

# Crochet Instructions from KasCare

## How to crochet an 8 x 8 inch/20cm square

### Materials and Equipment

- Double Knit (UK)
- 4.5mm Hook

### Abbreviations

*Note: Pattern uses American terminology*

American =	British
slip stitch (sl st) =	single crochet (sc)
single crochet (sc) =	double crochet (dc)

*Note: Check your gauge(tension) after 3 or 4 rows. This will save you some frustration if the square is too wide. Adjust accordingly.*

### Instructions

Chain 31

**Row 1:** Single crochet in each stitch across. (30 stitches)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, single crochet in each stitch across.

**Row 3:** Repeat row 2 until square measures 20cm/8" long.

If the square is smaller than 20 cm/8", add an edging of single crochet. At the corners, increase 3 sc in the corner stitch.

Weave in yarn end.

*Leave a 50 cm/20" tail (for sewing the squares together). Butterfly\* the tail to the square.*

If you already crochet, please use your own pattern variations, although we would suggest that the finished result is dense without too many holes, for added warmth.

You can use different types of wool or wool blend yarns, acrylic yarns and bamboo or perhaps double up lighter yarn weight like 4 ply. But whatever your yarn weights, make sure your squares are warm and cosy.

Making the crocheted squares as consistent in size and weight as possible will help our wonderful volunteers, grandmothers and others to join the squares quickly and easily into blankets for the abandoned children and AIDS orphans. The children will treasure these blankets for their warmth, texture and colour, as well as for their crochet patterns.

The crochet squares have been designed at 8 x 8" (20cm) to make sure that they can be quickly made. The tail at one end of the square should be 20" (50cm) long and butterflyed\* to the square.

*\*How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Use contrasting yarn and follow the steps below:*



We welcome crochet squares out of any yarn you have, as we will use them for the children who live in care, orphanages or for children who head up families in small houses. All live in great poverty.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm in contributing to this crocheting and knitting project to help keep the abandoned children and AIDS orphans of South Africa warm.

***Every single square will be in a blanket to keep a cold child warm.***

For more information about the charity KasCare please visit: <http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

