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Lacy Stars Afghan

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SIZE: 50" x 58".

STITCHES USED: Chain, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, treble crochet, slip stitch. See Crochet Basics for stitch illustrations.

GAUGE: With H hook, rnds 1-5 = 4¾" across. Each Block is 8" square.

MATERIALS: Worsted-weight yarn — 24 oz. dk. green, 16 oz. lt. green and 13 oz. off-white; G and H crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge.

SKILL LEVEL: ★★★ Advanced

INSTRUCTIONS

BLOCK (make 42)

NOTE: Use H hook throughout unless otherwise stated.

Rnd 1: With off-white, ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st in first sc (8 sc).

Rnd 2: Ch 7, (sl st in next st, ch 7) around, join with sl st in joining sl st of last rnd, fasten off (8 ch-7 sps).

Rnd 3: Working behind ch-7 sps in same sts on rnd 1 as sl sts of rnd 2 were worked, join dk. green with sl st in any st, ch 4, dc in same st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1) in each st around, join with sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 (16 dc, 16 ch-1 sps).

Rnd 4: Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, (3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp) around, join with sl st in first sc (24 sc, 8 ch-2 sps).

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *sc in next ch-7 sp on rnd 2 and in next sc on last rnd at same time, skip next sc on

last rnd, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, skip next sc; repeat from * around, join, fasten off.

Rnd 6: Join off-white with sc in any ch-1 sp, *[skip next 2 dc, (2 dc, tr, ch 2, tr, 2 dc) in next sc, skip next 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 dc, (dc, hdc, sc, hdc, dc) in next sc, skip next 2 dc], sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], join, **turn**.

Rnd 7: (Ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sl st in next st) 3 times, *ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, sl st in next st, (ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sl st in next st) 4 times; repeat from * 2 more times, ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, sl st in next st, ch 3, sl st in same st as joining sl st of last rnd, **turn**, fasten off (20 ch-3 sps).

Rnd 8: Working behind ch-3 sps on last rnd into sts and ch-2 sps of rnd before last, join lt. green with sc in any corner ch-2 sp, 2 sc in same sp; *[working over sl st on last rnd, sc in next tr on rnd before last, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, sc over next sl st into sc on rnd before last, hdc in next dc, sc in next hdc, sc over next sl st into sc on rnd before last, sc in next hdc, hdc in next dc, sc over next sl st into sc on rnd before last, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc over sl st into next tr on rnd before last], 3 sc in next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 9: Sl st in next st, ch 1; working through **back lp** of center ch on adjacent ch-3 at same

time, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sc as sl st, *[sc in each of next 3 sts on last rnd, (sc in **back lp** of center ch on adjacent ch-3 and in next st at same time, sc in each of next 2 sts) 4 times], (sc, ch 2, sc) in **back lp** of center ch on adjacent corner ch-3 and next sc at same time; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], join (17 sc on each side between ch-2 sps).

Rnd 10: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same ch sp, *[ch 1, skip next st, (sc in next st, ch 1, skip next st) across to next corner] ch sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch sp; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], join, fasten off.

Rnd 11: Join dk. green with sl st in first sc; *[working behind next ch-2 sp on last rnd into ch sp on rnd before last, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) between 2 corner sc], (sl st in next sc on last rnd; working behind ch-1 sps, hdc in next skipped st on rnd before last) 9 times], sl st in next sc on last rnd; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], join with sl st in first sl st.

Rnd 12: Sl st in next hdc, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch sp, skip next hdc and next sl st, 2 sc in each of next 10 hdc; repeat from * 2 more times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch sp, skip next hdc and sl st, 2 sc in each hdc across, join with sl st in first sc, fasten off (22 sc on each side between corner ch-2 sps).

With dk. green, holding Blocks right sides together and matching sts and corner ch-2 sps, sc Blocks

together in six strips of seven Blocks each.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Working around entire outer edge, join dk. green with sc in corner ch sp before one short end, ch 2, sc in same sp, sc in each sc, hdc in each joined ch sp before and after seams and dc in each seam around with (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch sp, join with sl st in first sc (149 sts on each short end between corner ch sps, 174 sts on each long edge between corner ch sps).

Rnd 2: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same sp, *ch 3, skip next st, (sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st) across to next corner ch sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch sp, ch 3, skip next 2 sts, (sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st) across to next corner ch sp*, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch sp; repeat between **, join, fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join lt. green with sl st in first sc; *[working behind next ch-3 sp on last rnd into ch sp on rnd before last, (hdc ch 2, hdc) between 2 corner sc], sl st in next sc on last rnd; (working behind ch-3 sp, hdc in next skipped st on rnd before last, sl st in next sc on last rnd) across to next corner; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat between [], (sl st in next sc on last rnd; working behind ch-3 sp, hdc in next skipped st on rnd before last) across, join with sl st in first sl st.

Rnd 4: With G hook, ch 1, (sl st in next st, ch 1) around, join with sl st in joining sl st of last rnd, fasten off.♥