

Blocking with Blocking Boards

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Here you will get a step-by-step guide on how to use the Blocking Boards to block your completed projects.

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Materials:

- Blocking boards here we have used a Blocking Board size 25,5 x 25,5 cm
- Wooden pegs (included when you buy your blocking board).
- Your finished knitted or crocheted project that you want to be blocked

Instructions for blocking with blocking board

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In the next few pictures, we will show how a crocheted square is blocked.





2. Place the crocheted square in the centre of the board, insert one of the supplied small pegs into the hole in the centre of the board to centre the square.





3. Take a small wooden peg, plug it through the top left corner of the crocheted square and insert the wood peg into the second last hole at the top of the left side of the blocking board. You must be able to see that it stretches slightly in the crocheted square.





4. Step 3 is repeated again but this time on the upper left side of the crocheted square. Again, you must pull and stretch slightly in the crocheted piece. We get the blocked effect when the crochet square is stretched slightly from all corners. The yarn must be able to be slightly pulled on all corners.

Repeat the same procedure for the last two corners.





5. After placing all 4 pegs through the corners of your crocheted square, you can choose to spray water with a nebulizer and allow it to air dry overnight or you can choose to steam your square, for example with the steam function from your iron. Also with this method, it is important to let it dry overnight.

The moisture from both methods causes the stitches to loosen on blocking the board, and this contributes to the crocheted square being straightened out and getting a nice square structure.





6. If you have several crocheted squares, you can easily place them on top of each other, on your blocking board. Remember to steam or spray them individually before placing a new one on top.

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