Crochet colourwork reading practice

An original 20 × 20 arrow chart with two colours and a top-left marker. Practise following straight rows and matching the picture to written colour runs.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
19	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
18	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
17	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
15	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
14	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
13	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A
12	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
11	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	A
10	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A
9	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	A
8	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
7	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A
6	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
5	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
4	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
3	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

← Row 1 starts here (bottom-right)

Column labels locate the picture; follow each row's reading direction.

A · White · #FFFFFF
315 squares

B · Teal · #0B7080
85 squares

Counting answers: 20 columns × 20 rows = **400 squares**. A: 315 + B: 85 = 400. The separate top-left marker is included in B's 85 squares. Each row adds up to 20.

Start at the bottom, keep the picture upright

Row 1 is the bottom row. The default right-handed flat-row mode reads odd rows right → left (RS) and even rows left → right (WS). The chart should show an arrow pointing right and a separate 2 × 2 marker near its top-left. Changing how you read a row does not mirror the picture.

Use letters as well as colour: A is the white background and B is the teal motif. Page 2 gives the default written rows and explains all four reading modes. Read or mark the chart on paper before deciding whether to crochet a swatch.

Read the rows, then check the counts

Default mode: right-handed flat rows. RS = right side; WS = wrong side. “3 A, 4 B” means read 3 background squares, then 4 motif squares. These are colour runs, not separate stitch abbreviations.

Row	Default direction	Colour runs, in reading order	Total
1	RS · right → left	20 A	20
2	WS · left → right	20 A	20
3	RS · right → left	20 A	20
4	WS · left → right	20 A	20
5	RS · right → left	7 A, 1 B, 12 A	20
6	WS · left → right	12 A, 2 B, 6 A	20
7	RS · right → left	5 A, 3 B, 12 A	20
8	WS · left → right	3 A, 13 B, 4 A	20
9	RS · right → left	3 A, 14 B, 3 A	20
10	WS · left → right	3 A, 15 B, 2 A	20
11	RS · right → left	3 A, 14 B, 3 A	20
12	WS · left → right	3 A, 13 B, 4 A	20
13	RS · right → left	5 A, 3 B, 12 A	20
14	WS · left → right	12 A, 2 B, 6 A	20
15	RS · right → left	7 A, 1 B, 12 A	20
16	WS · left → right	20 A	20
17	RS · right → left	20 A	20
18	WS · left → right	1 A, 2 B, 17 A	20
19	RS · right → left	17 A, 2 B, 1 A	20
20	WS · left → right	20 A	20

Four ways to read this same chart

Working mode	Odd rows	Even rows
Right-handed flat rows	right → left	left → right
Left-handed flat rows	left → right	right → left
Every row right → left	right → left	right → left
Every row left → right	left → right	left → right

All modes start with row 1 at the bottom. If your mode reads a row opposite to the written list, reverse the **order** of that row’s colour runs; keep every count unchanged. For example, 3 A, 4 B, 13 A becomes 13 A, 4 B, 3 A. Always total 20 squares. Choose same-direction rows only when they match how you work.

If crocheting: one square = one US single crochet stitch in a straight row. You should already know how to start and turn rows, change colours and manage unused yarn. Establish 20 sc per row; any turning chain is separate from the 20 chart squares.

Technique limits: these straight-row instructions are **not C2C diagonal instructions**, filet meshes or mosaic crochet instructions. This is a reading exercise, not a complete finished-project pattern; it has **not been test-crocheted**. Finished size, yarn quantity and making time are unknown. Screen colours do not specify a matching yarn brand or colourway.

Next: try your own image at forfunly.com/tools/crochet-pattern-generator. Free for personal and classroom use: share this unchanged sheet with its credit; do not sell it.