1 dc into the same st, \*crochet 3 dc with white, 2 dc with black into the same st (= increase), ch 1 and 2 dc into the same st\*, repeat \*-\* four more times, crochet 3 dc with white, 2 dc with black into the same st, ch 1, 1 sl st into the 3rd ch = 42 dc.

**Rows 4-25:** Follow the chart and switch to blue yarn at the end of row 25. Cut the black and white yarn and continue edging the rug.

**Row 26:** With blue yarn, crochet 1 ch, then 1 sc into each dc, 1 sc into each ch-1 space, and close the round with 1 sl st into the 1st ch.

**Row 27:** Crochet 1 sl st into each st, cut the yarn, and close the row by mimicking a stitch (= pull the yarn through the last sl st, then pass it from behind between the 1st and 2nd sl sts, and then through the center of the last sl st).



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