

“ Shoji ” crochet pattern – English version



Maybe you don't know the word shoji but i'm sure you know what it stands for. A shoji is a bamboo frame filled with paperwork, which are often used as walls in homes and temples around Asia. The bamboo frame can also be a wooden one or these days even plastic. I came up with this design due to the fact i had one of these walls with the exact same design of this pattern in my hotelroom in Chengdu. When I was asked to do something with the new bamboo yarns from Scheepjes, the first connection which got in my head was bamboo, shoji and interlocking mosaic crochet. So here it is, the Shoji pattern. It is not a big project but it can be used as a baby blanket or a nice rug to brighten up your closet or desk. And the pattern contains options to make this even bigger, so you could make a blanket out of it as well. I hope you will enjoy the pattern as much as i did making and creating it !

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U.S crochet terms version

Materials needed :

- A crochet hook size 3,5 mm
- Sewing needle and scissors
- blocking materials

Yarn needed :

For this pattern I used Scheepjes Bamboo Soft – Premium Blend. A really soft and smooth type of yarn which comes in balls of 50 grams and contains a mix of cotton and bamboo.

There are 17 colors in this type of yarn and for the pattern as described you will need 1 ball of 50 grams of each color available. So you will need 17 balls of Bamboo Soft.

If you like to take a different type of yarn in the same conditions as the Bamboo soft, you will need 35 – 40 grams of one color.

Here is the list of colors as used in the pattern :

Color A : 266 Indulgent Shadow

Color B : 263 Smokey Diamond

Color C : 265 Rich Cream

Color D : 260 Golden Nugget

Color E : 253 Blue Opal

Color F : 258 Jade Lapis

Color G : 257 Smooth Cocoa

Color H : 252 Royal Purple

Color I : 250 Decadent Plum

Color J : 262 Hot Berry

Color K : 251 Deep Cherry

Color L : 259 Majestic Red

Color M : 256 Grand Oak

Color N : 254 Mighty Spruce

Color O : 264 Antique Silver

Color P : 261 Regal Orange

Color Q : 255 Celestial Blue

Gauge :

One single Repeat section of 26 Rows and 17 stitches in Bamboo Soft will be approx. 9cm x 9cm / 3,5 inches x 3,5 inches

Finished Size :

The finished size of the pattern in Bamboo Soft will be 105 cm / 41,5 inches x 70 cm / 27,5 inches

However, if you like a larger project, you can always make more Repeats in a Row. Each Repeat contains 17 stitches, so if you like to enlarge it in width just add the amount of needed repeats to the pattern. Height can be obtained by just repeating all the Rows over and over.

Stitches used :

- **SS** – slip stitch
- **SC** – single crochet
- **HDC** – half double crochet
- **DC** – double crochet
- **CH** – chain
- **Sp** – space (as in chain-space)
- **St** – stitch
- **SK** – skip (as in skip stitch)
- **()** – part between this is a repeat section within the Round your working on
- **[]** – gives a total amount of stitches after a round.
- **RS** – right side
- **WS** – wrong side

Pattern Notes :

- if you do not know a stitch used in the pattern, please refer to the internet. There are loads of video's and instruction tutorials out there to be find which explains each stitch very good.
- the pattern is not tested before publishing it. It is proof read and checked but there can always be a errata. I will update it and write it down in the downloadsection of this pattern if this would be the case. If you encounter any trouble or misunderstanding from this pattern, don't hesitate to contact me.
- in the Rows stitches made in current Round are typed in a large format, reference to stitches from previous Rounds are typed in regular format.
- each time you'll change to a different color in the two-colored sections you'll pick up the next colored thread through the last two loops on hook of the Row before. Here is a photo of how it might look :



- The repeat sections contains two colors. Each color you crochet a Row on the good side according pattern, you turn and crochet a Row back. Although the Row back is described, i always find it easier to think of the following shortcut – each sc or dc you encounter you will make a sc in, each ch you encounter you also make ch. Of course you can also just follow the pattern if you'll find it hard to track our stitches.
- all photos taken in the pattern are made by me, but as i am a lefthanded crocheter sometimes examples might show off a bit different.
- when making DC's in the mosaic pattern, you work them in the same colored Rows beneath them over the ch1-sps of the other color, you work the DC in the front of the work.

The pattern :

The pattern is made with 8 Repeats in a Row on the two-colored section. Please see the notes to see how you can enlarge the pattern if you like to, but be aware you also need to change the amount of Repeats. For each Repeat extra you'll add 17 stitches, but you also count a Repeat extra.

With Color A and hooksize 3,5mm, CH139.

Row 1 (RS) : 1HDC in third ch from hook. 1HDC in each ch along. Fasten off yarn. [138HDC]

Row 2 (RS) : Take Color D and attach in first st made on last Row. CH3 (first DC), 1DC in next st. (CH1, sk st, 1DC in next st) 68 times. Fasten off yarn. [70DC / 68 times a CH1-sp]

Row 3 (RS) : Take Color A and attach in first st made on last Row. CH2 (first HDC), 1HDC in each st and ch1-sp along Row. Fasten off yarn. [138HDC].

Row 4 (RS) : Take Color E and attach in first st made on last Row. CH1 (doesn't count as st here and throughout), 1SC in each st along Row. Turn. [138SC]

Row 5 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in each st along Row. In last st attach Color D and pull it through last two loops on hook of last st change color. Set Color E aside. Turn. [138SC]



Row 6 (RS) : Take Color D and attach in first st made on last Row. CH1 , 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times, 1SC in last st. Turn.

[114SC / 24 times a CH1-sp]



Row 7 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through 2 loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color D aside. Turn.

[114SC / 24 times a CH1-sp]

In the next Rows your gonna make DC's, remember you will work a DC in the empty stitch of the same colored Row beneath it, over the ch-sps of the other colored Rows. You'll work the DC on the front side of the work, so before the ch-sps.

Row 8 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 3 sts, CH2, sk 2 sts, 1DC, CH2, sk 2 sts, 1SC in next 3 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[82SC / 24DC / 16 times a CH2-sp]



Row 9 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 6 sts, CH2, 1SC in next st, CH2, 1SC in next 6 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color D through 2 loop on hook of last st to change Color. Set Color E aside. Turn.

[106SC / 16 times a CH2-sp]

Row 10 (RS) : With Color D, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 2DC, CH1, sk st, 2DC, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[66SC / 32DC / 40 times a CH1-sp]



Row 11 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through two loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color D aside. Turn.

[98SC / 40 times a CH1-sp]

Row 12 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (CH2, sk 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, CH2, sk 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[66SC / 40DC / 2 times a CH2-sp and 7 times a CH4-sp]



Row 13 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (CH2, 1SC in next 13 sts, CH2) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color D through two loop on hook of last st to change color. Set Color E aside. Turn.

[106SC / 2 times a CH2-sp and 7 times a CH4-sp]

Row 14 (RS) : With Color D, CH1, 1SC in first st, (2DC, 1SC in next 3 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 3 sts, 2DC) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[90SC / 32DC / 16 times a CH1-sp]



Row 15 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through two loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color D aside. Turn.

[122SC / 16 times a CH1-sp]

Row 16 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH3, sk 3 sts, 1DC, CH5, sk 5 sts, 1DC, CH3, sk 3 sts, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[34SC / 16DC / 16 times a CH3-sp and 8 times a CH5-sp]



Row 17 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH3, 1SC in next st, CH5, 1SC in next st, CH3, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color D through two loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color E aside. Turn.

[50SC / 16 times a CH3-sp and 8 times a CH5-sp]

Row 18 (RS) : With Color D, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, 3DC, CH1, sk st, 5DC, CH1, sk st, 3DC, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[34SC / 88DC / 16 times a CH1-sp]



Row 19 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through two loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color D aside. Turn.

[122SC / 16 times a CH1-sp]

Row 20 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (CH2, sk 2 sts, 1SC in next 3 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 5 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 3 sts, CH2, sk 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[90SC / 16DC / 2 times a CH2-sp and 7 times a CH4-sp]



Row 21 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (CH2, 1SC in next 13 sts, CH2) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color D through 2 loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color E aside. Turn.

[106SC / 2 times a CH2-sp and 7 times a CH4-sp]

Row 22 (RS) : With Color D, CH1, 1SC in first st, (2DC, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 2DC) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[66SC / 32DC / 40 times a CH1-sp]

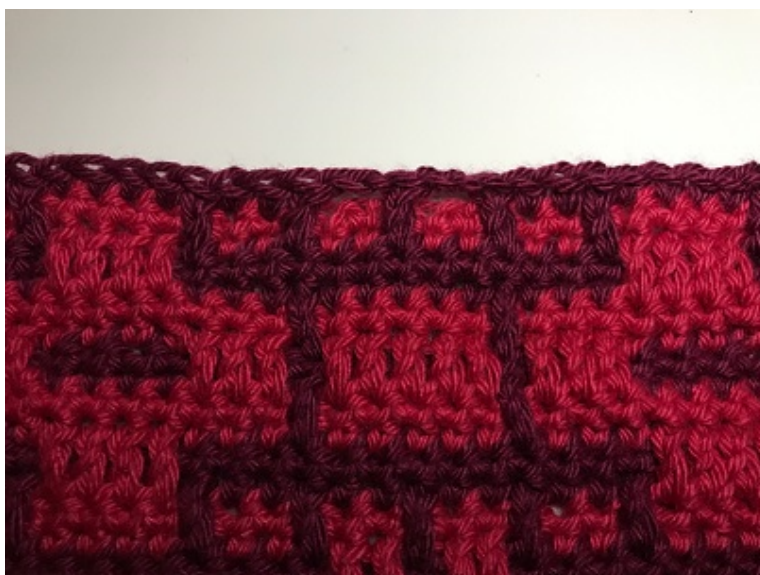


Row 23 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through 2 loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color D aside. Turn.

[98SC / 40 times a CH1-sp]

Row 24 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, CH2, sk 2 sts, 1DC, CH2, sk 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[66SC / 40DC / 16 times a CH2-sp]



Row 25 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 6 sts, CH2, 1SC in next st, CH2, 1SC in next 6 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color D through 2 loops on hook of last st to change color. Set Color E aside. Turn.

[106SC / 16 times a CH2-sp]

Row 26 (RS) : With Color D, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 3 sts, 2DC, CH1, sk st, 2DC, 1SC in next 3 sts, CH1, sk st, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[82SC / 32DC / 24 times a CH1-sp]



Row 27 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 5 sts, CH1, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st – pull up Color E through 2 loops on hook of last st to change color. Fasten off Color D. Turn.

[114SC / 24 times a CH1-sp]

Row 28 (RS) : With Color E, CH1, 1SC in first st, (1SC in next 2 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 5 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 5 sts, 1DC, 1SC in next 2 sts) 8 times. 1SC in last st. Turn.

[114SC / 24DC]



Row 29 (WS) : CH1, 1SC in each st along Row. Fasten off yarn E.

[138SC]

From this point it is only repeating different section of Rows. There are 2 different sections. The Rows between mosaic stripes, and the mosaic stripes. Under here i will describe which Rows are repeated for each section :

Rows between mosaic stripes :

Repeat Row 3

Repeat Row 2

Repeat Row 3

Repeat Row 2

Repeat Row 3

Rows for Mosaic stripes :

Repeat Row 4 – 29 with the two colors described. The first color named will be the color you start with.

Under here i describe the colors i used for the repeat section after the first mosaic stripe of the pattern. To make it easier i numbered them :

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 1 : Color B – E – C – F – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 1 : Color G and F

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 2 : Color B – G – C – H – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 2 : Color I and H

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 3 : Color B – I – C – J – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 3: Color K and J

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 4 : Color B – K – C – M – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 4 : Color L and M

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 5 : Color B – L – C – P – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 5 : Color Q and P

Rows between mosaic stripes repeat 6 : Color B – Q – C – N – B

Rows for Mosaic stripes repeat 6 : Color O and N

To finish the repeats close off by making :

Row 3 with Color A

Row 2 with Color O

Row 3 with Color A

Weave in all remaining ends.

Border section :

The border is a simple combination of Row 2 and 3, i didn't write any amount of stitches down as this border can also be used on larger sized versions of this blanket.

With Yarn C and hooksize 3,5mm, attach yarn in any corner of the blanket.

Foundation Round (RS) : Make a SC in each st along all 4 sides. On the long sides you have to make stitches equally divided between Rows, and in the corners you will make 3SC to turn to next side. The amount of stitches isn't really important as long as you have a even number on all sides in the end. Once you reach your first st, SS into it to connect and fasten off yarn.

Round 1 (RS) : With Yarn A, begin in any middle st of a 3st-corner. CH2 (first HDC), make 2HDC more in same st, (Repeat Row 3 along side til next middle st of a 3st-corner, 3HDC in next st) 3 times, Repeat Row 3 along side til first made st. SS into second ch to connect, fasten off yarn.

In the next Round your gonna make the Row with 4 different colors you chose out of the colors left from the mosaic stripes. Before each 3 sts you make as new corner, you will fasten off yarn and change to a new color. Which colors you chose is totally up to you.

Round 2 (RS) : With any first chosen color Yarn, begin in middle st of a 3st-corner, CH3 (first DC), 2DC in same st, Repeat Row 2 along side til next middle st of 3st-corner – change color, (3DC in next st, Repeat Row 2 along side til next middle st of 3st-corner – change color) 3 times. SS into third ch to connect, fasten off yarn.

Round 3 (RS) : Take Yarn C and repeat Round 1.

Round 4 (RS) : With 4 different colors of own choice repeat Round 2.

Round 5 (RS) : Take Yarn A and repeat Round 1.

Weave in all ends and block your finished project.

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