



## **LEIJA THROW**

Level of difficulty: Intermediate.

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**Design:** Molla Mills, Lankava. **Size:** 100x140 cm (+ fringes).

**Yarn:** Lankava Lysti sock yarn (75 % wool, 25 % polyamide, 100 g = approx. 200 m) 1,1 kg of light blue (Summer sky 857) and Naturelli Mahtava (100 % wool, 220 g = approx. 90 m) 650g of natural white.

**Crochet hook:** 4 mm or size to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 18 sts and 9 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm.

**Technique:** Crochet double crochets in rows with the blue yarn, carrying the white yarn along and switching it from the front and back of the work according to the pattern. The accompanying yarn (white) is crocheted into the double crochets only at the beginning (2 sts) and end (2 sts) of each row; otherwise, it is carried loosely in the work forming the pattern on both sides. Cut the yarn at the end of each row and always start a new row from the right side of the work by crocheting a dc into the first st of the previous row. Leave 25 cm yarn tails at the beginning and end of each row for the fringes.





## **Abbreviations:**

row(s) = round(s)

ch = chain stitch

st = stitch

dc = double crochet

**sc** = single crochet



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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Make a starting knot with blue, leaving a 25 cm yarn tail for the fringes. Crochet a chain of 176 ch. Take white in work, leaving a 25 cm yarn tail for the fringes.

**Row 1:** Crochet 1 dc into the 4th ch from the hook (3 ch count as the first dc), and 1 dc with white inside the st. Leave white on the wrong side of the work, crochet 2 dc. Switch white to the front side, crochet 2 dc. Switch white to the wrong side, crochet 2 dc. Continue crocheting the row, switching white between the front and wrong side every 2 dc. At the end of the row, crochet white with the last two dc. Leave 25 cm yarn tails and cut the yarn.

**Row 2:** Leave the yarn tails at the beginning. Crochet 1 dc into the 3rd ch of the first row, leave white inside the st. Crochet 1 dc with white inside the st, leave white on the wrong side, crochet 4 dc. Switch white to the front side, crochet 2 dc. Crochet as in row 1, alternating white between the front and wrong side of the work every 2 dc. At the end of the row, crochet white with the last two dc.

**Rows 3-131:** Continue crocheting according to the pattern. On rows 5, 9, 11, and 15, white yarn forms 8 sts wide loops either on the front or the wrong side of the work. Be sure not to pull white when making the long loops.

Crochet a total of 131 rows, which is vertically 8 pattern repeats (+ 3 rows) and horizontally 5 pattern repeats (+4 sts at the beginning and 10 sts at the end). The width of one pattern repeat is 32 sts and the height is 16 rows.

**Finishing:** Crochet a sc row in blue at the beginning and end of the work: 1 sc in each st. Cut and finish off the yarn. Stretch the finished blanket into shape and lightly steam from the wrong side of the work. Tie the fringes from two rows together with a knot and tie the fringes from the last row separately since the rows are an odd number. Trim the fringes to an even length.



