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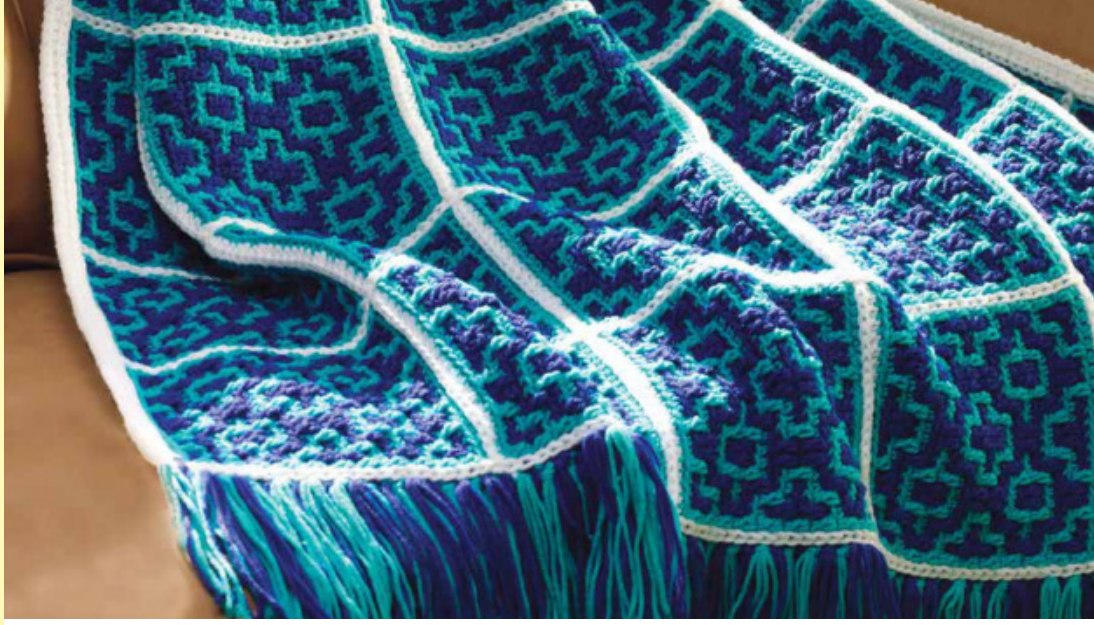

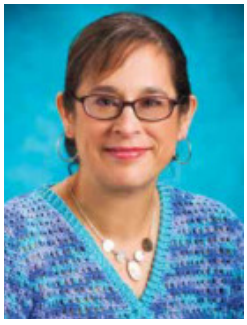

It is with great pleasure that *Crochet World* brings to you this special afghan issue. As a crocheter, there is nothing more satisfying than making your very first afghan—except maybe finishing the last one that you started! Eighty-five percent of the yarn that gets sold in America goes into making afghans. This figure shows that stitchers just love to make afghans.

Everyone brings a different ability level to the crochet table; no one has the same taste or style or color sense, and so we have tried to provide a large variety of skill levels, techniques and color palettes to satisfy most of the crocheters most of the time. If you have never attempted an afghan before, there are projects here for you. If you are a veteran afghan maker, there will still be something here for you too, quite possibly something you've never seen before. Whether you want a quick and easy, or a complicated and expert stitching experience, this collection should satisfy your every wish. My wish is that you enjoy each stitch and all the finished projects that you make.

Happy stitching!

Michele Maks

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Afghan Traditions

Everybody loves an afghan! Whether your favorite was a gift from your Great-Aunt Sue, or the one that was on the back of your friend Roseanne's couch, there is a certain afghan tradition that strikes a chord in each of us. In this section, we've included granny squares, ripples, allover patterns and mile-a-minute designs, and all of them are ready for your stitching fingers.

Mock-Cable Throw

**Design by Marilyn Losee,
courtesy of Caron International**

Country blue cables make the perfect accent for his favorite chair.

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
46 x 56 inches

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein): 8 skeins #9710 country blue
- Sizes J/10/6mm and K/10½/6.5mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size K hook: 12 sts = 4 inches; 16 rows = 4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

To make a wider throw, add a multiple of 10 chains to the beginning chain.

Always skip the single crochet stitches on the current row behind the post stitches.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

THROW

BODY

Row 1 (WS): With size K hook, ch 127, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. *(126 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of first 6 sc, ***fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around each of next 4 sc, **sk sc behind each fpdc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, sc in each of next 6 sc, rep from * across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 6 sc, *sk next 2 fpdc 2 rows below, fpdc around next 2 fpdc 2 rows below, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around each sk fpdc 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, rep from * across, turn.

Row 5: Rep row 3.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each of first 6 sc, *fpdc around each of next 4 fpdc 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, rep from * across, turn.

Row 7: Rep row 3.

Next rows: Rep rows 4–7 until piece measures 52 inches or to desired length, ending last rep with row 5. Do not fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, using size J hook, ch 1, *dc in next st or in end of next row, sc in next st or in end of next row, rep from * around, working 3 sts in each corner, ending with sc, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first dc, turn.

Rnds 2–4: Ch 2, dc in first sc, sc in next dc, *dc in next sc, sc in next dc, rep from * around, working 2 sts in each corner, join in first dc, turn.

Rnd 5: Sl st loosely in each st around. Fasten off

FINISHING

Weave in ends, and block if necessary. CW

Pink & Pretty Granny Afghan

Design by Margret Willson, courtesy of Caron International

SKILL LEVEL

EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

50 x 60 inches

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein):
  - 4 skeins #9719 soft pink *(A)*
  - 3 skeins each #9722 plum wine *(B)*, #9941 persimmon *(C)* and #9943 lavender blue *(D)*
  - 2 skeins each #9717 orchid *(G)*, #9739 soft green *(H)*, #9945 soft sunshine *(I)* and #9705 sage *(J)*
- Caron Simply Soft Brites medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein):
  - 4 skeins #9611 rose violet *(E)*
  - 2 skeins #9609 berry blue *(F)*
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

Granny Square = 3½ inches square; 1 Block (4 Granny Squares sewn tog with Border) = 10 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Granny Squares are worked with right side (RS) facing at all times.

Use 4 different colors of your choice to make each Square.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-4 counts as first double crochet and chain-1 space throughout unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet throughout unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st or sp.

AFGHAN

GRANNY SQUARE

Make 80.

Rnd 1: With first color, ch 4, join in first ch to form ring, **ch 4** *(see Pattern Notes)*, [dc, ch 1] 11 times in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off. *(12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join next color in any ch-1 sp, ch 4, dc in same ch-1 sp *(counts as first V-st)*, **V-st** *(see Special Stitch)* in each ch-1 sp around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off. *(12 V-sts)*

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join next color in center ch-1 sp of any V-st, ch 5 *(counts as tr, ch-1)*, ({tr, ch 1} twice, tr) in same ch-1 sp *(first corner made)*, *V-st in ch-1 sp of each of next 2 V-sts, ({tr, ch 1} 3 times, tr) in ch-1 sp of next corner *(corner made)*, rep from * twice, V-st in ch-1 sp of each of next 2 V-sts, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off. *(4 corner tr groups, 8 V-sts)*

Rnd 4: With RS facing, join next color in any center corner ch sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same ch-1 sp, *2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in sp between last tr and next V-st, 2 dc in ch sp of next V-st, dc in sp between this V-st and next V-st, 2 dc in ch sp of next V-st, dc in sp between this V-st and next tr, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch sp (this is the center corner ch sp), rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(60 dc, 4 corner ch sps)*

BLOCK

Make 20.

With RS of all Squares facing, sew 4 Squares tog to form 1 Block.

BORDER

Note: *Work Border around each Block.*

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join A in any Square corner ch-1 sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same ch-1 sp, *dc in each of next 15 dc, dc in Square corner ch-1 sp before seam, dc in seam, dc in Square corner ch-1 sp after seam, dc in each of next 15 dc, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next Square corner ch-1 sp, rep from * twice, dc in each of next 15 dc, dc in ch-1 sp of Square corner ch-1 sp before seam, dc in seam, dc in Square corner ch-1 sp after seam, dc in each of next 15 dc, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(148 dc, 4 corner groups)*

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join D in any corner ch-1 sp, **ch 4** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ({dc, ch 1} twice, dc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *sk next 2 dc, V-st in next dc, [sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, V-st in next dc] 8 times, sk next 2 dc, ({dc, ch 1} 3 times, dc) in next corner ch-1 sp, rep from * twice, sk next 2 dc, V-st in next dc, [sk

Granny squares are so cheery in pink! This afghan will be like a blanket of flowers wherever you place it.

next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, V-st in next dc] 8 times, sk next 2 dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off. *(36 V-sts, 4 corner groups)*

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join B in center ch-1 sp of any corner, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *2 dc in next ch-1 sp, [2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, sk 2nd dc of V-st, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times, 2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in center ch-1 sp of next corner, rep from * twice, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, [2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times, 2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, sk 2nd dc of next V-st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(168 dc, 4 corner groups)*

FINISHING

Arrange Blocks into 5 rows of 4 Blocks each. Sew Blocks tog.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join A with sc in any corner ch-1 sp, (ch, 3, sc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [sc in sp between last and next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] around to next Block corner ch-1 sp before seam, **sc in Block corner ch-1 sp before seam, ch 2, sk seam, sc in Block corner ch-1 sp after seam, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [sc in sp between last and next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] around, rep from ** around to next Block corner ch-1 sp of Afghan, (sc, ch 3, sc) in Block corner ch-1 sp, rep from * twice, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [sc in sp between last and next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] across to Block corner ch-1 sp before seam, ***sc in Block corner ch-1 sp before seam, ch 2, sk seam, sc in Block corner ch-1 sp after seam, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [sc in sp between last and next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] around

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Elegant Floral Afghan

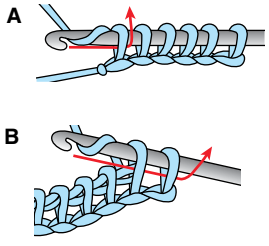
Design by Glenda Winkleman, courtesy of Coats & Clark

PATTERN NOTE

Join with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Work loops off hook (work lps off hook): Yo, pull through 1 lp on hook *(see illustration, part A)*, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook *(see illustration, part B)* across until 1 lp rem on hook *(last lp on hook is first lp of next row)*.



Work Loops Off Hook

Double crochet spike stitch (dc spike st): With hook at end of next row and pulling st even with current row/rnd, dc around indicated st.

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
42 x 63 inches

MATERIALS

- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein):
  7 skeins #2101 white
  52 yds each #2220 butter, #2332 linen and #2672 light thyme
- TLC Heathers medium (worsted) weight yarn (5 oz/260 yds/141g per skein):
  52 yds each #2474 light denim
- Size J/10/6mm afghan hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size J afghan hook: 4 afghan sts = 1 inch; 3 rows = 1 inch

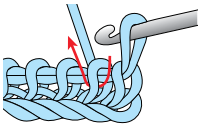
AFGHAN

PANEL

Make 3.

Row 1: With size J afghan hook and white, ch 35, leaving lps on hook, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo, draw yarn through ch, *insert hook in next ch, yo, draw yarn through ch, rep from * across, **work lps off hook** *(see Special Stitches)*, rep from ** across until 1 lp rem on hook *(counts as first lp of next row)*.

Row 2: Leaving lps on hook, sk first vertical st, insert hook in next **vertical bar** *(see illustration)*, yo, draw yarn through st, *insert hook in next vertical st, yo, draw yarn through st, rep from * across, work off first lp, **work off rem lps, rep from ** across until 1 lp rem.



Vertical Bar

Rows 3–180: Rep row 2.

Row 181: Sl st in each vertical st across. Fasten off.

PANEL BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS of Panel facing, with size J crochet hook, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* white in last st of first row in bottom right corner, ch 1, working up side of Panel, sc in end of first row, *[**dc spike st** *(see Special Stitches)* around in 3rd st down on next row, sc in end of next row] across side, ending with sc in end of last row, ch 2, working across end of Panel, sc in each of next 4 sts, [sk next st, sc in each of next 4 sts] across to last st on end, sk last sc, ch 2**, working across rem side of Panel, sc in end of last row, rep from * across rem side and end of Panel, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, *[sk next st, dc in next st, working in front of dc just made, dc in sk st] across to last sc, dc in last sc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 sp, [sk next st, dc in next st, working in front of dc just made, dc in sk st] across to corner ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 sp**, dc in next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *[sk next dc, sc in next dc, working in front of sc just made, sc in sk dc] across to last 3 dc of side, sc in each of next 3 dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 2 dc, rep between [ ] across to last 2 dc of side, sc in each of next 2 dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp**, sc in each of next 3 dc,

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Cross-stitch blooms add an elegant floral touch to any decor.

Flowers in a Row

Design by Melissa Leapman, courtesy of Coats & Clark

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

3-double crochet cluster (3-dc cl): Leaving last lp on hook, work 3 dc in indicated st, yo, draw through all 4 lps on hook.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
47 x 70 inches

MATERIALS

- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein):
  - 8 skeins #2313 Aran *(A)*
  - 3 skeins #2673 medium thyme *(B)*
  - 2 skeins each #2772 light country rose *(C)* and #2220 butter *(D)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
16 sc = 4 inches; 4 sc rows= 1 inch

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1: With A, ch 160, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, **change color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to B in last st, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, sk first st, ***V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across to last 2 sts, V-st in next sc, dc in last st, changing color to C, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, sk first dc, ***3-dc cl** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, rep from * across to last ch-1 sp, 3-dc cl in last ch-1 sp, dc in top of beg ch-3, changing color to A, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *sc in next 3 dc-cl, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * across to last 3-dc cl, sc in last 3-dc cl, sc in top of beg ch-3.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 6 & 7: Rep row 5, changing color to B at end of row 7, turn.

Row 8: Rep row 2, changing to D at end of row, turn.

Rows 9–13: Rep rows 3–7.

Next rows: Rep rows 2–13 consecutively until Afghan measures 65 inches from beg, ending last rep with row 4. Fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join A in upper right-hand corner of Afghan, ch 1, *sc in each sc across *(169 sc)*, 3 sc in next corner, work 257 sc evenly sp along long edge, 3 sc in next corner, rep from * around, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in beg sc. *(864 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner sc, join in first sc.

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 4: Ch 4, sk next sc, *dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc, rep from * around, working (dc, ch 1) 3 times in each corner sc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, (sl st, ch 2, dc) in each ch sp around, join in first ch-2. Fasten off. CW

Rows of posies make floral stitching a breeze.

All-American Granny

Design by Michele Maks

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
51 x 61 inches

MATERIALS
- Lion Brand Homespun bulky (chunky) weight yarn (6 oz/185 yds/170g per skein):
  10 skeins #321 Williamsburg *(D)*
  5 skeins #302 colonial *(C)*
  3 skeins #309 deco *(B)*
  2 skeins #307 antique *(A)*
- Size P/15/10mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

5 BULKY

GAUGE
Square = 9½ inches diagonally

PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Afghan is worked with 2 strands held together unless otherwise stated.

AFGHAN

PATCHWORK SQUARE

Make 30.

Rnd 1: With **2 strands A held tog** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 3, join in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 3, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off A.

Rnd 2: Join B in center dc of next 3-dc group, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same dc, *sk next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sk next dc**, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next dc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off B.

Rnd 3: Join C in any sc, ch 4 *(counts as first tr)*, (2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in same sc, *sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc**, sk next 2 dc, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

SOLID SQUARE

Make 20.

Rnd 1: With **2 strands D held tog** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 3, join in 3rd ch from hook to form a ring, ch 3, 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 3, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Sl st in next dc, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same dc, *sk next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sk next dc**, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next dc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Sl st in each st across to next sc, ch 4 (counts as first tr), (2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in same sc, *sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc**, sk next 2 dc, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

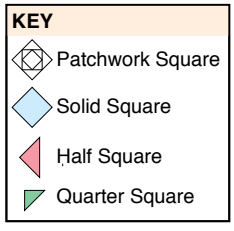
HALF SQUARE

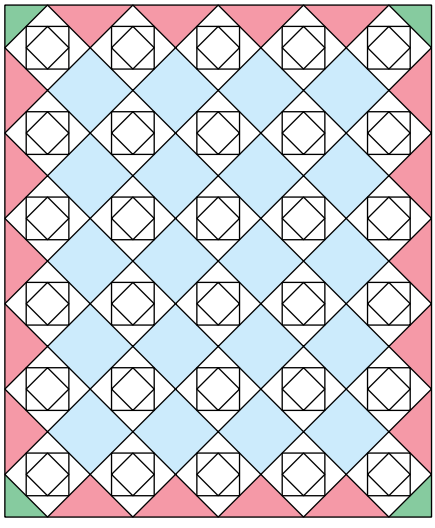
Make 18.

Row 1: With **2 strands D held tog** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 3, join in first ch to form ring, ch 5, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in 5th ch from hook, ch 1, dc in same ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *sk next dc, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next dc, sk next dc**, sc in next ch-3 sp, rep from *, ending last rep at **, sc in next ch-5 sp, turn.

Row 3: Ch 5, 3 tr in next sc, *sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in next sc, rep from *, ending last rep at **, 3 tr in next sc, ch 1, tr in same sc. Fasten off.





All-American Granny
Assembly Diagram

This heavy double-stranded afghan will keep you warm on cold winter nights.

QUARTER SQUARE

Make 4.

Row 1: With **2 strands D held tog** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 3, join in first ch to form ring, ch 4, (3 dc, ch 1, dc in ring), turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sk next dc, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next dc, sk next dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, turn.

Row 3: Ch 5, 3 tr in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, (3 tr, ch 1, tr) in next sc. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Using 1 strand D and working through both lps of sts, sew Patchwork Squares, Solid Squares, Half Squares and Quarter Squares tog according to Assembly Diagram.

EDGING

Rnd 1 (RS): With **2 strands C held tog** *(see Pattern Notes)*, join in ch-3 sp of corner Quarter Square, 3 sc in same ch-3 sp as join, sc in each st evenly sp around, working 3 sc in ch-3 sp of each corner Quarter Square, join in top of first sc. Fasten off C.

Rnd 2 (RS): Join A in 2nd sc of 3-sc corner group, 3 sc in same sc as join, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in 2nd sc or each 3-sc corner group, join in top of first sc, turn. Fasten off A.

Rnd 3 (WS): With C, rep rnd 2. Fasten off. Weave in loose ends. CW

Patriot's Stars

Design by Susan Solakian

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

67 x 67 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/198g per skein):
  - 49 oz #387 soft navy
  - 46 oz #316 soft white
  - 42 oz #376 burgundy
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

Square = 4 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Change colors in the 2nd chain-1 space between puff stitches.

Work over yarn ends as you make Squares.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Weave in ends as work progresses.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Puff stitch (puff st): Yo, insert hook in indicated st pull up a lp 3 times, yo, pull through all lps on hook, ch 1.

Puff stitch corner (puff st corner): (Puff st, ch 1) twice in sp indicated to form corner.

AFGHAN

2-COLOR SQUARE

Make 96 soft white/burgundy, 64 burgundy/soft white & 32 soft white/soft navy.

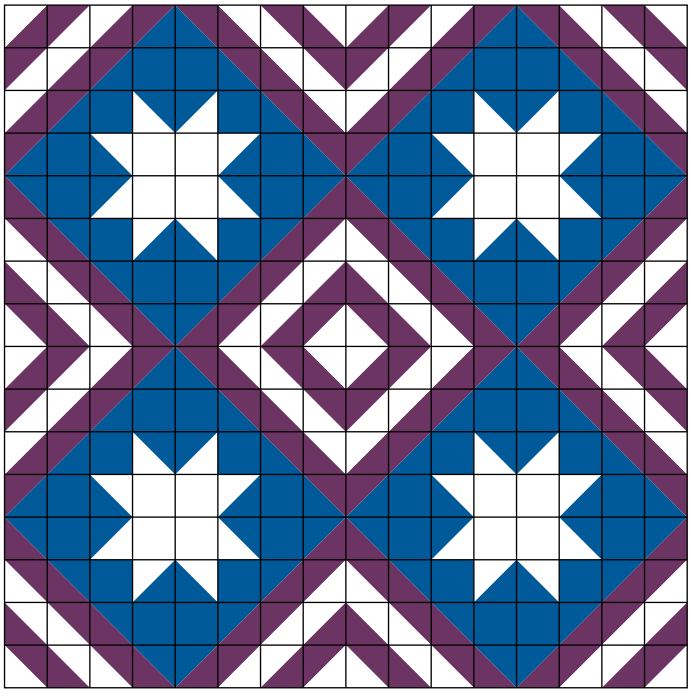
Rnd 1: Ch 5, sl st in 5th ch from hook to form ring, ch 1, ***puff st** *(see Special Stitches)* 6 times in ring, change to secondary color in ch 1 of last puff st, rep from * once, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnd 2: Working with secondary color, ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1 and in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, **puff st corner** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-1 sp, puff st in each of next 3 ch-1 sps, change to primary color in ch 1 of last puff st, with primary color, puff st in same ch-1 sp as last puff st of secondary color and in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch-1 sp, puff st in each of next 2 ch-1 sps and in same ch-1 as first puff st, join in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnd 3: Working with primary color, ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1 and in each of

SQUARE KEY

- Soft white/burgundy
- Burgundy/soft navy
- Soft navy
- Soft navy/soft white
- Soft white



Patriot's Stars
Assembly Diagram

A granny square variation in red, white and blue creates an American hero's coverlet.

next 3 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch sp, puff st in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, change to secondary color in ch 1 of last puff st, with secondary color, puff st in same ch-1 sp as last puff st of primary color and in each of next 3 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch-1 sp, puff st in each of next 3 ch-1 sps and in same ch-1 as first puff st, join in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnd 4: Working with secondary color, ch 1, *puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1 and in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch-1 sp, puff st in each of next 5 ch-1 sps, change to primary color in ch 1 of last puff st, with primary color, puff st same ch-1 sp as last puff st as secondary color and in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch-1 sp, puff st in each of next 4 ch-1 sps and in same ch-1 as first puff st, join in top of first puff st. Fasten off both colors.

SOLID SQUARE

Make 48 soft navy & 16 soft white.

Rnd 1: Ch 5, sl st in 5th ch from hook to form ring, ch 1, puff st 12 times in ring, join in top of first puff st, turn.

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PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

AFGHAN

SQUARE

Make 31 var blue, 20 steel blue & 12 turquoise.

Rnd 1: With size K hook, leaving 6-inch tail at beg, make **slip ring** *(see illustration)*, ch 3, 15 dc in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in top of beg ch-3, pull tail of yarn to tighten ring and close opening.

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

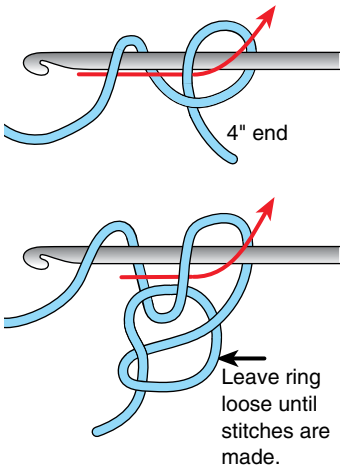
FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
58½ x 74½ inches

MATERIALS

- Omega/Tamm Polar medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/153 yds/85g per skein):
  - 17 skeins #1923 var blue
  - 13 skeins #1912 steel blue
  - 7 skeins #1909 turquoise
- Sizes H/8/5mm and K/10½/6.5mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size K hook: 4 sts = 1 inch; rnds 1–3 = 3½ inches in diameter; Square = 8 inches square



Slip Ring

Rnd 2: Sl st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in same dc, ***fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next st, **bpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next sc**, fpdc around next st, 3 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, fpdc around beg ch-3 from rnd 1, join in top of beg ch-3 in rnd 2.

Rnd 3: Sl st in next dc, ch 3, 4 dc in same st, *[bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st] twice**, bpdc around next st, 5 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, bpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 2, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd.

Rnd 4: Sl st in each of next 2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *[bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st] 4 times**, bpdc around next st, 3 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, bpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 3, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next dc, ch 3, 4 dc in same st, *[fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st] 5 times**, fpdc around next st, 5 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, fpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 4, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd.

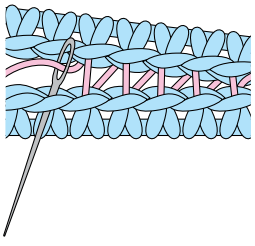
Rnd 6: Sl st in each of next 2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *[fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st] 7 times**, fpdc around next st, 3 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times ending last rep at **, fpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 5, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd.

Rnd 7: Sl st in next dc, ch 3, 4 dc in same st, *[bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st] 8 times**, bpdc around next st, 5 dc in next st, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, bpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 6, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd.

Rnd 8: Sl st in each of next 2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *[bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st] 10 times**, bpdc around next st, 3 dc in next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, bpdc around beg ch-3 in rnd 7, join in top of beg ch-3 in current rnd. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Whipstitch edges *(see illustration)* of Squares tog following Assembly Diagram.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

BORDER

Rnd 1: With size H hook, join steel blue in 3rd dc of 3-dc corner group on any corner Square, ch 2, *[hdc in each st around to next corner of Square**, dc in 2nd dc of 3-dc corner group

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Portable post stitches will quickly make up the warmest of napghans.

French Provincial

Design by Carol Alexander

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

51 x 66 inches

MATERIALS

- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein):
  9 skeins #2220 butter
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

4 dc = 1 inch; 2 rows = 1 inch; rows 2–11 (1 pattern rep) = 5¼ inches; completed strip = 8½ x 66 inches
Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-5 counts as double crochet and chain-2 throughout unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Treble cluster (tr cl): *Yo twice, insert hook in indicated st or ch, yo, draw up a lp, (yo, draw lp through 2 lps on hook) twice, rep from * once, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Bobble: Yo, insert hook in indicated st, (draw up a ½-inch lp, yo) 5 times, draw through all 11 lps on hook, ch 1 tightly to lock.

Treble shell (tr shell): (Tr, ch 1) 6 times in indicated st.

Beginning treble shell (beg tr shell): Ch 5, (tr, ch 1) 5 times in indicated st.

Double crochet shell (dc shell): (Dc, ch 1) 4 times in indicated st.

Puff stitch (puff st): (Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp) 3 times, yo, draw through all 7 lps on hook.

Joining double crochet shell (joining dc shell): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st, sl st in corresponding ch-1 sp on previous Strip, (dc, ch 1) twice in same indicated st.

First joining treble shell (first joining tr shell): (Tr, ch 1) 4 times in same indicated st, [tr in indicated st, sl st in corresponding ch-1 sp on previous Strip] twice.

2nd joining treble shell (2nd joining tr shell): [Tr in indicated st, sl st in corresponding ch-1 sp on previous Strip] twice, (tr, ch 1) 4 times in same indicated st.

AFGHAN

STRIP

Make 6.

Row 1 (RS): Beg at bottom, ch 35, dc in 9th ch from hook *(8 sk chs count as sk 2 chs, dc and ch-2)*, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch] 3 times, dc in each of next 5 chs, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch] 4 times, turn.

Row 2: Ch 5 *(see Pattern Notes)*, sk first dc and first ch-2, dc in next dc *(beg sp made)*, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] twice, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in each of next 6 dc, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg 8 sk chs, turn.

Row 3: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 7, **tr cl** *(see Special Stitches)* in 6th ch from hook, ch 7, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, ch 1, sk next 6 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 4: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 7, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, ch 1, [sc, ch 2, sc] in ch-1 sp between next 2 tr cl, ch 6, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, ch 2, sk next tr cl and next 3 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc and in each of next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 5: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 7, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, ch 1, **bobble** *(see Special Stitches)* in ch-2 sp between next 2 sc, ch 2, sc in top of same bobble, ch 6, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, ch 2, sk next tr cl, dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 6: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 11, tr cl in 6th ch from hook, sl st in top of bobble, ch 6, tr cl in 6th ch from

hook, ch 5, sk next tr cl, dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 7: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next 5 dc, sl st in 3rd ch of next ch-5, fasten off. Attach yarn in 3rd ch of ch-5 after 2nd tr cl, sk next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 8: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in each of next 3 dc, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 6, sk next 2 tr cls, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 9: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in each of next 2 dc, 6 dc in next ch-6 sp, dc in each of next 3 dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 10: Ch 5, sk first dc, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] 3 times, dc in each of next 5 dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc] 3 times, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.

Row 11: Rep row 10.

Rows 12–101: [Rep rows 2–11 consecutively] 9 times.

Rows 102–110: Rep rows 2–10. Fasten off at end of last row.

STRIP EDGING

Note: *Keep tension loose so edges will stay flat.*

Rnd 1: With RS of Strip facing, attach yarn in bottom right corner sp, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, *[dc in next dc, dc in next beg ch] across long side, dc in last dc before corner sp, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner sp, working across short end, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch sp] 3 times, dc in each of next 6 dc, [2 dc in next ch sp, dc in next dc] 3 times, [3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc] in corner sp, rep from * around, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

The lacy charm of this afghan will brighten any corner.

First Strip Only

Rnd 2: Sl st in each of next 2 dc, sl st in corner ch-2 sp, **beg tr shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in same sp, *sk next 3 sts of corner group, [**puff st** *(see Special Stitches)* around post of next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, **dc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next dc, sk next 2 sts] across, ending with puff st around post of last st before next corner group, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of corner group **, **tr shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in corner ch-2 sp, rep from * 3 times, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-5, fasten off. *(4 corner tr shells, 68 dc shells, 72 puff sts)*

Remaining Strips

Rnd 2 (joining rnd): Sl st in each of next 2 dc, sl st in corner ch-2 sp, beg tr shell in same sp,

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Autumn Octagon

Design by Margret Willson, courtesy of Caron International

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENT
Approx 68 inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- Caron One Pound medium (worsted) weight yarn (16 oz/812 yds/454g per skein): 1 skein each #566 leaf green *(A)*, #581 espresso *(B)*, #571 nutmeg *(C)*, #589 cream *(D)* and #585 lace *(E)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

MEDIUM 4

GAUGE
Rnds 1–7 = 11½ inches in diameter

PATTERN NOTES

Repeat color sequence A, B, C, D, E throughout afghan.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning corner (beg corner): Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated st or sp.

Corner: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated st or sp.

Shell: 3 dc in indicated st.

AFGHAN

Rnd 1: With **A** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 6, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first ch to form ring, ch 3 *(counts as dc)*, 23 dc in ring, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(24 dc)*

Rnd 2: With B, join in any dc, **beg corner** *(see Special Stitches)* in same st as join, sk next 2 dc, ***corner** *(see Special Stitches)* in next dc, sk next 2 dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners)*

Rnd 3: With C, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next 2 dc, dc in sp between corners, sk next 2 dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next 2 dc, dc in sp between corners, sk next 2 dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 8 dc)*

Rnd 4: With D, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next 2 dc, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next dc, sk next 2 dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next 2 dc, shell in next dc, sk next 2 dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 8 shells)*

Rnd 5: With E, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk first dc of next shell, shell in center dc of same shell, sk 3rd dc of same shell, dc in next dc, sk next dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk first dc of next shell, shell in center dc of same shell, sk 3rd dc of same shell, dc in next dc, sk next dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 8 shells, 16 dc)*

Rnd 6: With A, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next dc, dc in **back lp** *(see Stitch Guide)* of each of next 7 dc, sk next dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in back lp of each of next 7 dc, sk next dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 56 dc)*

Rnd 7: With B, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, [shell in next dc, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc] around to ch-1 sp of next corner, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, [shell in next dc, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc] around to ch-1 sp of next corner, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 16 shells, 24 dc)*

Rnd 8: With C, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next dc, dc in back lp of each dc around to last dc before ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in back lp of each dc around to last dc before ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 88 dc)*

Rnds 9–14: Continuing in color sequence, [rep rnds 7 and 8 alternately] 3 times. *(8 corners, 184 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 15: With E, rep rnd 7. *(8 corners, 48 shells, 48 dc)*

Rnd 16: With A, join in ch-1 sp of any corner, beg corner in same ch sp as join, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, [sk next dc, shell

Rounds of fall color will add a touch of autumn to your decor.

in next dc, sk next dc, dc in next dc] around to next corner, sk next 2 dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in next dc, [sk next dc, shell in next dc, sk next dc, dc in next dc] around to next corner, sk next 2 dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 48 shells, 56 dc)*

Rnd 17: With B, rep rnd 16. *(8 corners, 48 shells, 56 dc)*

Rnd 18: With C, rep rnd 8. *(8 corners, 216 dc)*

Rnd 19: With D, rep rnd 7. *(8 corners, 56 shells, 64 dc)*

Rnd 20: With E, rep rnd 16. *(8 corners, 56 shells, 64 dc)*

Rnd 21: With A, rep rnd 8. *(8 corners, 248 dc)*

Rnds 22–29: Continuing in color sequence, [rep rnds 7 and 8 alternately] 4 times. Do not fasten off at end of last rnd. *(8 corners, 376 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 30: Continuing with D, ch 3, sk next dc, *corner in ch-1 sp of next corner, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, [shell in next dc, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc] around to ch-1 sp of next corner, rep from * around, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 corners, 96 shells, 104 dc)*

Rnds 31 & 32: With E, rep rnds 29 and 30. *(8 corners, 104 shells, 112 dc)*

Rnds 33 & 34: With A, rep rnds 29 and 30. *(8 corners, 112 shells, 120 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnds 35 & 36: With B, rep rnds 29 and 30. *(8 corners, 120 shells, 128 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnds 37 & 38: With C, rep rnds 29 and 30. *(8 corners, 136 dc, 128 shells)*

Rnd 39: With D, rep rnd 8. *(8 corners, 536 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 40: With E, rep rnd 7. *(8 corners, 136 shells, 144 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 41: With A, rep rnd 16.

Rnd 42: With B, rep rnd 16.

Rnd 43: With C, rep rnd 8. *(8 corners, 568 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnds 44–47: Continuing in color sequence, [rep rnds 7 and 8 alternately] twice. *(8 corners, 632 dc at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 48: With C, rep rnd 7. Do not fasten off. *(8 corners, 160 shells, 168 dc)*

Rnd 49: Continuing with C, ch 1, working in back lps only, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each corner ch-1 sp, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(680 dc, 8 3-sc groups)* CW

Falling Leaves

Design by Maria Nagy

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning V-stitch (beg V-st): Ch 4, dc in same st.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

Shell: 6 dc in indicated st.

AFGHAN

PANEL

Make 4 fall/coffee & 3 fall/hunter green.

Row 1: With fall, ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hook, turn. *(2 dc)*

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
52½ x 79 inches, excluding Tassels

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (solid: 7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein; multi: 5 oz/244 yds/141g per skein):
  8 skeins #981 fall
  2 skeins each #365 coffee and #389 hunter green
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 4-inch-square piece of cardboard

GAUGE
7 dc = 2 inches; Panel = 7½ inches wide

Rows 2–93: Ch 3, dc in last dc, turn. At end of last row, do not turn or fasten off.

Rnd 94: Now working in rnds around outer edge in sts and in ends of rows, *sk first row, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next row, [sk next row, sc in top of next row, shell in next row] 30 times, sk last row**, working in starting ch on opposite side of row 1, sl st in each of next 2 chs, working in ends of rows, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join with sl st in first dc on row 93, fasten off. *(62 shells, 60 sc)*

Rnd 95: Working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, join next color in first st on row 93, **beg V-st** *(see Special Stitches)*, ch 1, **V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in back lps of each of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, [V-st in both lps of next sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in back lps of each of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts] 30 times**, V-st in back lp of next st, ch 1, V-st in back lp of next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of ch-4.

Rnd 96: Ch 1, sc in first st, *[ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next st] 3 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, [sc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 30 times**, sc in next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc.

Rnd 97: Sl st in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, *[ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp] twice, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 30 times**, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp], rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of ch-3.

Rnd 98: Working this rnd in back lps, ch 1, sc in each st and in each ch around, join in first sc, fasten off.

Rnd 99: Working this rnd in both lps, join fall in first st, ch 3, dc in each st around, join in top of ch-3.

Rnd 100: Rep rnd 98.

Leaving center 15 sts on each end of Panel unworked, with fall, sew Panels tog through back lps only.

TASSEL

Make 14.

Wrap fall around cardboard square 20 times. Tie separate strand tightly around all lps at 1 end *(fold formed)*, leaving ends long for tying. Remove Tassel from cardboard. Wrap another strand around all lps 1 inch from fold. Cut lps apart at end of Tassel opposite fold. Trim ends even. Using long ends, attach 1 Tassel to center sc at each end of each Panel. CW

No need to rake these falling leaves! Mile-a-minute styling makes easy work of this pile of leafy colors.

Waves of Fire

Design by Lisa Gentry, courtesy of Caron International

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
60 x 78 inches

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft Paints medium (worsted) weight yarn (4 oz/ 200 yds/113g per skein): 9 skeins #0008 sunset *(A)*
- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein): 3 skeins each #9730 autumn red *(B)* and #9750 chocolate *(C)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

MEDIUM 4

GAUGE
13 dc = 4 inches; 6 dc rows = 4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

The first triangle has 6 bead stitches on each side for a total of 12 bead stitches.

All remaining triangles have 6 bead stitches along 1 side and 5 bead stitches along the other side for a total of 11 bead stitches.

When working into the 5-double crochet decrease, work only into the chain-1 of the stitch.

Chain-2 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

5-double crochet decrease (5-dc dec): Keeping last lp of each dc on hook, dc in each of next 5 indicated sts or chs, yo, draw lp through all 6 lps on hook, ch 1.

Bead stitch (bead st): [Yo, insert hook around post of previous dc, yo, draw up a lp] 3 times, yo, draw lp through first 6 lps on hook, yo, draw lp through last 2 lps.

AFGHAN

LONG STRIP

Make 3 A & 1 each B & C.

Row 1: Ch 38, dc in 3rd ch from hook *(beg 2 chs count as first dc)* and in each of next 14 chs, **5-dc dec** *(see Special Stitches)* in next 5 chs, dc in each of last 16 chs, turn. *(33 sts)*

Row 2: Ch 2 *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in each of next 2 dc, **bead st** *(see Special Stitches)*, sk next dc, dc in each of next 10 dc, **5-dc dec in next 5 sts** *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in each of next 11 dc, bead st, sk next dc, dc in each of last 2 dc, turn. *(29 sts)*

Row 3: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of next 8 sts, 5-dc dec, dc in each of next 9 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(25 sts)*

Row 4: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of next 6 sts, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of next 7 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(21 sts)*

Row 5: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of next 5 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(17 sts)*

Row 6: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of next 3 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(13 sts)*

Row 7: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sts, bead st, sk next st, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in next st, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(9 sts)*

Row 8: Ch 16, dc in 4th ch from hook *(first 3 chs count as first dc)*, dc in each of next 12 chs, dc in each of next 2 dc, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(19 sts)*

Row 9: Ch 16, dc in 4th ch from hook *(first 3 chs count as first dc)*, dc in each of next 12 chs, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of next 11 sts, bead st, sk next st, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. *(29 sts)*

Rows 10–14: Rep rows 3–7.

Rows 15–77: [Rep rows 8–14 consecutively] 9 times.

Row 78: Ch 2, dc in next dc, 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, dc in each of last 2 dc, turn. *(5 dc)*

Row 79: 5-dc dec in next 5 sts, fasten off.

SHORT STRIP

Make 2 each A, B & C.

Rows 1–14: Rep rows 1–14 of Long Strip.

Rows 15–70: [Rep rows 8–14 of Long Strip consecutively] 8 times.

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Separate sections of fiery color create a wavy tilelike pattern.

Monet Strips Afghan

Design by Katherine Eng

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
43 x 59 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein; prints: 5 oz/244 yds/141g per skein):
  2 skeins #310 Monet print *(A)*
  1 skein each #528 medium purple *(B)*, #382 country blue *(C)* and #347 light periwinkle *(D)*
- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/190 yds/99g per skein):
  2 skeins #683 light seafoam *(E)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

MEDIUM 4

GAUGE
3 sc and 2 shells = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in indicated st or sp.

Single crochet shell (sc shell): (Sc, ch 2, sc) in indicated st or sp.

Large single crochet shell (lg sc shell): (Sc, ch 4, sc) in indicated st or sp.

Joining single crochet shell (joining sc shell): (Sc, ch 1, sl st in corresponding ch-2 sp on previous Strip, ch 1, sc) in indicated st or sp.

Joining large single crochet shell (joining lg sc shell): (Sc, ch 2, sl st in corresponding ch-2 sp on previous Strip, ch 2, sc) in indicated st or sp.

AFGHAN

STRIP

Make 7.

First Side

Row 1 (RS): With A, ch 194, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *sk next 2 chs, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch, rep from * across. Fasten off. *(32 shells)*

Row 2 (RS): With B, join in first sc on row 1, ch 1, sc in each sc and dc across, working **sc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in each ch-2 sp. At end of row, fasten off.

Row 3 (WS): With C, join in first sc, ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next 2 sc, sc in next ch-2 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next 3 sc, dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * across to last 4 sc, ch 1, sk next 2 sc, dc in each of last 2 sc, **do not fasten off**, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 dc, *ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**, sc in next st, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sc in each of last 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 5 (WS): With E, join in first sc, ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, *ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**, sc in next sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sc in each of last 2 sc, do not fasten off, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each sc and in each ch-1 sp across. Fasten off.

2nd Side

Note: *Join in end of beg ch where First Side ended.*

Row 1 (RS): With A, join in first ch on end of **beg ch** *(see Note)*, ch 1, sc in same ch as join, *sk next 2 chs, shell in next ch, sk 2 chs, sc in next ch, rep from * across. Fasten off. *(32 shells)*

Rows 2–6: Rep rows 2–6 of First Side.

STRIP BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): With B, join with sc in first sc of last row on First Side, ch 1, sc same sc as beg ch-1 *(corner)*, working across Side, *[ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc] across to last 3 sc of Side, ch 2, sk last 2 sc, sc shell in last sc *(corner)*, working across short end, ch 2, sk next 2 rows, sc in end of next row, ch 2, sc in end of next row, ch 2, sc in end of beg ch, ch 2, sk next row, sc in end of next row, ch 2, sc in end of next row, ch 2**, sc shell in next sc *(corner)*, rep from * across next Side and short end, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

First Strip Only

Rnd 2 (RS): With D, join with sc in first sc to left of corner ch-2 sp at either end of Side of Strip, ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp, *[sc shell in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp] across

to next corner, sc shell in next sc, **lg sc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Strips 2–6 only

Rnd 2 (RS) (joining rnd): With D, join with sc in first sc to left of corner ch-2 sp at either end of Side of Strip, ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp, *[sc shell in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp] across to next corner, sc shell in next sc, lg sc shell in corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around to corner ch-2 sp before 2nd Side, **joining lg sc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in corner ch-2 sp, **[**joining sc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-2 sp***, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp] across to next corner rep from ** across to next corner ch-2 sp, ending last rep at ***, joining lg sc shell in next corner ch-2 sp, [sc shell in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch-2 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, lg sc shell in next corner ch-2 sp, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Strip 7

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 and 2 of Border for Strips 2–6. Do not fasten off at end of rnd 2.

AFGHAN BORDER

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in same sp, *ch 2, sc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around to beg sc, working lg sc shell in each corner ch-4 sp and [ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp] twice at Strip joining, ch 2, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Rep rnd 2 for First Strip only around, working lg sc shell in each corner ch-4 sp, ch 1, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3 (RS): With A, join with sl st in any ch-1 sp, *ch 3, sl st in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, working ch 3, sk sc shell, sl st in first sc of lg sc shell, (ch 3, sl st) in ch-4 sp of lg sc shell, (ch 3, sl st in next sc of lg sc shell), ch 2, join in same ch-1 sp as beg sl st. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. CW

Baby, Oh Baby

Babies come in all shapes, colors and sizes, so shouldn't baby blankets appeal to a broad range of personalities? Whether Baby is a rugged little boy, a budding diva, a little country fellow or a dainty miss, there is a design in this section for everyone. The littlest loves of our lives deserve the very best designs and stitches. We are blessed to be able to use our crochet skills to provide those designs and stitches.

Hudson Bay Baby

Design by Michele Maks

PATTERN NOTE

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

BLANKET

BODY

Row 1: With soft white, ch 121, sc 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. *(120 sts)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 3–6: Rep row 2, **changing color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to black at end of last row.

Rows 7–12: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 13–18: Rep row 2, changing color to gold at end of last row.

Rows 19–24: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 25–30: Rep row 2, changing color to cherry red at end of last row.

Rows 31–36: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

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SKILL LEVEL

BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

40 x 40 inches

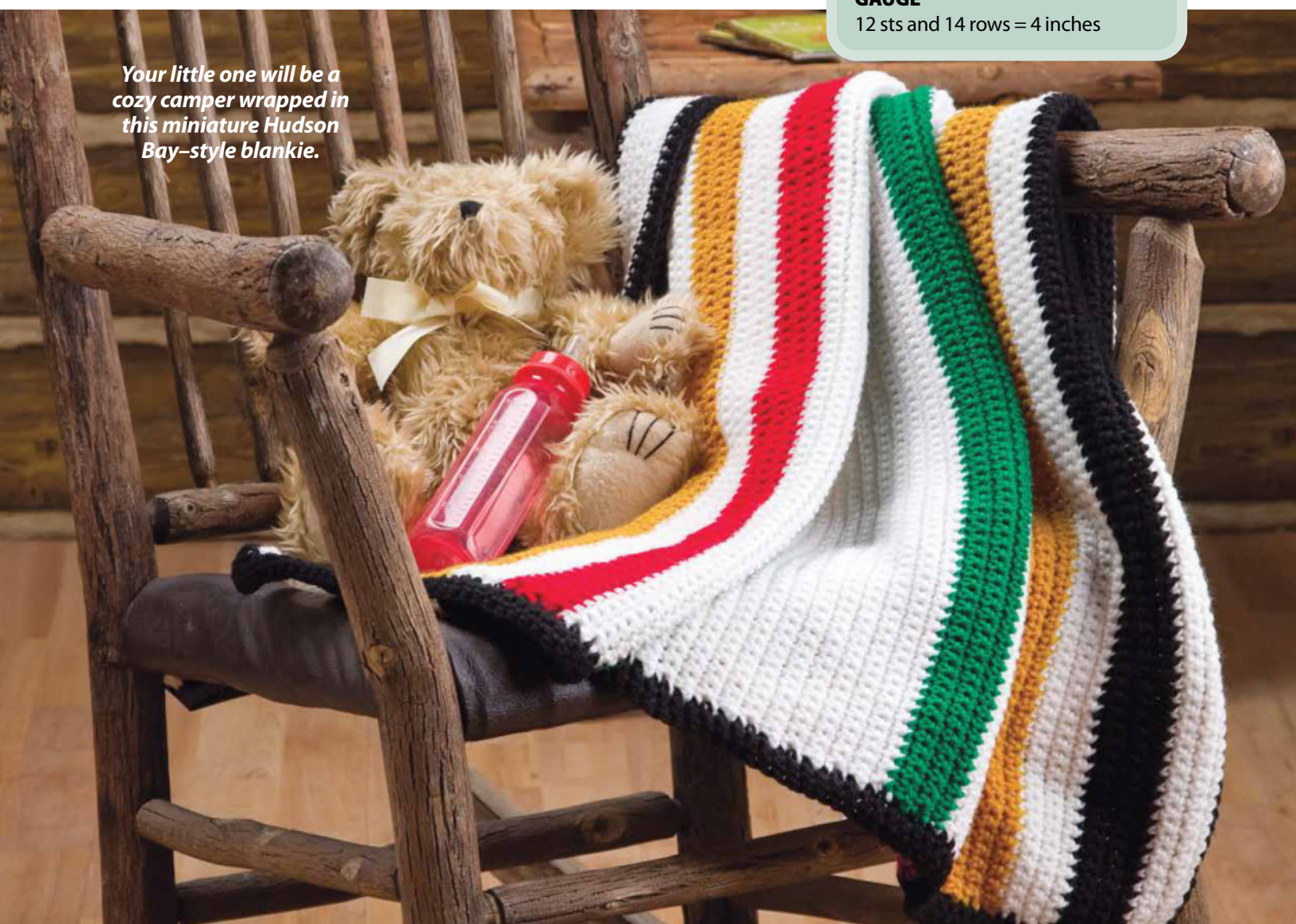
MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  3 skeins #316 soft white
  1 skein each #312 black, #321 gold, #368 paddy green and #319 cherry red
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

12 sts and 14 rows = 4 inches



Your little one will be a cozy camper wrapped in this miniature Hudson Bay–style blankie.

Little Boy Blue

Design by Michele Maks

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
36 x 36 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Baby Econo medium (worsted) weight yarn (pompadour: 6 oz/460 yds/170g per skein):
  2 skeins each #0802 baby blue and #1680 pastel green
  1 skein #1001 white
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Basic Square = 4½ inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

AFGHAN

BASIC SQUARE I

Make 20.

Rnd 1: With baby blue, ch 3, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first ch to form ring, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 2 dc in ring, [ch 3, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, ch 3, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: Join pastel green in corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same corner ch-3 sp, [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 corner sp] around, ch 1, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join baby blue in ch-3 corner sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same corner sp, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 corner sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join pastel green in corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same corner ch-3 sp, *(ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice, ch 1**, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, ch 1, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

BASIC SQUARE II

Make 20.

Rnd 1: With pastel green, rep rnd 1 of Basic Square 1.

Rnd 2: With baby blue, rep rnd 2 of Basic Square 1.

Rnd 3: With pastel green, rep rnd 3 of Basic Square 1.

Rnd 4: With baby blue, rep rnd 4 of Basic Square 1.

Sew Squares tog using baby blue through both lps following Assembly Diagram.

PLAID STRIP

Following Assembly Diagram, work Plaid Strip along top of 4 Basic Square strips as shown.

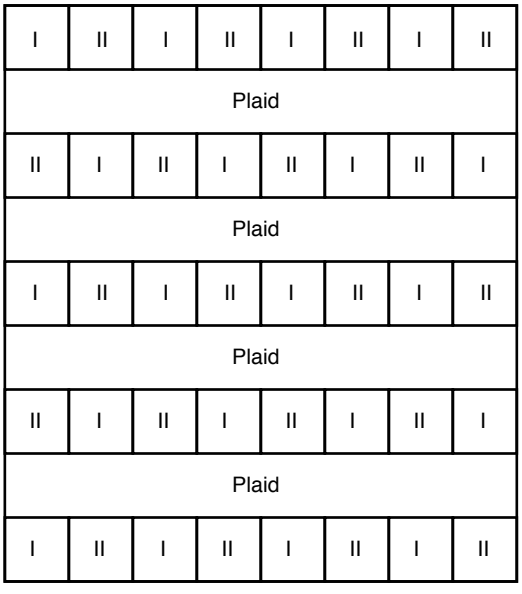
Row 1: With pastel green, join yarn at top right side of assembled Basic Square strip, work 19 sc evenly sp across top of each Square, **change color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to baby blue in last sc, turn. *(152 sts)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [ch 3, sk next 3 sc, dc in each of next 3 sc] across to last sc, sc in last sc, change color to white, turn. Fasten off baby blue.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [ch 3, sk next 3 dc, dc in each of next 3 sc] across to last sc, sc in last sc, change color to pastel green, turn. Fasten off white.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [ch 3, sk 3 sc, dc in each of next 3 sc] across to last sc, sc in last sc, change color to baby blue, turn. Fasten off pastel green.

KEY
I Basic Square I
II Basic Square II



Little Boy Blue
Assembly Diagram

Rows 5–13: [Rep rows 2–4 consecutively] 3 times for Plaid pattern.

Rows 14 & 15: Rep rows 2 and 3.

Finishing row: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [sc in each of next 3 dc, working over next ch-3, sc in each of 3 sk chs in previous row] across, ending with sc in last sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing seam.

Sew bottom of Plaid Pattern Sections to top of Basic Square sections as per Assembly Diagram. Sew bottom of last Basic Square section to top of uppermost Plaid Pattern section.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With baby blue and RS facing, join yarn in top right-hand corner ch-3 sp, ch 2, [5 sc in corner ch-3 sp, sc in each st, ch-1 sp and seam across] around entire Afghan, join in top of first sc, turn.

Rnd 2: With WS facing, ch 1, sc in sc around, working 3 sc in each corner sc, join in top of first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in loose ends. CW

Combine granny patches and plaid patterning to create a country boy blanket.

Simple Stripes

Design by Taryn Christmas

SKILL LEVEL

EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

35 x 40 inches

MATERIALS

- TLC Baby light (light worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/490 yds/170g per skein):
  1 skein each #7624 lime and #5011 white
- Light (light worsted) weight yarn:
  6 oz/450 yds/170g each yellow and sky blue
- Size L/11/8mm afghan hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size L/11/8mm crochet hook

3 LIGHT

GAUGE

Afghan hook: 7 sts or chs = 2 inches; 8 rows = 3 inches

The littlest spectator is ready for any game with these sporty stripes.

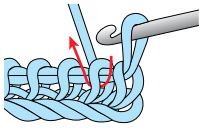
PATTERN NOTES

Chain-2 at beginning of rounds counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

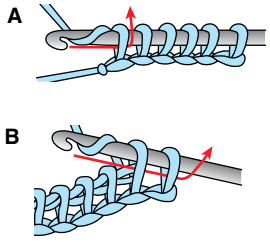
SPECIAL STITCHES

Tunisian simple stitch (TSS): Insert hook from right to left behind front **vertical bar** *(see illustration)*, yo, pull lp through.



Vertical Bar

Work loops off hook (work lps off hook): Yo, **pull through 1 lp on hook** *(see illustration, part A)*, yo, **pull through 2 lps on hook** *(see illustration, part B)* across until 1 lp rem on hook *(last lp on hook is first lp of next row)*.



Work Loops Off Hook

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1: With afghan hook and lime, ch 111, pull up lp in 2nd ch from hook, pull up lp in each ch across *(111 lps on hook)*, **work lps off hook** *(see Special Stitches)*.

Row 2: Sk first vertical bar, **TSS** *(see Special Stitches)* in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next vertical bar, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop lime and cut yarn at end of last row.

Rows 3 & 4: Sk first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop lime and cut yarn at end of last row.

Row 5: With sky blue, pull up lp in first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook.

Rows 6–8: Sk first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop sky blue and cut yarn at end of last row.

Row 9: With yellow, pull up lp in first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook.

Rows 10–12: Sk first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop yellow and cut yarn at end of last row.

Row 13: With white, pull up lp in first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook.

Row 14: Sk first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop white and cut yarn.

Rows 15–18: Rep rows 9–12.

Rows 19–22: Rep rows 5–8.

Row 23: With lime, pull up lp in first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook.

Rows 24–26: Sk first vertical bar, TSS in each of next 2 vertical bars, [yo, sk next sp, TSS in each of next 3 vertical bars] across, work lps off hook. Drop lime and cut yarn at end of last row.

Rows 27 & 28: Rep rows 13 and 14.

Rows 29–32: Rep rows 23–26.

Rows 33–36: Rep rows 9–12.

Rows 37–40: Rep rows 5–8.

Rows 41 & 42: Rep rows 13 and 14.

Rows 43–46: Rep rows 5–8.

Rows 47–50: Rep rows 23–26.

Rows 51–92: Rep rows 9–50.

Rows 93–96: Rep rows 9–12.

Row 97: Sk first vertical bar, sl st in each vertical bar and sc in each ch sp across. Fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: Working in sts and in ends of rows around outer edge, with size L crochet hook and sky blue, join with sc in any st, sc evenly sp around with 3 sc in each corner so piece lies flat, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2 *(see Pattern Notes)*, hdc in each st around with 3 hdc in each center corner st, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join yellow in any st, ch 2, hdc in each st around with 3 hdc in each center corner st, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: With lime, rep rnd 3. CW

Circus Star Afghan

Design by JoHanna Dzikowski

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENT
45 inches in diameter

MATERIALS
- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  1 skein each #324 bright yellow, #368 paddy green, #319 cherry red and #385 royal
- Size P/15/10mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
10 dc = 3½ inches; 4 dc rnds = 3½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in place indicated.

AFGHAN

Rnd 1: With bright yellow, ch 5, sl st in first ch to form ring, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 15 dc in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(16 dc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 4, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 4, sk next st] around, join in beg sc. *(8 sc, 8 ch-4 sps)*

Rnd 3: Shell *(see Special Stitch)* in next ch sp, [sl st in next st, shell in next ch sp] around, join in joining sl st on last rnd. *(8 sl sts, 8 shells)*

Rnd 4: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, ch 3, *shell in next ch sp, dc in next st, sk next dc, next sl st and next dc**, dc in next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(16 dc, 8 shells)*

Rnd 5: Sl st in next st, ch 3, dc in next st, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each of next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each of next 2 sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(32 dc, 8 shells)*

Rnd 6: Sl st in next st, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each of next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join paddy green in 2nd st, ch 3, dc in each st across to next ch sp, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each st across to 2 sts at next indentation, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each st across to next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 8: Sl st in next st, ch 3, dc in each st across to next ch sp, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each st across to 2 sts at next indentation, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each st across to next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnds 9–11: Sl st in next st, ch 3, dc in each st across to next ch sp, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each st across to 2 sts at next indentation, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each st across to next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Rnd 12: With cherry red, rep rnd 7.

Rnds 13–16: Rep rnd 8. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Rnd 17: With royal, rep rnd 7.

Rnds 18–21: Rep rnd 8. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Rnd 22: With bright yellow, rep rnd 7.

Rnds 23–25: Rep rnd 8. At end of last rnd, turn.

Rnd 26: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, ch 3, dc in each st across to next ch sp, *shell in next ch sp, dc in each st across to 2 sts at next indentation, sk next 2 sts**, dc in each st across to next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. CW

Primary colors and an unusual shape make this afghan a big star!

Baby Popcorns & Squares

Design by Melissa Bennett

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

32 x 48 inches, excluding Fringe

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (solid: 6 oz/315 yds/170g per skein; ombré: 4 oz/208 yds/114g per skein):
  - 2 skeins each #9719 soft pink, #9701 white and #9801 baby brights
  - 1 skein each #9712 soft blue and #9717 orchid
- Caron Simply Soft Eco medium (worsted) weight yarn (5 oz/249 yds/142g per skein):
  - 1 skein #0013 peachy
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

Square = 4½ inches square; 3 dc = 1 inch; 3 Blanket Body rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Blanket starts with the middle Squares and is worked down to bottom and then rotated to work from middle up to top.

Chain-4 counts as first double crochet and chain-1 unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning popcorn (beg pc): Ch 3, 4 dc in same sp, drop lp from hook and insert in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, pick up dropped lp and draw through.

Popcorn (pc): 5 dc in st or sp indicated, drop lp from hook and insert in first dc made, pick up dropped lp and draw through.

Beginning double crochet decrease (beg dc dec): Ch 2, sk 1 st, dc in next st.

Ending double crochet decrease (ending dc dec): Yo, insert hook in next st and pull up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, sk next st, yo, insert hook in next st and pull up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, and draw through all lps on hook.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 3, dc).

Large V-stitch (lg V-st): (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in indicated st.

BLANKET

SQUARE

Make 10 soft pink & 1 each soft blue, orchid and peachy.

Rnd 1: Ch 4 *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in 4th ch from hook, [ch 1, dc in same sp] 6 times, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. *(8 dc and 8 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 2: Sl st in next ch-1 sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, **fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next dc, dc in same dc as fpdc, [dc in next ch-1 sp, fpdc around next dc, dc in same dc] around, join in first dc, turn. *(24 dc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc around post of next dc, ch 3, [sk next 2 sts, sc around post of next dc, ch 3] around, join in first sc. Fasten off, turn. *(8 ch-3 sps)*

Rnd 4: Join white in first ch-3 sp, **beg pc** *(see Special Stitches)*, [ch 5, **pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-3 sp] around, ch 5, join in beg pc. Fasten off. *(8 pc, 8 ch-5 sps)*

Rnd 5: Join first color with sc in first ch-5 sp, 2 sc in same sp, sc in top of next pc, 3 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in top of next pc, 5 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next pc, 3 sc in next ch-5 sp] 3 times, sc in top of pc, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, join in first sc. *(40 sc)*

Rnd 6: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st *(corner)*, dc in each of next 9 sts, [3 dc in next st *(corner)*, dc in each of next 9 sts] 3 times, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(48 dc)*

BODY

Note: *Beg with a soft pink Square, and join Squares in following order: orchid, peachy, soft blue and soft pink.*

Row 1: With RS facing, join baby brights in center dc of soft pink Square corner, **beg dc dec** *(see Special Stitches)*, dc in each of next 9 sts, **V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, dc in each of next 11 sts, **dc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in center dc of next corner on current Square and in center dc of corner on next Square *(see Note)*, *dc in each of next 11 sts on next Square, V-st in next st**, dc in each of next 11 sts, dc dec in center dc of next corner on current Square and in center dc of

corner on next Square, rep from * 3 times, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 9 sts, **ending dc dec** *(see Special Stitches)* in next 3 sts, turn.

Row 2: Beg dc dec, dc in each of next 8 sts, ***lg V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-3 sp**, dc in each of next 11 sts, sk next 3 sts, dc in each of next 11 sts, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 8 sts, ending dc dec in last 3 sts. Fasten off.

Row 3: With RS facing, join soft pink in first st, beg dc dec, dc in next 8 sts, *lg V-st in next ch-3 sp**, dc in each of next 10 sts, dc dec in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, dc dec in next 2 sts, dc in each of next 10 sts, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 8 sts, ending dc dec in last 3 sts. Fasten off.

Row 4: With RS facing, join white first st, beg dc dec, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, *lg V-st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st**, [ch 1, sk next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st] twice, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, pc in next st, [ch 1, sk next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st] twice, ch 1, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, ch 1, ending dc dec. Fasten off.

Row 5: With RS facing, join soft pink in first st, ch 2, dc in next pc, dc in next sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next sp, dc in next pc, dc in next sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, *lg V-st in next ch-3 sp**, [dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next sp, dc in next pc, dc in next sp] twice, dc dec in next 2 dc, sk next sp, next 2 pc and next sp, dc dec in next 2 dc, dc in next sp, dc in next pc, dc in next sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc next in sp, dc in next pc, dc in next

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A fringe-as-you-go blankie will brighten up any baby's room.

Octagon Baby

**Design by Marilyn Losee,
courtesy of Caron International**

Make this stunning purple-and-pink blanket for your future diva!

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENT

41 inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein):
  1 skein each #9701 white *(A)*, #9719 soft pink *(B)*, #9722 plum wine *(C)*, #9717 orchid *(D)* and #9943 lavender blue *(E)*
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

15 dc and 7 dc rnds = 4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Each round of the Blanket consists of 8 groups of double crochet stitches, separated by corner chain spaces. In most rounds, increases are worked in the corners. In some rounds, decreases are worked to maintain the stitch count and prevent the blanket from flaring too much.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

BLANKET

BODY

Rnd 1: With A, ch 5, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first ch to form a ring, ch 1, work 8 sc in ring, join in first sc. *(8 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in same sc as join, 2 dc in each sc around join in top of beg ch. *(16 dc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in same dc as join, ch 1, sk next dc, *3 dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch. Fasten off. *(8 3-dc groups, 24 dc total)*

Rnd 4: Join B with sl st in any ch-sp, ch 3, dc in each st around to next ch-sp, *(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-sp *(corner made)*, dc in each st around to next ch-sp, rep from * around, dc in same ch-sp as join, ch 2, join in top of beg ch. *(8 3-dc groups, 8 corners, 40 dc total)*

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each dc around to next ch-sp, *(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-sp, dc in each dc around to next ch-sp, rep from * around, dc in same ch-sp as join, ch 2, join in top of beg ch. Fasten off. *(8 5-dc groups, 8 corners, 56 dc total)*

Rnd 6: With C, rep rnd 4. Fasten off. *(8 7-dc groups, 8 corners, 72 dc total)*

Rnds 7 & 8: With D, rep rnds 4 and 5. *(8 11-dc groups, 8 corners, 104 dc total at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 9: With E, rep rnd 4. Fasten off. *(8 13-dc groups, 8 corners, 120 dc total)*

Rnd 10: Join A in any dc of 13-dc group, ch 2, [hdc in each dc around to 1 dc before next ch-2 sp, **hdc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next dc and first ch of ch-2 sp, ch 2, hdc dec in 2nd ch of ch-2 sp and next dc] 8 times, hdc in each rem dc around, join in first hdc. Fasten off. *(120 hdc)*

Rnds 11 & 12: With B, rep rnds 4 and 5. Fasten off. *(8 17-dc groups, 8 corners, 152 dc total at end of last rnd)*

Rnd 13: Join C in any dc of 17 dc group, ch 3, [dc in each dc around to 1 dc before next ch-2 sp, **dc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next dc and first ch of ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc dec in 2nd ch of ch-2 sp and next dc] 8 times, dc in each rem dc around, join in first dc. Fasten off.

Rnds 14 & 15: With D, rep rnds 4 and 5. Fasten off. *(8 21-dc groups, 8 corners, 184 dc total at end of last rnd)*

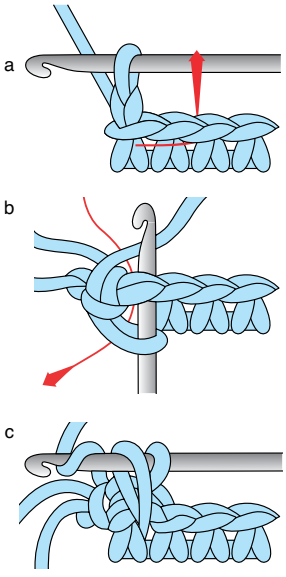
Rnd 16: With E, rep rnd 4. Fasten off. *(8 23-dc groups, 8 corners, 200 dc total)*

Rnds 17–37: [Rep rnds 10–16 consecutively] 3 times. Fasten off. *(8 53-dc groups, 8 corners, 440 dc total at end of last rnd)*

BORDER

Rnd 1: Join A with sc in any dc of last rnd, sc in each dc and ch-2 sp around, join in first sc.

Rnd 2: With A, **reverse sc** *(see illustration)* in each sc around, join in first st. Fasten off.



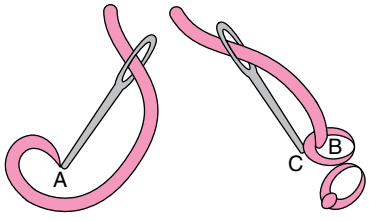
Reverse Single Crochet

FINISHING

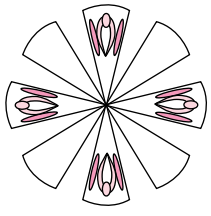
Weave in all ends. Block.

EMBROIDERY (OPTIONAL)

With B, embroider 1 **lazy daisy** *(see illustration)* petal on every other A-color section at center of blanket. With C, embroider a **straight stitch** *(see illustration)* diagonal line on either side of each petal. CW



Lazy Daisy Stitch



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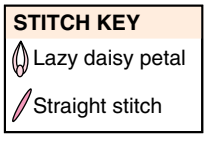
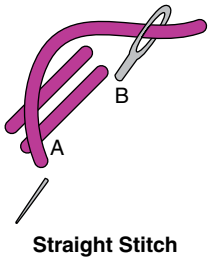
Embroidery Diagram





Straight Stitch

Lacy Ripples Babyghan

Design by Christine Grazioso Moody

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENT
45 inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- Caron One Pound medium (worsted) weight yarn (16 oz/812 yds/454g per skein): 1 skein #577 lilac
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Rnds 1 and 2 = 3¼ inches in diameter

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

BABYGHAN

Rnd 1: Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 12 sc in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in beg sc. *(12 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(24 dc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, [sk next st, sc in next st, ch 3] around, join in beg sc. *(12 ch sps)*

Rnd 4: Ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in each ch sp around, join in beg sc. *(60 sts)*

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, [hdc in next st, 3 dc in next st, hdc in next st, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 sts] around, ending with sc dec in last st and beg sc.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next st, ch 3 *(counts as first hdc and ch-1)*, *sk next st, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, sk next st, hdc in next st, sk next st**, hdc in next st, ch 1, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, *[dc in next st, ch 2] twice, dc in next st**, ch 1, hdc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, ch 1, hdc in last st, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) 5 times in next st, hdc in next st, ch 1**, sc in each of next 2 sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in last st, join in beg sc.

Rnds 9 & 10: Sl st in next ch sp and next st, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, dc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st**, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc.

Rnd 11: Sl st in next ch sp and next st, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st**, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg hdc.

Rnds 12–14: Sl st in next ch sp and next st, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st**, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 15: Sl st in next ch sp and next st, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st**, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 16: Sl st in next ch sp and next st, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, (dc, ch 1) in each of next 3 sts, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st**, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 17: Sl st in next ch sp, next st and next ch sp, ch 1, sc in same ch sp, ch 2, *[sc in next ch sp, ch 2] 3 times, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, [sc in next ch sp, ch 2] 4 times, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next st, next ch sp, next 2 sts, next ch sp, and next st**, sc in next ch sp, ch 2, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc.

Rnd 18: Sl st in next ch sp, next st and next ch sp, ch 1, sc in same ch sp, *[ch 2, sc in next ch sp] twice, ch 3, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, ch 3, [sc in next ch sp, ch 2] twice, [sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp] twice**, sc in next

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A new baby can be an old-fashioned girl with this Victorian doily–style beauty.

Snowdrops for Baby

Design by Christy McMahon

SKILL LEVEL

EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

26 x 40½ inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Eco-Cotton Blend medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/ 145 yds/85g per ball):
  - 4 balls #1340 almond *(A)*
  - 3 balls #1001 snow *(B)*
  - 2 balls #1645 moss *(C)*
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

9 sc = 2½ inches; 3 sc rnds or rows = ½ inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

Cluster (cl): (Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up lp the same height as a dc) 4 times in same st, yo, draw through all 9 lps on hook.

Shell: (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in indicated st.

Picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

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BODY

Row 1: With A, ch 87, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(86 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Rep row 2, fasten off.

Row 4: Join C with sl st in first sc, ch 4 *(counts as first dc, ch-1)*, sk next st, [**V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sk next 2 sts] 27 times, V-st in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st, **change color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to B, turn. *(28 V-sts)*

Row 5: With B, ch 4, **cl** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-1 sp of V-st, [ch 2, cl in next ch-1 sp of V-st] 27 times, ch 1, dc in last dc, change color to A, turn. *(28 cls)*

Row 6: With A, ch 1, sc in first dc, sc in next ch-2 sp, [3 sc in next ch-2 sp] 27 times, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc, turn. *(86 sc)*

Rows 7 & 8: Rep row 2. At the end of row 8, fasten off, turn.

Rows 9–98: [Rep rows 4–8 consecutively] 18 times. **Do not fasten off**.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Ch 1, evenly sp sc around outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each center corner sc, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join C with sc in any sc, rep rnd 2.

Rnd 4: Join B with sc in any sc, rep rnd 2. **Do not fasten off**.

Rnd 5: Ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, (dc, **picot**—*see Special Stitches*, 2 dc) in same st, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, [**shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, sk next 2 sc] across to next corner, shell in next corner, sk next sc, rep between [ ] across to next corner, sk next sc, shell in next corner, sk next sc, rep between [ ] across to next corner, shell in next corner, sk next sc, rep between [ ] across to beg ch-3, join in beg ch-3, fasten off. CW

Go green with this natural-hued recycled-cotton blanket.

Forget-Me-Not Baby

Design by Tracie Barrett

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
32 x 32 inches

MATERIALS
- TLC Cotton Plus medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/153 yds/100g per ball):
  4 balls #3810 light blue
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
18 ext dc = 4 inches; 6 rows = 4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of a row counts as first extended double crochet throughout.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Extended double crochet (ext dc): Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up lp, yo, draw through first lp on hook, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

Beginning block (beg block): Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, ext dc in each of next 3 sts.

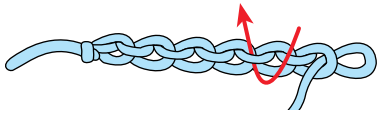
Block: Ext dc in each of next 3 sts.

Space (sp): Ch 2, sk next 2 sts, ext dc in next ext dc.

BLANKET

BODY

Row 1: Ch 138, work in **back bar of ch** *(see illustration)*, **ext dc** *(see Special Stitches)* in 4th ch from hook, ext dc in each rem ch across, turn. *(136 ext dc)*



Back Bar of Chain

Row 2: Beg block *(see Special Stitches)*, **block** *(see Special Stitches)*, [**sp** *(see Special Stitches)*, block] 21 times, ext dc in last 6 ext dc *(2 blocks)*, turn. *(24 blocks, 21 sps)*

Row 3: Beg block, [sp] 43 times, ext dc in each of next 3 ext dc, turn.

Rows 4–51: Follow rows 4–51 of chart. At the end of row 51, **do not turn**.

EDGING

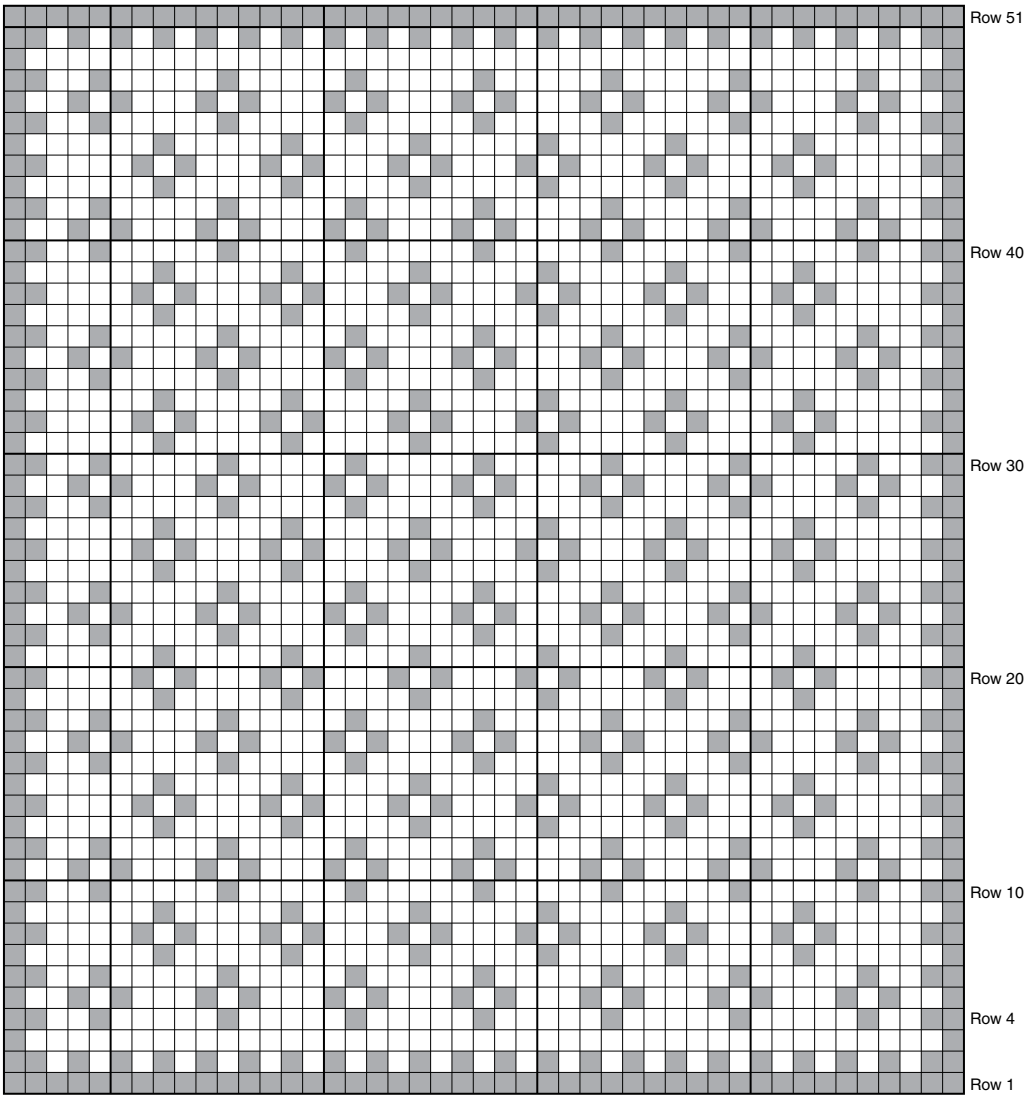
Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in each corner st, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, [sl st in next st, ch 1] around, ending with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Block lightly. CW

Sweet forget-me-nots in cotton blend filet crochet make a gentle covering for baby.

STITCH KEY
- Block
- Sp



Forget-Me-Not Baby
Chart

PRODUCT REVIEW

Laurel Hill Gift Sets

laurelhillonline.com

Crocheting an afghan is a time-consuming project and having good tools to work with makes all the difference. Laurel Hill, maker of fine hardwood crochet hooks and knitting needles, now carries gift sets of crochet hooks. Sets are available in Ebony, Nam Oc or Trai woods. They come in an attractive and handy fabric travel case. Hooks sizes run D through M, and are truly a joy to work with. Exotic, handmade and sustainable, these products are some of the best needlework implements in the world. A set of these hooks would make a wonderful addition to your crocheting world and contribute to the pleasure of creating your afghan.

Eden

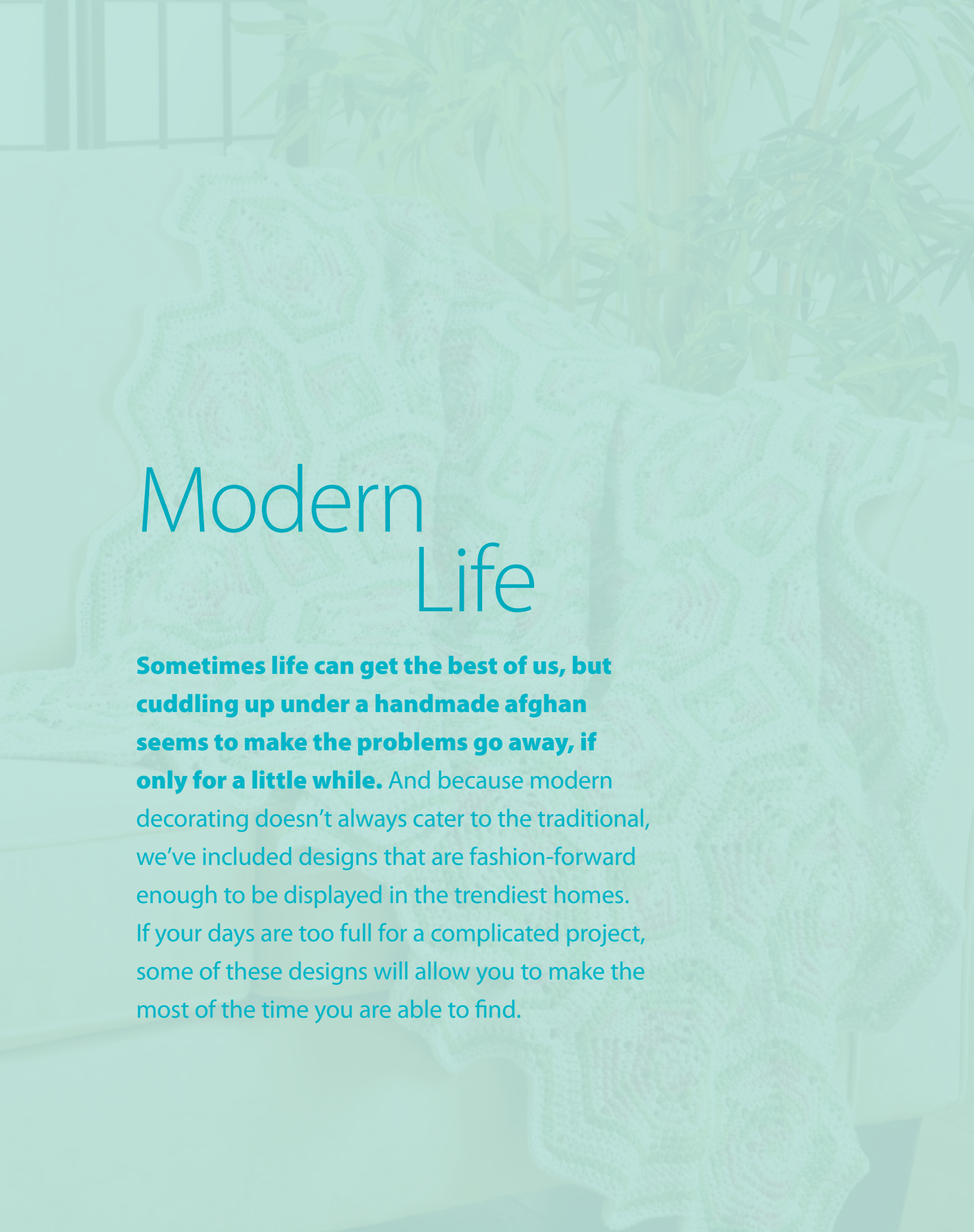
www.edenbags.com

Eden offers American-made eco-friendly totes of Eco-fi, a high-quality USA polyester fiber made from post consumer recycled plastic bottles . These large, lightweight and colorful totes have the ability to hold up to seven 2-liter bottles or the equivalent of three standard plastic bags. This means there's plenty of room for all the yarn for the afghan you're working on and the directions! The totes collapse, fold and roll, making them very transportable. They also come in a wide range of contemporary patterns.

Daylight Clip-On Studio Lamp & Stand

us.daylightcompany.com

The secret to working with fine details and dark colors like black is good lighting. A new product from the Daylight Company, maker of many types of lighting, is their Clip-On Studio Lamp & Stand. This comfortable light eases eye strain and creates an optimal working condition when crocheting with darker colors or doing finishing and fussy details. The flexible arm allows you to direct the light right where you need it and the option to add more clip on lamps makes it even more versatile. An extra long 10 foot cord allows you to set up anywhere, making crocheting in your favorite chair even more enjoyable than before.



Modern Life

Sometimes life can get the best of us, but cuddling up under a handmade afghan seems to make the problems go away, if only for a little while. And because modern decorating doesn't always cater to the traditional, we've included designs that are fashion-forward enough to be displayed in the trendiest homes. If your days are too full for a complicated project, some of these designs will allow you to make the most of the time you are able to find.

Be Square

Design by Michele Maks

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENT
50 inches square

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Light & Lofty super bulky (super chunky) weight yarn (4½ oz/105 yds/127g per skein): 8 skeins #9317 salt & pepper
- Red Heart Pomp-a-Doodle super bulky (super chunky) weight yarn (3½ oz/54 yds/100g per skein): 2 skeins #9940 shoreline
- Size N/13/9mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

6 SUPER BULKY

GAUGE
With salt & pepper: 4 sts = 2½ inches; 5 rows = 2½ inches

Simple stitching and thick yarn make this a quick and easy project. The edging's pompom yarn gives the piece a modern kick.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1: With salt & pepper, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. *(1 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in next sc, turn. (2 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, turn. *(4 sc)*

Row 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, turn. *(6 sc)*

Row 5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. *(8 sc)*

Rows 6–68: Rep row 5. *(134 sc at end of last row)*

Row 69: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 70: Ch 1, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 sts, sc in each sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. *(132 sts)*

Rows 71–138: Rep row 70 until 2 sts rem, turn.

Row 139: Sc dec in 2 sts. Do not fasten off.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 3 sc in same sc as beg ch-1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner, **changing color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to 2 strands shoreline held tog in last sc, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With 2 strands shoreline held tog, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in center sc of corner, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. CW

Zebra Flair

Design by Anne Halliday

SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
48 x 64 inches, excluding Fringe

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  - 3 skeins each #311 white and #312 black
  - 3 oz each #358 lavender, #774 light raspberry, #347 light periwinkle, #324 bright yellow and #885 delft blue
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
  - 3 oz each teal, raspberry, emerald, orange, medium teal and lilac
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE
8 sts (1 pattern rep) = 2½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Afghan is worked side to side.

Leave an 8-inch length when joining yarn and fastening off.

8-inch lengths will be worked into Fringe.

To maintain same Fringe consistency on both ends, each row is fastened off even if same color continues on next row.

Use white and black as indicated within pattern; otherwise use scrap colors on remaining rows as desired.

SPECIAL STITCH

Cluster (cl): Ch 3, yo, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook in same ch, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, draw through rem 3 lps on hook.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1 (WS): With black, **leaving an 8-inch length** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 206 loosely, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] rep across, turn. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off. *(103 sc, 102 ch-1 sps)*

Row 2 (RS): Leaving an 8-inch length, join black with sc in first sc, sc in each ch and sc across, turn. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

Row 3 (WS): Leaving an 8-inch length, join scrap color with sc in first sc, **cl** *(see Special Stitch)*, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, sc in next sc, [ch 4, sk next 3 sts, sc in next sc, cl, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, sc in next sc] across, turn. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

Row 4 (RS): Leaving an 8-inch length, join white with sc in first sc, *working behind next cl, dc in each of next 3 sts 1 row below cl, sc in next sc **, working in front of next ch-4 sp, dc in each of next 3 sts 1 row below ch-4, sc in next sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, turn. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off,

Row 5: Rep row 3, using different scrap color.

Row 6: With black, rep row 4.

Rep rows 3–6 until Afghan measures approximately 47 inches from beg, ending with row 6.

Last row (WS): Leaving an 8-inch length, join black with sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] across, turn. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

EDGING

Row 1 (RS): Leaving an 8-inch length, join black with sl st in first sc of last row, sl st in next sp, [ch 1, sl st in next sp] across to last sc, sl st in last sc. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Working on opposite side of foundation ch of Afghan, leaving an 8-inch length, join black with sl st in first ch, sl st in next sp, [ch 1, sk next ch, sl st in next sp] across to last ch, sl st in last ch. Leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

FRINGE

Cut 2 lengths each 16 inches long for each Fringe. Matching color of Fringe to color of row, fold 2 strands in half, insert hook in edge of row, draw fold through st on hook to form a lp, holding 8-inch length from beg or end of Afghan row with Fringe lengths, draw all strands through lp on hook, pull gently to secure. Trim ends even. CW

African beadwork comes to mind with the striking colors and patterns in this afghan.

Tribal Rhythms

Design by Roberta Maier

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
52½ x 60 inches

MATERIALS
- Lion Brand Vanna's Choice medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/145 yds/85g per ball):
  - 11 balls #401 grey marble *(A)*
  - 7 balls #404 dark grey heather *(B)*
  - 3 balls #400 oatmeal *(C)*
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE
[Shell, sk next 2 sts] 4 times = 4 inches; 4 sc rows = 1 inch; 11 shell rows = 6 inches

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Skip stitch behind front post treble crochet.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Shell: 3 dc in indicated ch or sp.

Front post treble crochet (fptr): Yo twice, insert hook from front to back around post of indicated st, complete st as tr.

AFGHAN

PANEL

Make 5.

Row 1 (RS): With A, ch 16, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook *(3 sk chs count as first dc)*, [sk next 2 chs, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch] 4 times, turn. *(5 shells)*

Row 2 (WS): Ch 3, shell in sp between each shell across, dc in top of beg ch-3, turn. *(4 shells, 2 dc)*

Row 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in sp between first st and next shell, shell in sp between each of next 3 shells, 2 dc in sp between last shell and last dc, dc in top of ch-3, turn. *(5 shells)*

Rows 4–115: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] 56 times. **Do not turn or fasten off** at end of last row.

FIRST EDGING

Row 1: Ch 1, *2 sc in end of next row**, sc in end of next row, rep from * across, ending last rep at ** do not turn, fasten off. *(173 sts)*

Row 2: Join B with sc in first st, sc in each st across, turn. *(173 sts)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn, fasten off.

Rows 4–5: With C, rep rows 2 and 3. At end of last row, do not turn.

Row 6: With A, rep row 2, fasten off.

Row 7: Join B with sc in first st, sc in next st, [**fptr** *(see Special Stitches)* around next st on row 3, sc in each of next 2 sts] across, turn. *(116 sc, 57 fptr)*

Row 8: Rep row 3.

Row 9: With A, rep row 2, do not turn, fasten off.

Row 10: Join B with sc in first st, sc in next st, [fptr around next fp, sc in each of next 2 sts] across, turn.

Row 11: Rep row 3.

Row 12: With C, rep row 2, do not turn, fasten off.

Row 13: Rep row 10.

Row 14: Rep row 3.

2ND EDGING

Row 1: With RS of Panel facing, join B with sc in end of row 1 on Panel, sc in end of same row, *sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of next row, rep from * across, do not turn, fasten off. *(174 sts)*

Rows 2–14: Rep rows 2–14 of First Edging.

PANEL ASSEMBLY

Hold 2 Panels WS tog, working through both thicknesses, join A with sl st in first st on row 14 of edging on outer right panel, [ch 1, sl st in next st] across, fasten off.

Rep on rem Panels.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS of Afghan facing you, join A with sc in first st on row 14 of 2nd Edging of outside right Panel, 2 sc in same st *(counts as first corner)*, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st *(corner)*, working in ends of rows on edging and in sts across Panels, sk seams, sc in end of each row and in each st across, 3 sc in first st on First Edging of outside left Panel *(corner)*, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st *(corner)*, working in ends of rows on edging and in chs and ch sps across Panels, sc in end of each row and evenly sp 15 sc across each Panel across, join in first sc. *(774 sc, 4 corners)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around with corner in center st of each corner, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(782 sc, 4 corners)* CW

Rows of pattern resemble the drawings on African entryways. This afghan is just right for a decor styled with mud cloth and animal skin prints.

Persian Tiles

Design by Kathleen Garen

SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
49 x 58 inches, excluding Fringe

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/198g per skein):
  3 skeins #385 royal
  1 skein #316 soft white
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
  24 oz medium teal
- Sizes I/9/5.5mm and K/10½/6.5mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size I hook: 10 sc = 3 inches; 10 sc rows = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Row 1 establishes the right side of Afghan.

All rows are worked on right side only.

On all medium teal and royal rows, at beg and end of each row, leave a 6-inch length of yarn to be worked into Fringe.

Eclectic decorating requires exotic patterning. This afghan fits the bill.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1 (RS): With soft white and I hook, ch 188, hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, fasten off. *(187 sts)*

Row 2: Leaving a 6-inch length *(see Pattern Notes)*, join medium teal with sc in first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, [hdc in **back lp** *(see Stitch Guide)* of each of next 22 sts, ch 1, sk next st] across to last st, hdc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. **Do not turn**.

Row 3: Leaving a 6-inch length, join royal with a sc in first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, [sc in back lp of each of next 22 sts, ch 1, sk next st] across to last st, sc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. Do not turn.

Note: *All sc will be worked in the back lp of the sts in previous row unless otherwise stated. All dc will be worked in* **front lp** *(see Stitch Guide) of the 2nd row below in front of and sk st directly behind the dc.*

Row 4: Leaving a 6-inch length, join medium teal with a sc in both lps of first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, [dc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st] across to last st, sc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 5: Leaving a 6-inch length, join royal with a sc in both lps of first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, *sc in next st, dc in next st, [sc in each of next 3 sts, dc in each of next 2 sts] 3 times, sc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, rep from * across to last st, sc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 6: Leaving a 6-inch length, join medium teal with a sc in both lps of first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, [dc in next st, sc in next st, dc in next st, sc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, sc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next st, sc in next st, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st] across to last st, sc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 7: Leaving a 6-inch length, join royal with a sc in both lps of first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, *sc in each of next 3 sts, [dc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts] 3 times, dc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, rep from * across to last st, sc in both lps of last st. Leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 8: Rep row 4.

Row 9: Rep row 5.

Row 10: Rep row 4.

Row 11: Rep row 7.

Row 12: Rep row 6.

Row 13: Rep row 5.

Row 14: Rep row 4.

Row 15: Rep row 5.

Row 16: Rep row 6.

Row 17: Rep row 7.

Row 18: Rep row 4.

Row 19: Rep row 5.

Row 20: Rep row 4.

Row 21: Rep row 7.

Row 22: Rep row 6.

Row 23: Rep row 5.

Row 24: Rep row 4.

Row 25: Join soft white with hdc in both lps of first st of previous row, ch 1, sk next st, [hdc in back lp of each of next 22 sts, ch 1, sk next st] across to last st, last hdc in both lps of last st, fasten off. Do not turn.

Next rows: Rep rows 2–25 until 6 patterns are completed.

Next row: Join soft white with a hdc in both lps of first st, hdc in back lp of each st across to last st, hdc in both lps of last st, fasten off. Do not turn. *(187 sts)*

Next row: Join soft white with a sc in both lps of first st, sc in back lp of each st across to last st, sc in both lps of last st, turn, do not fasten off.

Next row: Ch 1, sl st in each sc across, fasten off.

Next row: With opposite side of foundation ch of Row 1 facing, Join soft white, sl st in each ch across, fasten off.

VERTICAL LINE

Working with size K hook and 2 strands of soft white held tog, ch 1, beg at bottom of Afghan, holding strands of yarn at back and hook at front, insert hook in next ch-1 sp, yo, draw up a lp of soft white and draw through st on hook *(sl st completed)*, sl st in each ch sp up to top of Afghan, fasten off, secure ends.

Rep Vertical Line from bottom to top in each section of ch-1 sps.

FRINGE

Cut 2 lengths each 12 inches long for each Fringe. Matching color of Fringe to color of row, fold 2 strands in half, insert hook in edge of row, draw fold through st on hook to form a lp, holding 8-inch length from beg or end of Afghan row with Fringe lengths, draw all strands through lp on hook, pull gently to secure. Trim ends even. CW

Oriental Octagons

Design by Brian McGaunn, courtesy of Pisgah Yarn & Dyeing Co.

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED SIZES
Instructions given for throw; changes for afghan are in [ ].

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Throw: 58 x 58 inches
Afghan: 65 x 80 inches

MATERIALS
- Pisgah Yarn and Dyeing Co. Peaches & Crème medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 2½ oz/122 yds/71g per ball; ombrés: 2 oz/98 yds/57g per ball):
  - 12 [25] balls #P217 woodland frost *(MC)*
  - 7 [14] balls #67 misty grey *(A)*
  - 5 [11] balls #52 light sage *(B)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch marker

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Motif = 7 inches across

PATTERN NOTES

Motifs are worked in continuous rounds. Do not join unless otherwise stated.

Use stitch marker to mark beginning of each round.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-2 counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Weave in ends as work progresses.

THROW [AFGHAN]

OCTAGON MOTIF

Make 49 [99].

Rnd 1: With MC, ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, **do not join** *(see Pattern Notes)*.

Rnd 2: [Sc in next sc, ch 1] in each sc around. *(8 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, ch 2] in each sc around. *(8 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 4: [Sc in next sc, sc in next ch, ch 2] around. *(16 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 5: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next ch, ch 2] around. *(24 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 6: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in next ch, ch 2] around. *(32 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 7: [Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc in next ch, ch 2] around. *(40 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 8: [Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc in next ch, ch 2] around, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first sc. Fasten off. *(48 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 9: Join A in any hdc, **ch 2** *(see Pattern Notes)*, hdc in each sc around, working (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in each ch-2 sp, join in beg ch-2. Fasten off. *(64 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 10: Join B in any hdc, ch 2, hdc in each hdc around, working 3 hdc in each ch-2 sp, join in beg ch-2. Fasten off. *(88 hdc)*

SQUARE MOTIF

Make 36 [80].

Rnd 1: With MC, ch 2, (2 sc, ch 2) 4 times in 2nd ch from hook, join in first sc. *(8 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each ch-2 sp, join in first sc. *(16 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each ch-2 sp, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(24 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)*

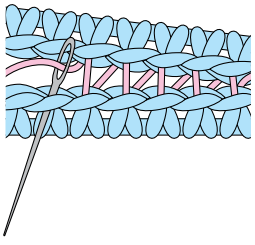
Rnd 4: Join B in any sc, ch 1, sc in each sc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each ch-2 sp, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(32 sc, 4 ch-2 sp)*

Rnd 5: Join A in any sc, ch 2, sc in each sc around, working 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(44 sc)*

ASSEMBLY

MOTIF JOINING

With A, beg in center hdc of corner 3-hdc group and working across Motif to center hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of Octagon Motifs tog into 7 [11] rows of 7 [9] Motifs. Fasten off after joining each Motif.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

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Welcome home to serenity with this Asian-influenced throw.

Carnival Colors Throw

Design by Julene Watson

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
39 x 46 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver Economy medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  3 skeins #324 bright yellow
  2 skeins each #390 hot red, #356 amethyst, #385 royal and #368 paddy green
- Red Heart Super Saver Regular medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/160 yds/85g):
  5 skeins #354 vibrant orange
- Size K/10½/6.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
[Sc, ch 1] 6 times = 4 inches;
6 rows = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Work with 2 strands of same color held together throughout.

Fasten off yarn color when not in use.

SPECIAL STITCH

Twisted single crochet (twisted sc): Insert hook in next ch-1 sp, draw up lp, twist hook horizontally and counter-clockwise 1 full turn, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, ch 1.

THROW

DIAMOND

Make 24.

Row 1: With amethyst, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] across to last 3 sts, ch 1, sk next ch, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 chs, turn. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 2 (inc row): Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across, ending with sc in last sc, turn. *(12 sc, 11 ch-1 sps)*

Row 3 (dec row): Ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in last ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. Fasten off amethyst. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 4: Join *(see Pattern Notes)* royal in first st, rep row 2.

Row 5: Rep row 3.

Row 6: Rep row 2. Fasten off royal.

Row 7: Join paddy green in first st, rep row 3.

Row 8: Rep row 2.

Row 9: Rep row 3. Fasten off paddy green.

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, rep row 2.

Row 11: Rep row 3.

Row 12: Rep row 2. Fasten off bright yellow.

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, rep row 3. Fasten off vibrant orange.

Row 14: Rep row 2.

Row 15: Rep row 3.

Row 16: Join hot red in first st, rep row 2.

Row 17: Rep row 3.

Row 18: Rep row 2, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

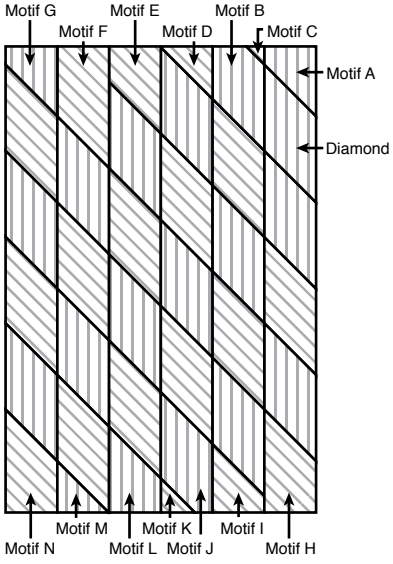
Following Assembly Diagram, sew Diamonds tog as indicated.

MOTIF A

Row 1: Rep row 1 of Diamond. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across, ending with sc in ch sp after last sc, turn. *(12 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 2, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in last ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. Fasten off amethyst. *(10 sc, 1 sc dec)*



Carnival Colors Throw
Placement Diagram

This colorful creation is just the ticket for an evening of board games and popcorn in the rec room.

Row 4: Join royal in first st, rep row 2. *(11 sc)*

Row 5: Rep row 3. *(9 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 6: Rep row 2. Fasten off royal. *(10 sc)*

Row 7: Join paddy green in first st, rep row 3. *(8 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 8: Rep row 2. *(9 sc)*

Row 9: Rep row 3. Fasten off paddy green. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, rep row 2. *(8 sc)*

Row 11: Rep row 3. *(6 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 12: Rep row 2. Fasten off bright yellow. *(7 sc)*

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, rep row 3. *(5 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 14: Rep row 2. *(6 sc)*

Row 15: Rep row 3. Fasten off vibrant orange. *(4 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 16: Join hot red in first st, rep row 2. *(5 sc)*

Row 17: Rep row 3. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 18: Rep row 2, fasten off.

MOTIF B

Rows 1–9: Rep rows 1–9 of Diamond. *(11 sc, 1 sc dec at end of last row)*

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across, ending with ch 1, sc in ch sp after last sc, turn. *(12 sc)*

Row 11: Ch 2, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to last ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and last sc, turn. *(10 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 12: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across, ending with ch 1, sc in ch sp after last sc, turn. Fasten off bright yellow. *(11 sc)*

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, rep row 11. *(9 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 14: Rep row 12. *(10 sc)*

Row 15: Rep row 11. Fasten off vibrant orange. *(8 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 16: Join hot red in first st, rep row 12. *(9 sc)*

Row 17: Rep row 11. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 18: Rep row 12. Fasten off.

MOTIF C

Row 1: With amethyst, ch 13, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] 4 times, ch 1, sk 1 ch, sc dec in next 2 chs, turn. *(5 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 4 times, turn. *(5 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and last sc, turn. Fasten off amethyst. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 4: Join royal in first st, ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, turn. *(3 sc)*

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and last sc, turn. *(1 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp, fasten off. *(1 sc)*

MOTIF D

Row 1: Rep row 1 of Diamond. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across, turn. *(11 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to last ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. Fasten off amethyst. *(9 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 4: Join royal in first st, rep row 2. *(9 sc)*

Row 5: Rep row 3. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 6: Rep row 2. Fasten off royal. *(7 sc)*

Row 7: Join paddy green in first st, rep row 3. *(5 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 8: Rep row 2. *(5 sc)*

Row 9: Rep row 3. Fasten off paddy green. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, rep row 2. *(3 sc)*

Row 11: Rep row 3. *(1 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 12: Rep row 2, fasten off. *(1 sc)*

MOTIF E

Rows 1–5: Rep rows 1–5 of Diamond. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in first ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] across, turn. Fasten off royal. *(11 sc)*

Row 7: Join paddy green in first st, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in last ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. *(9 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 8: Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in last ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. *(8 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 9: Rep row 8. Fasten off paddy green. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, rep row 8. *(6 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 11: Rep row 8.

Row 12: Rep row 8. Fasten off bright yellow. *(4 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, rep row 8. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 14: Rep row 8. *(2 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and last sc, turn. Fasten off vibrant orange. *(1 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 16: Join hot red in first st, ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp, fasten off. *(1 sc)*

MOTIF F

Rows 1–11: Rep rows 1–11 of Diamond. *(11 sc, 11 ch-1 sps, 1 sc dec)*

Row 12: Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. Fasten off bright yellow. *(10 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, rep row 12. *(9 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 14: Rep row 12. *(8 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 15: Rep row 12. Fasten off vibrant orange. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 16: Join hot red in first st, rep row 12. *(6 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 17: Rep row 12. *(5 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 18: Rep row 12. Fasten off hot red. *(4 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 19: Join amethyst in first st, rep row 12. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 20: Rep row 12. *(2 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 21: Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and next sc, fasten off.

MOTIF G

Row 1: With amethyst, ch 17, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] 6 times, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 chs, turn. *(7 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 2: Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across, ending with sc in last sc, turn. *(8 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 2, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across, ending with sc in last sc, turn. Fasten off amethyst. *(6 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 4: Join royal in first st, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 6 times, sc in next ch-2 sp, turn. *(7 sc)*

Row 5: Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to last ch-1 sp, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. *(5 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 6: Ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across, ending with sc in ch-2 sp, turn. Fasten off royal. *(6 sc)*

Row 7: Join paddy green in first st, rep row 5. *(4 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 8: Rep row 6. *(5 sc)*

Row 9: Rep row 5. Fasten off paddy green. *(3 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 10: Join bright yellow in first st, rep row 6. *(4 sc)*

Row 11: Rep row 5. *(2 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 12: Rep row 6. Fasten off bright yellow. *(3 sc)*

Row 13: Join vibrant orange in first st, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc dec in next ch-1 sp and next sc, turn. *(1 sc, 1 sc dec)*

Row 14: Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-2 sp, turn. *(2 sc)*

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in next sc, fasten off. *(1 sc)*

MOTIF H

Note: *Rep Motif E in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

Rows 13–15: Royal.

Row 16: Amethyst.

MOTIF I

Note: *Rep Motif D in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

MOTIF J

Note: *Rep Motif B in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

Rows 13–15: Royal.

Rows 16–18: Amethyst.

MOTIF K

Note: *Rep Motif C in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

MOTIF L

Note: *Rep Motif A in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

Rows 13–15: Royal.

Rows 16–18: Amethyst.

MOTIF M

Note: *Rep Motif G in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

Rows 13–15: Royal.

MOTIF N

Note: *Rep Motif F in the following color sequence.*

Rows 1–3: Hot red.

Rows 4–6: Vibrant orange.

Rows 7–9: Bright yellow.

Rows 10–12: Paddy green.

Rows 13–15: Royal.

Rows 16–18: Amethyst.

Rows 19–21: Hot red.

ASSEMBLY

Following Assembly Diagram, sew Motifs A–N to Throw.

BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): Join 2 strands of bright yellow in any corner, ch 1, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in corner st, ch 1, sk 1 st, [sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st] across edge to next corner, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Sl st in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across edge to next corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 4: Sl st in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(**twisted sc**—*see Special Stitch*, ch 2, twisted sc) in corner ch-2 sp, twisted sc in each ch-1 sp across to next corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around, join in beg twisted sc, fasten off. CW

Biker Blanket

Design by Michele Maks

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
48 x 60 inches

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand Vanna's Choice medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/170 yds/100g per ball): 8 balls #153 true black
- Lion Brand Vanna's Glamour fine (sport) weight yarn (1¾ oz/202 yds/50g per ball): 5 balls #150 platinum
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE
6 dc = 2 inches; 9 sc = 3 inches; 5 dc rows = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Afghan is made in 2 Panels with Bobbled Sections worked on the side.

Work sport weight yarn with 2 strands held together throughout.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise indicated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Bobble: Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw lp through, (yo, insert hook in same st, yo, draw lp through) twice, yo, draw through all 7 lps on hook.

AFGHAN

PANEL

Make 2.

Row 1: Holding 2 strands platinum tog, ch 53, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. *(52 sts)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across with platinum, **changing colors** *(see Stitch Guide)* to black at end of row, turn.

Rows 3–22: Ch 3, dc in each st across with black, changing to platinum at end of last row, turn.

Rows 23 & 24: With platinum, ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 25–113: [Rep rows 3–24 consecutively] 4 times. Fasten off.

LEFT BOBBLED SIDE SECTION

Row 1: With 2 strands platinum held tog, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* yarn at top left-hand side of 1 Panel, work 161 sc evenly sp along side of Panel, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, changing to black, turn.

Rows 3–5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 6 (WS): Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, [with platinum, **bobble** *(see Special Stitch)* in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc with black] across to last 2 sts, sc in each of last 2 sc with black.

Rows 7–9: Ch 1, sc in each st across.

Rows 10–21: [Rep rows 6–9 consecutively] 3 times. Fasten off black.

Row 22 (RS): With 2 strands platinum held tog, join with sl st in first st of row 21, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, and in each rem st across, turn.

Row 23: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Work first row of Left Bobbled Side Section on left-hand side of rem Panel.

RIGHT BOBBLED SIDE SECTION

Note: *Work Right Bobbled Side Section on right-hand side of each Panel.*

Row 1: With 2 strands platinum held tog, join yarn at bottom right-hand side of Panel, work 161 sc evenly sp along side of Panel, turn.

Rows 2–23: Rep rows 2–23 of Left Bobbled Side Section.

ASSEMBLY

Holding last row of 1 Right Bobbled Side Section against Panel with only first row of Left Bobbled Side Section, with 2 strands platinum held tog, sl st in each st across.

TOP EDGING

With RS facing, with 2 strands platinum held tog, join yarn at top right, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc evenly sp across top of Afghan, fasten off.

BOTTOM EDGING

With platinum, attach yarn at bottom beg ch edge with RS facing, sc evenly across bottom ch edge. **Do not fasten off**.

CHAIN EDGING

Turn Afghan to work up edge, [ch 4, sk next 3 sc, sl st in next st] around. Fasten off. CW

Metallic yarn turns bobbles into studs and stripes into chrome trim. Simple stitches make it an easy ride.

Granny's Color Palette

Design by Martha Brooks Stein

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
52 x 66 inches

MATERIALS
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
  - 2712 yds black
  - 13 yds in each of the following:
    - 13 shades of purple (169 yds total)
    - 13 shades of red (169 yds total)
    - 13 shades of yellow (169 yds total)
    - 13 shades of green (169 yds total)
    - 11 shades of blue (143 yds total)
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Motif = 2¾ inches square.

PATTERN NOTE

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

AFGHAN

MOTIF

Make 248 black & 2 in each shade of each color.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Note)*, 2 dc in ring, [ch 2, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, forming last ch sp.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in ch sp just made, [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp] 3 times, ch 1, 3 dc in same ch sp as beg ch-3, ch 2, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, sew 2 Motifs of same color tog and then sew Motifs tog according to Assembly Diagram.

BORDER

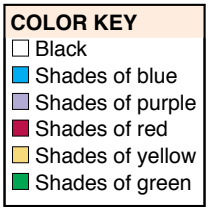
Rnd 1: Working around outer edge and in back lps, join black with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same ch sp, *[sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in next ch sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in next ch sp, sk seam, sc in ch sp of next Motif] across to next corner ch sp**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in first ch sp worked in, join with hdc in beg sc, forming last ch sp.

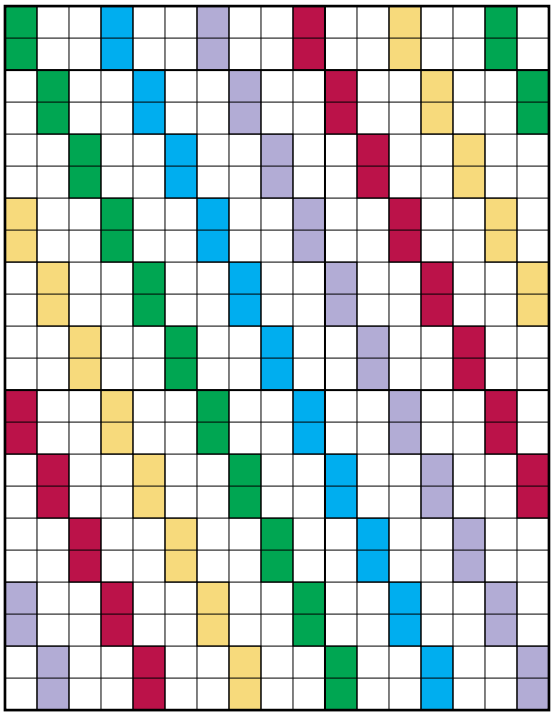
Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in ch sp just made, ch 1, *[sk next st, sc in next st, ch 1] across to corner ch sp, sk st before corner if needed**, (sc, ch 3, sc) in corner ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in first ch sp worked in, join with dc in beg sc, forming last ch sp.

Rnd 3: Ch 6 *(counts as first dc and ch-3)* in ch sp just made, dc in same ch sp, *(dc, ch 2, dc) in each ch-1 sp across to next corner**, (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 3, dc) in corner ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, dc in first corner ch sp worked in, join with dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-6, forming last ch sp.

Rnd 4: Ch 7 *(counts as first dc and ch-4),* dc in same ch sp, (dc, ch 4, dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch sp, *(dc, ch 3, dc) in each ch-2 sp across to next corner**, (dc, ch 4, dc, ch 4, dc) in each of next 2 ch-3 sps in corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, dc in first ch sp worked in, join with tr in 3rd ch of beg ch-7, forming last ch sp.

Rnd 5: Ch 7, dc in same ch sp, (dc, ch 4, dc) in each ch sp around, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7. Fasten off. CW





Granny's Color Palette
Assembly Diagram

Granny squares are made new by using a strong graphic play of black and bright colors.

Spiral Lapghan

Design by Pauline Turner

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENT
41 inches in diameter

MATERIALS
- Premier Dream medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/213 yds/99g per ball):
  3 balls each #24-216 baby fern and #24-225 navy
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
7 dc = 2 inches; rnds 1–5 = 5½ inches across

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

LAPGHAN

Rnd 1: With baby fern, ch 6, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in beg ch to form ring, (sl st, sc, hdc, 3 dc) in first half of ring, drop lp from hook and place marker in lp, join navy in ring, (sl st, sc, hdc, 3 dc) in 2nd half of ring, place lp in marker on hook. *(6 baby fern sts, 6 navy sts)*

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, drop lp from hook and move marker below to dropped lp, place baby fern lp on hook, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, move marker below to lp on hook. *(12 baby fern sts, 12 navy sts)*

Rnd 3: [Dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, drop lp from hook, move marker below to dropped lp, place navy lp on hook, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, move marker below to lp on hook. *(18 navy dc, 18 baby fern dc)*

Rnd 4: [Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, drop lp from hook, place marker below in dropped lp, place baby fern lp on hook, [dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, move marker from below to lp on hook. *(24 baby fern dc, 24 navy dc)*

Rnd 5: Dc in each st across to next marked st with 2 dc in 2nd dc of each inc, drop lp from hook, move marker below to dropped lp, place next color on hook, dc in each st across to next marker with 2 dc in 2nd st of each inc, move marker below to lp on hook. *(30 sts of each color)*

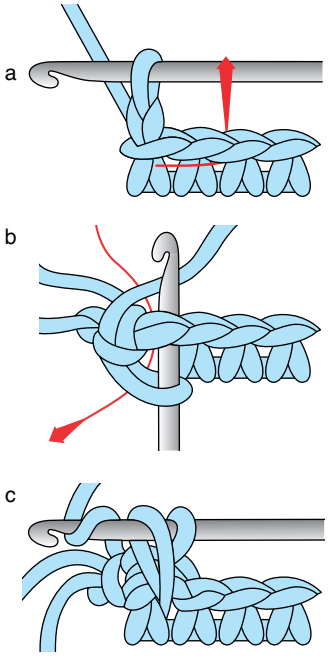
Next rnds: Rep rnd 5 until there are 240 sts of each color, drop navy from hook.

Next rnd: Place baby fern lp on hook, dc in next st, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in each of next 3 sts. Fasten off baby fern.

Next rnd: Place navy lp on hook, dc in each st around with 2 dc in 2nd st of each inc.

Next rnd: Hdc in next st, sc in each st around, join in first hdc.

Last rnd: Working from left to right, ch 1, **reverse sc** *(see illustration)* in each st around, join in beg sc. Fasten off. CW



Reverse Single Crochet

Life spiraling out of control? Relax and go with the flow under this spiral throw.

Labors of Love

Some projects are monumental works of either time or ability or both. These types are the designs we choose to enter into the county fair or for a special event like a wedding or anniversary. The extra effort we put forth keeps our crochet heritage alive for future generations, allowing us to express our love and skill for the benefit of those who will remember us by our handiwork.

Purple Passion

Design by Susan Solakian

Whether you choose the muliticolored version, or just go with one color, the texture in this afghan will show off your passion for crochet!

SKILL LEVEL

EXPERIENCED

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

43 x 56 inches

MATERIALS

Muliticolored Option:

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/198g per skein):
  4 skeins #668 honeydew *(A)*
  2 skeins each #358 lavender *(B)* and #624 tea leaf *(C)*
  1 skein #356 amethyst *(D)*

4 MEDIUM

Solid-Color Option:

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/198g per skein:
  8 skeins color of choice
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

4 sc = 1 inch; Flower Square = 2½ inches

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Bullion stitch (bullion st): Yo 10 times loosely, insert hook in indicated st, pull up lp, yo, pull through all lps on hook, ch 1.

Popcorn (pc): 4 dc in indicated sp, remove hook from 4th dc, insert hook from back to front through first dc into 4th dc, pull up lp, ch 1.

Puff stitch (puff st): (Yo, pull up lp) 3 times in indicated st, yo, pull through all lps on hook, ch 2.

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Leaving last lp of each st on hook, tr in each indicated st or sp, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Double treble crochet decrease (dtr dec): *Yo 3 times, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yo, draw lp through, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, rep from * once, yo draw through 3 lps on hook.

Front post single crochet (fpsc): Insert hook from front to back to front again around the vertical post (upright part) of next st, yo, draw lp through, yo and complete sc.

AFGHAN

MULTICOLORED OPTION

FLOWER SQUARE TRIO

Make 48.

Square 1

Solid-Color Option Note: *Ch 1, turn at end of rnds. Fasten off at end of rnd 3 on all 3 Squares.*

Rnd 1: With D, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook form ring, ch 1, 12 sc in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in first sc. Fasten off. *(12 sc)*

Rnd 2: Join B in any sc, ch 1, **puff st** *(see Special Stitches)* in same st as beg ch-1, [ch 1, puff st in next sc] around, join in beg puff st. Fasten off. *(12 puff sts)*

Rnd 3: Join A in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-1 sp, *[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off. *(16 sc, 16 ch sps)*

Square 2

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 and 2 of Square 1.

Rnd 3 (joining rnd): Join A in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1, sl st in any ch-2 sp on Square 1, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, *[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Square 3

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 and 2 of Square 1.

Rnd 3 (joining rnd): Join A in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1, sl st in ch-2 sp opposite Square 1 and Square 2 join, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, *[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends from all Squares.

AFGHAN BLOCK

Make 48.

First Half

Row 1: Holding Flower Square Trio RS facing, join C with sl st in ch-2 sp opposite Square joining, ch 1, sc in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, *hdc in next sc, **dc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next ch-1 sp and next st, **tr dec** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-1 sp and next st, **dtr dec** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-1 sp and next st, sk next 2 ch-2 sps, dtr dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, tr dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, dc dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**, sl st in next ch-2 sp, rep from * once, ending last rep at **, sc in last ch-2 sp, do not turn. Fasten off.

Row 2: Join A first sc of row 1, ch 1, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in same sc as beg ch-1 and in next st, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, [**bullion st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sc in next st] across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

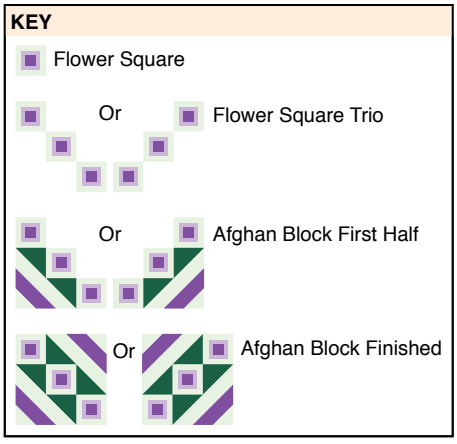
Row 4: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts. Fasten off.

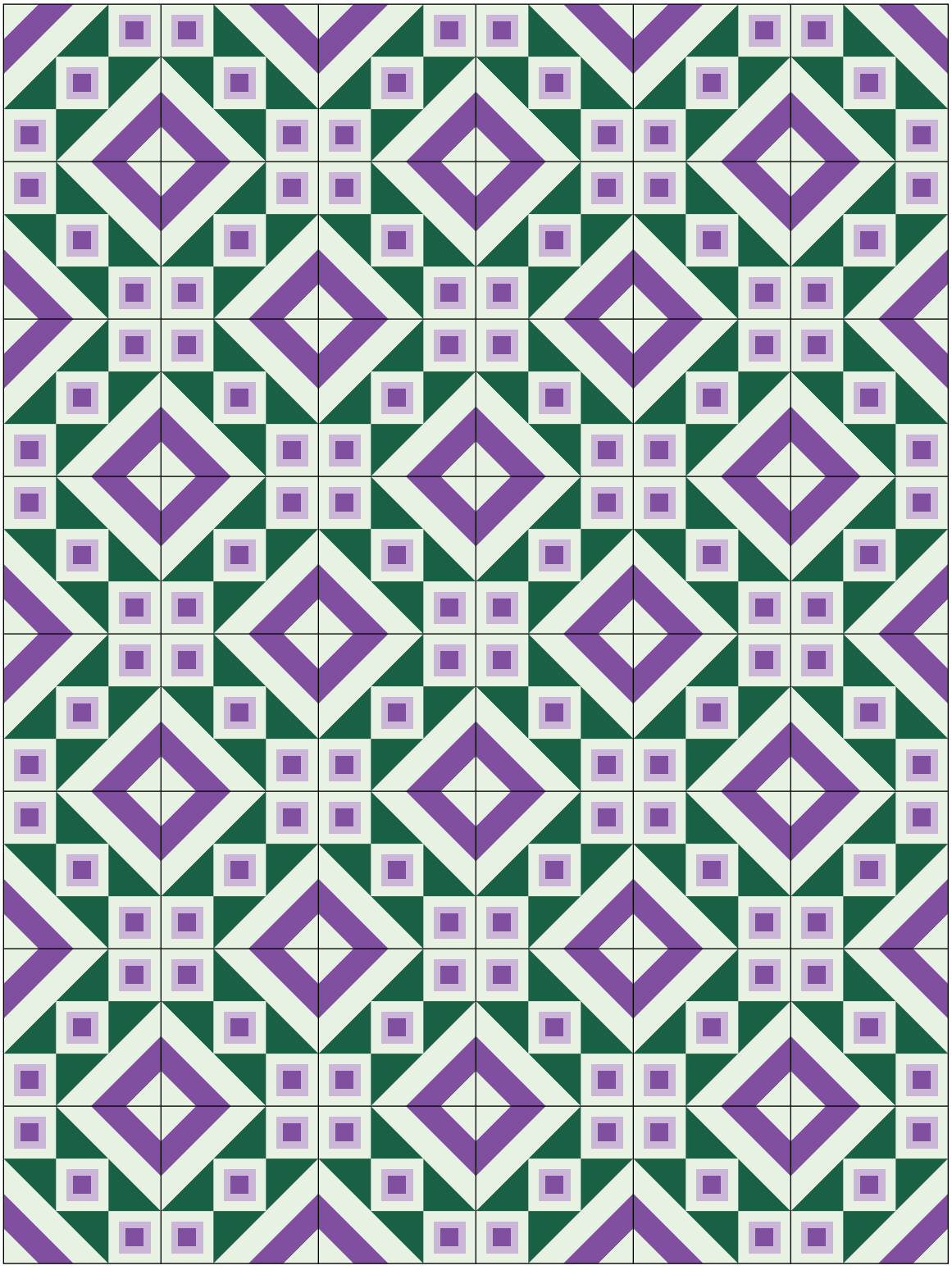
Row 5: Join D in first st of row 4, ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. Fasten off.

Row 7: Join A in last sc of row 6, ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Row 8: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.





Purple Passion
Assembly Diagram

Row 9: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, **pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Row 10: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in last st, turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc dec in 2 sts. Fasten off.

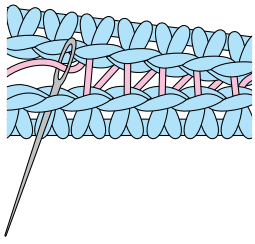
2nd Half

Row 1: Join C in corner opposite last st in row 1 of First Half, ch 1, sc in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, *hdc in next sc, dc dec in next ch-1 sp and next st, tr dec in next ch-1 sp and next st, dtr dec in next ch-1 sp and next st, sk next 2 ch-2 sps, dtr dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, tr dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, dc dec in next st and next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**, sl st in next ch-2 sp, rep from * once, ending last rep at **, sc in last ch-2 sp, do not turn. Fasten off.

Rows 2–11: Rep rows 2–11 of First Half.

FINISHING

With RS facing, arrange 4 Afghan Blocks into 1 larger block with row 11 at center, using A, **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of 4 blocks tog as shown in Assembly Diagram.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

RIDGE ROUNDS

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join C around post of first st of row 1 of Afghan Block, working around each st from row 1 of assembled Blocks, **fpsc** *(see Special Stitches)* around each st around, join in first fpsc. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join C around post of first st of row 4 of Afghan Block, working around each st from row 4 of assembled Blocks, fpsc around each st around, join in first fpsc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join C around post of first st of row 6 of Afghan Block, working around each st from row 6 of assembled Blocks, fpsc around each st around, join in first fpsc. Fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join C in any st, ch 1, sc in same st and in end of each row, in each ch-1 sp, and in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner, join in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in 2nd sc of each 3-sc corner group, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join A in any sc, ch 1, hdc in each sc around, working 3 hdc in 2nd sc of each 3-sc corner group, join in first hdc, **turn**.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in each hdc around, working 3 sc in 2nd hdc of each 3-hdc corner group, join in first sc, **do not turn**.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sl st in each sc around, join in first sl st. Fasten off.

Rnd 6: With RS facing, join C around post of first st of row 2 of Border, working around each st in rnd 2, fpsc around each st around, join in first fpsc. Fasten off. Weave in yarn end.

SOLID-COLOR OPTION

Work same as Multicolored Option. Sk color change instructions. Work with same color throughout. CW

Squares & Ripples

Design by Susan Solakian

Which end is up? It doesn't matter with this one!

SKILL LEVEL

EXPERIENCED

FINISHED MEASUREMENT

48 inches diameter

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  3 skeins #316 soft white *(MC)*
  1 skein each #505 Aruba sea *(A)* and #668 honeydew *(B)*
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

4 sc = 1 inch; 3 Ripple rows = 1 inch
Small Square = 3 inches square;
Large Square = 4 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise indicated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning popcorn (beg pc): Ch 3, 3 dc in same st or sp as beg ch-3, drop lp from hook, insert hook from front to back in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, pick up dropped lp, pull lp through, ch 1.

Popcorn (pc): 4 dc in same st, drop lp from hook, insert hook from front to back in first dc, pick up dropped lp, pull lp through, ch 1.

AFGHAN

FLOWER

Make 48.

Rnd 1: With A, ch 5, sl st in 5th ch from hook to form ring, **beg pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in ring, 7 **pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in ring. Fasten off.

SMALL SQUARE

Make 24.

Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* B in any ch-1 sp on Flower, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp as beg ch-3, *2 dc in next ch-1 sp**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 2 (RS): Join MC with sc in any corner ch-2 sp, sc in same

corner ch-2 sp, *[sc between next 2 dc] 5 times**, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, 2 sc, ch 2 in same corner ch-2 sp as join, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3 (RS): Join B in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sc as join, *[sc in sp between next 2 sc] 8 times**, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, join in first sc of first 3-sc group. Fasten off.

LARGE SQUARE

Make 24.

Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, join B in any ch-1 sp on Flower, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp as beg ch-3, *2 dc in next ch-1 sp**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

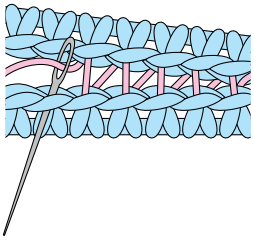
Rnd 2 (RS): Join MC with sc in any corner ch-2 sp, sc in same corner ch-2 sp, *[sc between next 2 dc] 5 times**, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, 2 sc, ch 2 in same corner ch-2 sp as join, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3 (RS): Join B in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same ch-2 sp as join, *[dc in sp between next 2 sc] 8 times**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 4 (RS): Join MC in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same ch-2 sp as join, *[sc between next 2 dc] 11 times**, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, rep from * 4 times, ending last rep at **, join in first sc of beg 3-sc group. Fasten off.

CENTER BLOCK

With RS facing, **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of 4 Small Squares tog as shown in Assembly Diagram.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

SINGLE SMALL RIPPLE

Row 1 (RS): Working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, join MC with sc in center sc of joined 3-sc group of 1 Small Square used to assemble Center Block, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to center sc of next joined-3 sc group, sc in joined sc, turn. *(1 3-sc corner, 22 sc)*

Row 2: Working in back lps, ch 1, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 sts, sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Rows 3–13: Rep row 2. Fasten off MC.

Rep Single Small Ripple on each rem Small Square used to assemble Center Block for a total of 4 Single Small Ripples.

Whipstitch 1 Large Square between 2 Single Small Ripples according to Assembly Diagram.

SINGLE LARGE RIPPLE

Row 1 (RS): Working in back lps, join MC with sc of center sc of joined 3-sc group of 1 Large Square joined between 2 Single Small Ripples, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to center sc of next joined-3 sc group, sc in joined sc, turn. *(1 3-sc corner, 28 sc)*

Row 2: Working in back lps, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Rows 3–13: Rep row 2. Fasten off MC.

Rep Single Large Ripple on rem corner of each Large Square joined between 2 Single Small Ripples for a total of 4 Single Large Ripples.

Whipstitch 2 Small Squares between Single Large Ripples and Single Small Ripples as shown in Assembly Diagram.

2-POINT MULTIPLE SMALL RIPPLE

Row 1 (RS): Working in back lps, join MC with sc of center sc of joined 3-sc group of 1 Small Square joined between Single Large Ripples and Single Small Ripples, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across to sp where 2 Small Squares are whipstitched tog, sk next sp, sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to center sc of next joined-3 sc group, sc in joined sc, turn.

Row 2: Working in back lps, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, *sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc**, sc in each of next 11 sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * once, ending last rep at ** sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Rows 3–13: Rep row 2. Fasten off MC.

Rep 2-Point Multiple Small Ripple on rem corners of Small Squares joined between Single Small Ripples and Single Large

Ripples for a total of four 2-Point Multiple Small Ripples.

Whipstitch 2 Large Squares between 2-Point Multiple Small Ripples and Single Large Ripples as shown in Assembly Diagram.

2-POINT MULTIPLE LARGE RIPPLE

Row 1 (RS): Working in back lps, join MC with sc of center sc of joined 3-sc group of 1 Large Square joined between Single Large Ripple and 2-Point Multiple Small Ripple, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across to sp where 2 Small Squares are whipstitched tog, sk next sp, sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc across to center sc of next joined-3 sc group, sc in joined sc, turn.

Row 2: Working in back lps, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, *sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc**, sc in each of next 13 sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * once, ending last rep at ** sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Rows 3–13: Rep row 2. Fasten off MC.

Rep 2-Point Multiple Large Ripple on rem corners of Large Squares joined between 2-Point Multiple Small Ripples and Single Large Ripples for a total of four 2-Point Multiple Large Ripples.

Whipstitch 3 Small Squares between 2-Point Multiple Small Ripples and 2-Point Multiple Large Ripples as shown in Assembly Diagram.

3-POINT MULTIPLE SMALL RIPPLE

Row 1 (RS): Working in back lps, join MC with sc of center sc of joined 3-sc group of 1 Small Square joined between 2-Point Multiple Large Ripple and 2-Point Multiple Small Ripple, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, *sc in each sc across to sp where 2 Small Squares are whipstitched tog, sk next sp, sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, rep from * once, sc in each rem sc across to center sc of next joined-3 sc group, sc in joined sc, turn.

Row 2: Working in back lps, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, *sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc**, sc in each of next 11 sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * twice, ending last rep at ** sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

Rows 3–13: Rep row 2. Fasten off MC.

Rep 3-Point Multiple Small Ripple on rem corners of Small Squares joined between 2-Point Multiple Small Ripples and 2-Point Multiple Large Ripples for a total of four 3-Point Multiple Small Ripples.

Whipstitch 3 Large Squares between 3-Point Multiple Small Ripples and 2-Point Multiple Large Ripples as shown in Assembly Diagram.

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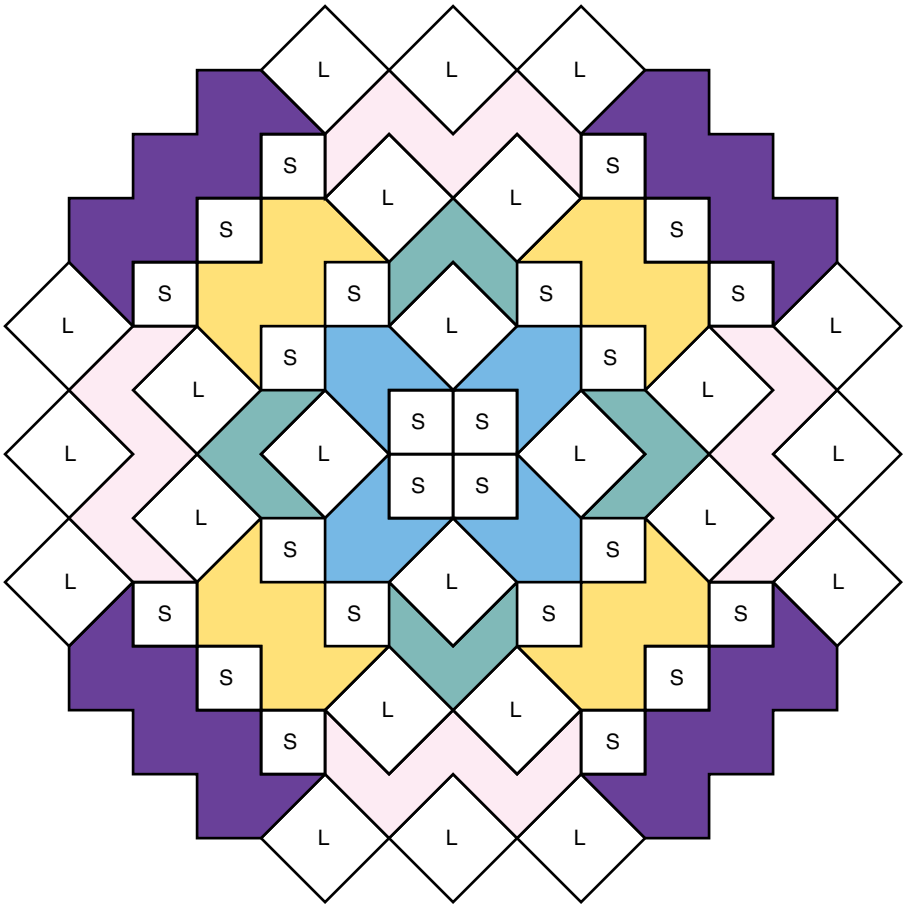
KEY
- S Small Square
- L Large Square
- Single Small Ripple
- Single Large Ripple
- 2-Point Multiple Large Ripple
- 2-Point Multiple Small Ripple
- 3-Point Multiple Small Ripple



Squares & Ripples
Assembly Diagram

Aran Strips

Design by Monica Costello

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
50 x 60 inches

MATERIALS
- Patons Decor medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/208 yds/100g per skein):
  17 balls #87602 Aran
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
7 sc = 1¾ inches; 4 sc rows = 1 inches

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Bobble: Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw lp through, (yo, insert hook in same st, yo, draw lp through) 3 times, yo, draw through all 9 lps on hook.

AFGHAN

PANEL A

Make 8.

Row 1: Ch 16, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. *(15 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of first 7 sts, **bobble** *(see Special Stitch)* in next st, sc in each of last 7 sts, turn. *(14 sc, 1 bobble)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 6 sts, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in each of last 6 sts, turn. *(13 sc, 2 bobbles)*

Row 5: Rep row 3.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each of first 5 sts, bobble in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, bobble in next st, sc in each of last 5 sts, turn. *(13 sc, 2 bobbles)*

Row 7: Rep row 3.

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each of first 4 sts, bobble in next st, sc in each of next 5 sts, bobble in next st, sc in each of last 4 sts, turn. *(13 sc, 2 bobbles)*

Row 9: Rep row 3.

Row 10: Rep row 6. *(13 sc, 2 bobbles)*

Row 11: Rep row 3.

Row 12: Rep row 4.

Row 13: Rep row 3.

Rows 14–279: [Rep rows 2–13 consecutively] 25 times, ending last rep with row 3. At end of last row, fasten off.

PANEL B

Make 7.

Row 1: Ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. *(9 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of first 4 sts, bobble in next st, sc in each of last 4 sts, turn. *(8 sc, 1 bobble)*

Rows 3–5: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 6–279: [Rep rows 2–5 consecutively] 91 times, ending last rep with row 3. At end of last row, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Holding 1 Panel A and 1 Panel B WS tog with Panel A facing you, matching ends of rows and working through both thicknesses, join with sl st in end of first row, sl st in end of each row across, fasten off.

Rep Assembly alternating rem Panels.

BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, and working around outer edge, join with sc in first st on last row of right outside Panel, ch 1, 2 sc in same st *(corner)*, sc in each of next 13 sts, sk last st on this Panel, sk next seam, sc in each of next center 7 sts on next Panel, sk next seam, [sc in each of next center 13 sts on next Panel, sk next seam, sc in each of next center 7 sts on next Panel, sk next seam] across to last Panel, sk first st on last Panel, sc in each of next 13 sts, 3 sc in last st *(corner)*, *working in ends of rows, sc in each of first 7 rows, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 rows, sc in each of next 2 rows, sc dec in next 2 rows, [sc in next row, sc dec in next 2 rows, sc in each of next 2 rows, sc dec in next 2 rows] 31 times, sc in each of last 7 rows*, working in starting ch on opposite side of row 1, 3 sc in first ch *(corner)*, sc in each of next 13 chs, sk last ch on this Panel, sk next seam, sc in each of next center 7 chs on next Panel, sk next seam [sc in each of next center 13 chs on next Panel, sk next seam, sc in each of next center 7 chs on next Panel, sk

Patterned strips make this intricate project portable.

next seam] across to last Panel, sk first ch on last Panel, sc in each of next 13 chs, 3 sc in last ch *(corner)*, rep between **, sc in same st as first st, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in first sc, turn. *(four 3-sc corners, 153 sc across top and bottom, 173 sc across left and right sides; 664 sc total)*

Rnds 2–5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st around with 3 sc in center sc of each corner, sc in same st as first sc, join in first sc, **turn**.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, *sc in each of next 3 sts, bobble in next st, rep from * across to next 2nd sc of next corner **, 3 sc in next corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in same st as first sc, join in first sc, turn.

Rnds 7–10: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st around with 3 sc in 2nd sc of each corner, sc in same st as first sc, join in first sc, turn.

Rnd 11: Sl st in each of first 4 sts, *[(sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in each of next 4 sts] 37 times, sl st in each of next 5 sc, rep between [ ] 34 times, sl st in each of next 4 sts, rep between [ ] 37 times, sl st in each of next 6 sts, rep between [ ] 34 times, join in first sl st. Fasten off. CW

Crystal Beauty Afghan

Design by Carol Alexander

SKILL LEVEL
EXPERIENCED

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
43 x 61 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/ 190 yds/99g per skein):
  7 skeins #1 white
  4 skeins #818 blue jewel
- Red Heart Fiesta medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 316 yds/170g per skein):
  2 skeins #6341 millennium
- Sizes F/5/3.75mm and G/6/4mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread
- 6mm white pearl craft beads: 59

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size G hook: Rnds 1 and 2 = 1¾ inches in diameter; Motif = 8¾ inches in diameter

PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of V-stitch rows or rounds count as first half double crochet and chain-1 unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of shell rows or rounds count as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Chain-4 at beginning of treble crochet rows or rounds count as first treble crochet unless otherwise stated.

Chain-5 at beginning of treble crochet rows or rounds count as first treble crochet and chain-1 unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning V-stitch (beg V-st): Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, hdc in same st.

V-stitch (V-st): (Hdc, ch 1, hdc) in place indicated.

Double treble crochet cluster (dtr cl): Holding back last lp of each st on hook, 2 **dtr** *(see Stitch Guide)* in place indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Triple picot: [Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook] 3 times.

Beginning corner shell (beg corner shell): Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in same st.

Corner shell: (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in place indicated.

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in place indicated.

Beginning corner scallop (beg corner scallop): Ch 5 *(see Pattern Notes)*, ({tr, ch 1} 3 times, tr) in same ch sp.

Corner scallop: ({Tr, ch 1} 4 times, tr) as indicated.

Scallop: ({Dc, ch 1} twice, dc) as indicated.

Double crochet cluster (dc cl): Holding back last lp of each st on hook, 2 dc as indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Joining picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1, sl st in ch-3 sp of corresponding Motif, ch 1, sl st in first ch from hook, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

AFGHAN

FIRST MOTIF

Rnd 1: With size G hook and blue jewel, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, working over beg end, [sc in ring, ch 1] 8 times, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in beg sc. Fasten off. *(8 sc, 8 ch sps)*

Pull end to close ring.

With sewing needle and sewing thread, sew bead to center.

Rnd 2: Join millennium with sl st in any ch-1 sp, **beg V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in same ch sp, **V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in each ch-1 sp around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(8 V-sts)*

Rnd 3: Join white with sl st in sp between any 2 V-sts, *ch 4, (**dtr**— *see Stitch Guide*, **dtr cl**— *see Special Stitches*, **triple picot**—*see Special Stitches*, sl st in top of dtr cl, dtr) in ch sp of next V-st, ch 4**, sl st in sp between next 2 V-sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sl st. Fasten off. *(8 petals)*

Rnd 4: Join blue jewel with sl st in back of any dtr cl, ch 7, [sl st in back of next dtr cl, ch 7] around, join in beg sl st.

Rnd 5: Sl st in first ch-7 sp, **ch 4** *(see Pattern Notes)*, tr in same ch sp, catching **back lp** *(see Stitch Guide)* of last dtr of petal, 4 tr in same ch sp, catching back lp of first dtr of next petal with 4th of these trs, tr in same ch sp, ch 2, [7 tr in next ch-7 sp, catching back lp of last dtr of same petal with 2nd of these tr and catching back lp of first dtr of next petal

with 6th tr, ch 2] 7 times, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4. *(56 tr)*

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in each of first 7 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, *working over same ch-2 sp, sc in center picot of triple picot, sc in same ch-2 sp *(corner)***, sc in each st across to next ch-2 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. Fasten off. *(80 sc)*

Rnd 7: Join millennium with sl st in corner center sc, **beg corner shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in same st, *sk next st, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next st**, **corner shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 8: With size F hook, join white with sl st in any ch-3 sp, **beg corner scallop** *(see Special Stitches)* in same ch sp, *(dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, **scallop** *(see Special Stitches)* in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc**, **corner scallop** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-5. Fasten off.

2ND MOTIF

Rnds 1–7: Rep rnds 1–7 of First Motif.

Rnd 8: With size F hook, join white with sl st in any ch-3 sp, beg corner scallop in same ch sp,

Make the winter holidays more festive with this delicate rendition of snowflakes.

(dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, scallop in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, work following steps to complete rnd:

A. ({Tr, ch 1} twice, tr) in next ch-3 sp, drop lp from hook, insert hook in center tr of corresponding corner scallop on previous Motif, pull lp through, (ch 1, tr) twice in same ch-3 sp;

B. (Dc, ch 1, sl st in corresponding ch-3 sp on previous Motif, ch 1, dc) in next sc;

C. (Dc, ch 1, dc, drop lp from hook, insert hook in center dc of corresponding scallop on previous Motif, pull lp through, ch 1, dc) in ch sp of next shell;

D. (Dc, ch 1, sl st in corresponding ch-3 sp on previous Motif, ch 1, dc) in next sc;

E. ({Tr, ch 1} twice, tr) in next ch-3 sp, drop lp from hook, insert hook in center tr of corresponding corner scallop on previous Motif, pull lp through, (ch 1, tr) twice in next ch-3 sp;

F. *(Dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, scallop in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc**, corner scallop in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-5. Fasten off.

3RD MOTIF

Rnds 1–7: Rep rnds 1–7 of First Motif.

Rnd 8: With size F hook, join white with sl st in any ch-3 sp, beg corner scallop in same ch sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, scallop in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, work following step to complete rnd:

A. ({Tr, ch 1} twice, tr) in next ch-3 sp, drop lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding tr on previous Motif, pull lp through, (ch 1, tr) twice in same ch-3 sp;

B. (Dc, ch 1, sl st in corresponding ch-3 sp on previous Motif, ch 1, dc) in next sc;

C. (Dc, ch 1, dc, drop lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding dc on previous Motif, pull lp through, ch 1, dc) in ch sp of next shell;

D. (Dc, ch 1, sl st in corresponding ch-3 sp on previous Motif, ch 1, dc) in next sc;

E. ({Tr, ch 1} twice, tr) in next ch-3 sp, drop lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding tr on previous Motif, pull lp through, (ch 1, tr) twice in same ch-3 sp;

F. (Dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, scallop in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc;

G. Rep steps A–E;

H. *(Dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, scallop in ch sp of next shell, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc**, corner scallop in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-5. Fasten off.

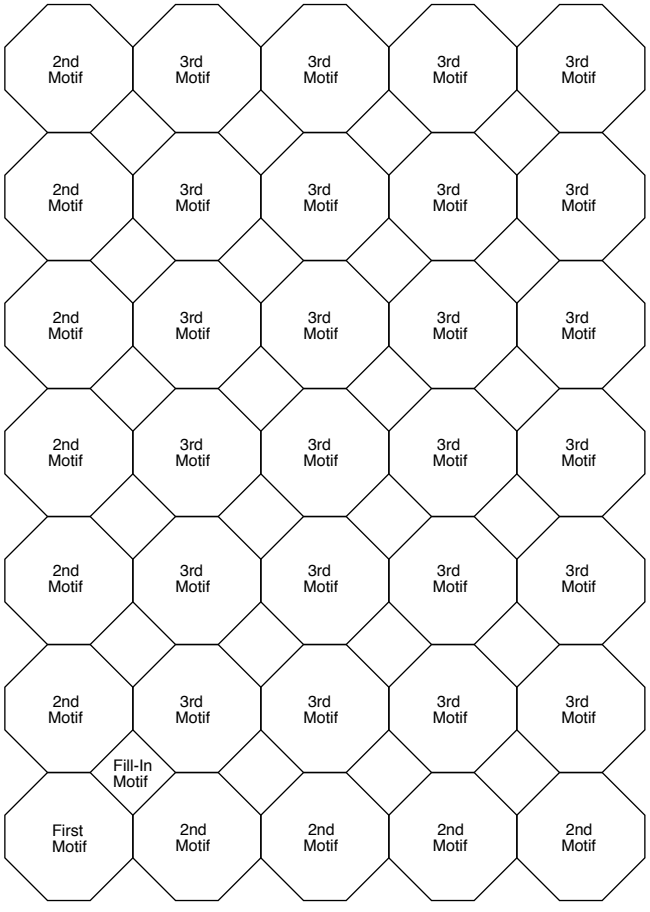
Make 35 total Motifs according to Assembly Diagram.

FILL-IN MOTIF

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 & 2 of First Motif.

Rnd 3: Join white with sl st in sp between any 2 V-sts, *(ch 2, dc, **dc cl**—*see Special Stitches*, **joining picot**—*see Special Stitches*, sl st in top of dc cl, dc) in ch sp of next V-st, ch 2**, sl st in sp between next 2 V-sts, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sl st. Fasten off.

Work Fill-In Motif in sps between Motifs. CW



Crystal Beauty Afghan
Assembly Diagram

Scandinavian Granny

Design by Michele Maks

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
45 inches x 51½ inches, excluding edging

MATERIALS
- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (16 oz/835 yds/438g per skein):
  2 skeins #312 black
  1 skein #311 white
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook or size to obtain required gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
16 sts = 5 inches; basic Snowflake Square = 4½ inches square

PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Chain-5 picot (ch-5 picot): Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, ch 3.

Chain-3 picot (ch-3 picot): Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1.

Picot loop single crochet (picot lp sc): Pick up picot lp from rnd 2, sc through picot lp into indicated st or sp.

AFGHAN

SNOWFLAKE SQUARE

Make 60.

Rnd 1: With white, ch 3, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in 3rd ch from hook to form ring, ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, 2 dc in ring, *ch 3, 3 dc in ring, rep from * 3 times, ch 3, join in third ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: [**Ch-5 picot** *(see Special Stitches)*, sk next dc, sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch-5 picot, sl st in same ch-3 sp, sl st in next dc] 4 times. Fasten off white.

Rnd 3: Working behind rnd 2 in ch-3 sps and in sk sts of rnd 1, join black in any sk dc on rnd 1, ch 3, 2 dc in same dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp on rnd 1, [sk next dc, 3 dc in next sk dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same place as join, **picot lp sc** *(see Special Stitches)* in next dc from rnd 3, sc in each of next 3 dc, *(2 sc, picot lp sc, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**, sc in each of next 3 sc around, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in each of last 2 sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in each of next 6 sc, *(sc, ch 1, sc) in next picot lp sc**, sc in each of next 11 sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. Fasten off black.

SNOWFLAKE SQUARE STRIP ASSEMBLY

Hold 2 Snowflake Squares tog, WS facing, sew Squares tog through **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)* of sts between ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Referring to Assembly Diagram, rep to sew Snowflake Squares tog in 6 strips of 10 Squares.

BLACK/WHITE STRIP

Note: *Work 1 Black / White Strip across 1 long side of 5 Snowflake Strips.*

Row 1: Join black in top right-hand corner of Snowflake Square Strip, ch 1, 13 sc evenly sp across top of each square, turn. *(130 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, holding white at back of row, working over white unless otherwise stated, with black, dc in each of next 3 sts, *carrying black behind, pick up white, dc in next st, carrying white behind, pick up black, dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * across, turn. **Do not fasten off white**, carry up side.

Rows 4 & 5: With black, rep row 2. Do not fasten off black, carry up side.

Rows 6 & 7: With white, rep row 2.

Row 8: Ch 3, holding black at back of row, working over black unless otherwise stated, with white, dc in each of next 3 sts, *carrying white behind, pick up black, dc in next st, carrying black behind, pick up white, dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * across, turn. Do not fasten off black, carry up side.

Rows 9 & 10: Rep rows 6 and 7. At end of last row, do not fasten off white, carry up side.

Rows 11 & 12: With black, rep row 2.

Row 13: Rep row 3. Fasten off white at end of row.

Rows 14 & 15: With black, rep row 2. Fasten off at end of last row.

FINISHING

With WS facing, working through back lps, sew row 15 of Black/White Strip of 1 assembled Snowflake Square Strip–Black/White Strip unit to bottom edge of another assembled Snowflake Square

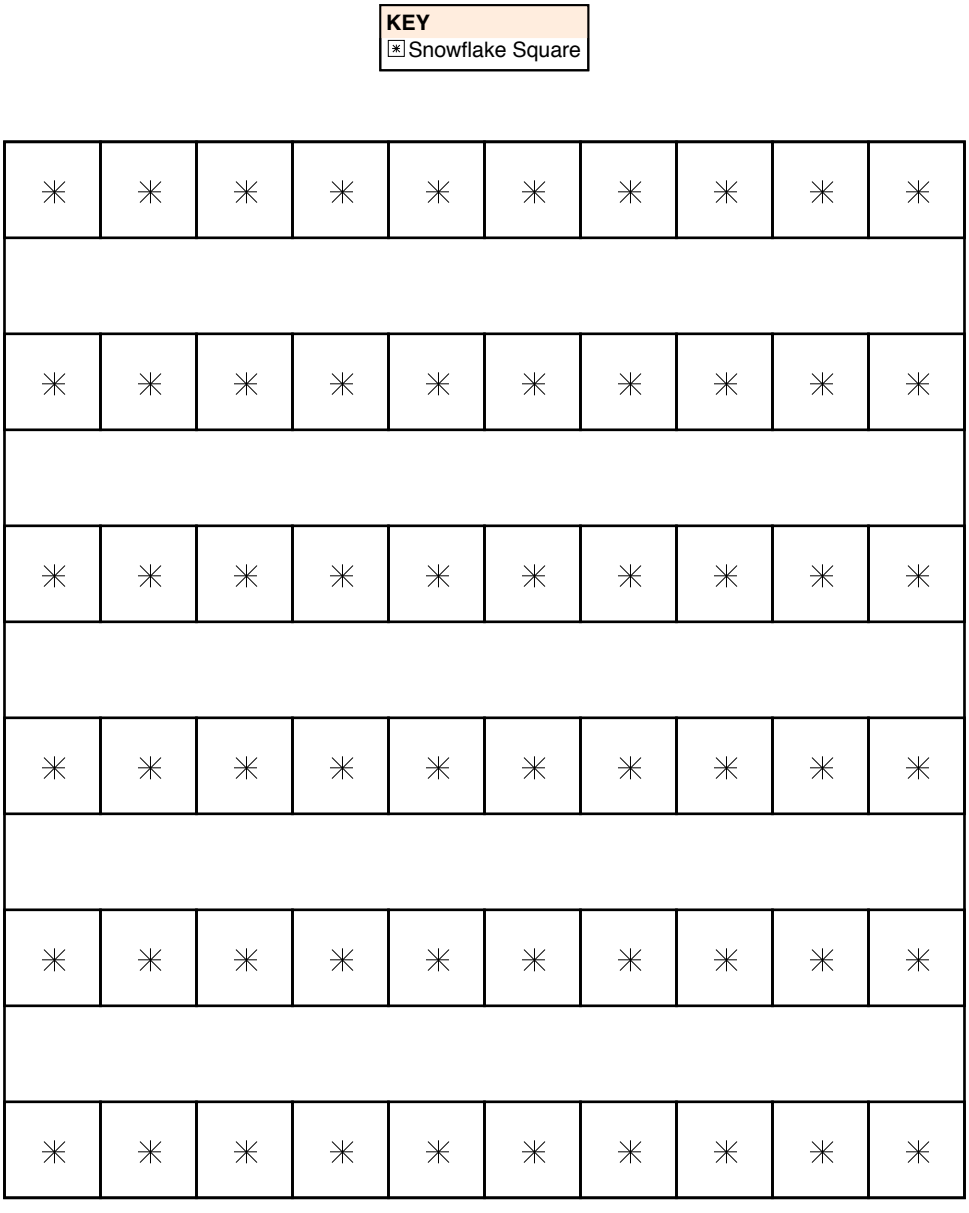
Strip–Black/White Strip unit. Rep until all assembled Snowflake Square Strip–Black/White Strip units are joined. Sew row 15 of Black/White Strip of last assembled Snowflake Square Strip–Black/White Strip unit to rem Snowflake Square Strip.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join black at top right-hand edge of Afghan, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and in each sc across to top left-hand corner, 3 sc in corner, sc evenly sp down left side of afghan to bottom left-hand corner, 3 sc in corner, sc in each sc across to bottom right-hand corner, 3 sc in bottom right-hand corner, sc evenly sp up right side of afghan to top right-hand corner, 2 sc in same sc as first sc, join in first sc. Fasten off black.

Rnd 2: With white, join in last sc of rnd 1, ch 1, 3 sc in same sc as join, *sc in each sc across to 2nd sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, rep from * 3 times, sc in each rem sc across, join in first sc.

Rnd 3: ***Ch-3 picot** *(see Special Stitches)*, sk next sc**, sl st in each of next 2 sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in rnd-3 join. Fasten off white. CW



Scandinavian Granny
Assembly Diagram

Stark black and white coloring makes this work with either traditional Scandinavian design or modern decors.

Cables & Colors

Designed by Jerry Rigdon, courtesy of Caron International

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
52 x 60 inches

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/ 315 yds/170g per skein):
  7 skeins #9703 bone *(A)*
  1 skein each #9750 chocolate *(B)*, #9730 autumn red *(C)*, #9710 country blue *(D)*, #9709 light country blue *(E)*, #9707 dark sage *(F)* and #9705 sage *(G)*
- Size I/9/5.5mm hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Cable Panel: 6 sc = 1½ inches; 13 rows = 3 inches
Color Panel: [2 sc in next sc, sk next sc] 3 times = 1¾ inches; 8 rows = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Skip stitches behind post stitches unless otherwise stated.

Carry colors not in use up side of piece.

A new color will always begin with a wrong-side row and end with a right-side row. Fasten off all colors after last row of Panel is complete.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

3rd Cable Panel and 4th Color Panel on Afghan shown in photo are folded behind.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Change color: Insert hook in last st, yo with next color, draw lp through, finish st with new color.

Front post treble crochet (fptr): Yo twice, insert hook from front to back and then to front again around post of st, yarn over and draw up a lp, complete as tr.

AFGHAN

CABLE PANEL

Make 3.

Row 1 (WS): With A, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. *(24 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, **fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around sc, **sk st behind fpdc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, sc in each of next 3 sc, sk next 3 sc, **fptr** *(see Special Stitches)* around each of next 3 sc, working behind the fptr just made, sc in each of same 3 sts as fptr, sc in each of next 3 sc, fptr around each of 3 sc below 3 sc just made, sc in each of next 3 sc, fpdc around next sc, sc in each of last 2 sc, turn. *(24 sts)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around each of next 3 post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, fpdc around each of next 3 post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of next 3 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of last 2 sc, turn.

Rows 5–10: [Rep rows 3 and 4 consecutively] 3 times.

Row 11: Rep row 3.

Row 12: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, fptr around each of next 6 post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of last 2 sc, turn.

Row 13: Rep row 3.

Row 14 (cable-cross row): Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, sk next 3 post sts 2 rows below, fptr around next 3 post sts 2 rows below, working in front of sts just made, fptr around the 3 sk post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of next 6 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of last 2 sc, turn.

Row 15: Rep row 3.

Row 16: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of next 3 sc, fptr around next 3 post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of 6 sc, fptr around the next 3 post sts 2 rows below, sc in each of next 3 sc, fpdc around next post st 2 rows below, sc in each of last 2 sc, turn. *(24 sts)*

Rows 17–237: [Rep rows 3–16 consecutively] 15 times, then rep rows 3–13 once more. Fasten off at end of last row.

A splendid play of colorful stripes and textural patterning will give your hook a workout!

COLOR PANEL

Make 1 each color sequence.

Row 1 (WS): With first color in sequence, ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *2 sc in next ch, sk next ch, rep from * across to last ch, sc in last ch, turn. *(26 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *2 sc in next sc, sk next sc, rep from * across to last sc, sc in last sc, turn.

Rows 3–202: Rep row 2, **changing colors** *(see Special Stitches and Pattern Notes)* as instructed in color sequence. Fasten off.

COLOR SEQUENCE FOR COLOR PANEL 1

Work 10 rows with D, 6 rows with F, 2 rows with B, 6 rows with C, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with G, 10 rows with E, 6 rows with B, 2 rows with F, 6 rows with G, 10 rows with C, 2 rows with E, 6 rows with D, 10 rows with A, 2 rows with B, 6 rows with F, 10 rows with B, 2 rows with C, 6 rows with F, 10 rows with D, 6 rows with G, 6 rows with C, 10 rows with F, 6 rows with A, 10 rows with E, 2 rows with B, 6 rows with D, 10 rows with C, 2 rows with A, 6 rows with G, 2 rows with F, 6 rows with A and 10 rows with B.

COLOR SEQUENCE FOR COLOR PANEL 2

Work 6 rows with C, 2 rows with G, 10 rows with E, 6 rows with B, 10 rows with F, 2 rows with C, 10 rows with A, 2 rows with G, 6 rows with D, 10 rows with B, 6 rows with E, 2 rows with F, 2 rows with A, 6 rows with G, 10 rows with C, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with B, 10 rows with D, 6 rows with F, 2 rows with C, 10 rows with E, 6 rows with G, 2 rows with D, 6 rows with C, 10 rows with B, 2 rows with F, 6 rows with A, 6 rows with D, 2 rows with E, 6 rows with B, 2 rows with G, 10 rows with A, 2 rows with D, 6 rows with F and 10 rows with C.

COLOR SEQUENCE FOR COLOR PANEL 3

Work 6 rows with B, 10 rows with E, 2 rows with F, 2 rows with D, 6 rows with C, 10 rows with B, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with F, 2 rows with E, 10 rows with G, 6 rows with D, 10 rows with C, 2 rows with A, 10 rows with F, 6 rows with E, 2 rows with G, 6 rows with B, 2 rows with C, 10 rows with D, 2 rows with F, 2 rows with E, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with B, 10 rows with C, 6 rows with G, 10 rows with E, 2 rows with D, 6 rows with A, 10 rows with F, 2 rows with C, 6 rows with D, 2 rows with G, 10 rows with B, 2 rows with E, 6 rows with C, 6 rows with A and 2 rows with G.

COLOR SEQUENCE FOR COLOR PANEL 4

Work 10 rows with F, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with D, 10 rows with G, 2 rows with B, 6 rows with C, 2 rows with F, 10 rows with E, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with C, 10 rows with D, 6 rows with F, 10 rows with B, 2 rows with G, 10 rows with C, 6 rows with E, 6 rows with A, 2 rows with B, 10 rows with D, 6 rows with G, 10 rows with F, 2 rows with E, 6 rows with C, 2 rows with D, 6 rows with B, 10 rows with A, 6 rows with D, 10 rows with E, 2 rows with A, 10 rows with C, 6 rows with G, 2 rows with B and 6 rows with F.

FINISHING

With RS facing, arrange Panels from left to right as follows: Color Panel 1, Cable Panel, Color Panel 2, Cable Panel, Color Panel 3, Cable Panel, Color Panel 4. Using yarn needle and A, sew panels tog across long edges.

FAUX CABLE BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, join A anywhere in edge of Afghan, ch 1, sc in each sc and in end of each row around, working 3 sc in each corner, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first sc, **turn**.

Rnd 2 (WS): Ch 2 *(does not count as a st here and throughout)*, hdc in each st around, working 3 hdc in 2nd sc of each 3-sc corner, join in top of beg ch-1, **do not turn**.

Rnd 3 (WS): Ch 2, *hdc in first st, sl st loosely in next st, rep from * around, working 3 hdc in 2nd hdc of each 3-hdc corner, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 4 (WS): Rep rnd 2, **turn** at end of rnd.

Rnd 5 (RS): Ch 1, sl st in each st around, working only 1 sl st in 2nd hdc of each 3-hdc corner, join in first sl st. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block to measurements or desired size. CW

Gingerbread Bear

Design by Martha Brooks Stein

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
58 x 71 inches

MATERIALS
- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/ 190 yds/99g per skein):
  - 4 skeins #336 warm brown
  - 1 skein #686 paddy green
  - 50 yds #12 black
  - 25 yds #334 tan
- Red Heart Super Saver Economy medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  - 4 skeins #313 Aran
  - 50 yds #319 cherry red
- Red Heart Super Saver Regular medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/160 yds/85g per skein):
  - 6 skeins #328 brown
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Craft ink disappearing pen

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Square = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

AFGHAN

1-COLOR SQUARE

Make 12 paddy green, 72 brown, 81 warm brown & 157 Aran.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring, ch 2, 2 dc in ring, [ch 2, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, join with hdc in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in corner sp, [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp] 3 times, ch 1, 3 dc in beg corner sp, ch 2, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in top of beg ch-2, leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

2-COLOR SQUARE

Make 2 tan/warm brown, 6 warm brown/paddy green, 16 Aran/warm brown & 72 Aran/brown.

Rnd 1: With lighter color, ch 4, join with sl st to form ring, ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, holding lp made to right of chs, work (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ring, leaving 3-inch length, fasten off, leaving 3-inch length, pick up darker color with sl st, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ring, join with sl st in lp of beg ch-3, leaving 8-inch length, fasten off. Tie ends of first color change in square knot.

Rnd 2: In last corner joined, pick up lighter color with sl st, ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc in same corner sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner, ch 1, 3 dc in next corner, leaving 3-inch length fasten off, leaving 3-inch length, pick up darker color with sl st, ch 1, 3 dc in same corner sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner sp, ch 1, 3 dc in beg corner sp, join with sl st in side lp of beg ch-3, leaving length of yarn, fasten off.

Tie ends of color changes in square knot.

2-COLOR NOSE SQUARE

Rnd 1: With warm brown, ch 4, join with sl st to form ring, ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook holding lp made to right side of chs, work 2 dc in ring, (ch 2, 3 dc) twice in ring, leaving 3-inch tail, fasten off, leaving 3-inch length at beg, pick up black with sl st, ch 1, 3 dc in ring, join with sl st in side lp of beg ch-3, leaving 8-inch length, fasten off.

Rnd 2: With warm brown, sl st in beg corner sp, ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook holding lp made to right side of work, 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner sp, ch 1] twice, 3 dc in next corner sp, leaving 3-inch length, fasten off, leaving 3-inch length at beg, pick up black with sl st, ch 1, 3 dc in same corner sp, ch 1, 3 dc in beg corner sp, join with sl st in side lp of beg ch-3, leaving 8-inch length, fasten off. Tie ends of color changes in square knot.

POLKA-DOT SQUARE

Make 3 black/paddy green & 9 white/cherry red.

Rnd 1: With black [white], ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring, ch 2, 2 dc in ring, [ch 2, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, ch 2, join in top of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With paddy green [cherry red], sl st in any corner sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp] 3 times, ch 1, 3 dc in beg corner sp, ch 2, join in top of beg ch-2, leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off.

HALF POLKA-DOT SQUARE

Make 2 white/cherry red/ paddy green & 2 white/ cherry red/warm brown.

Rnd 1: With white, rep rnd 1 of 2-Color Square.

Rnd 2: With next color, sl st in indicated corner sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, work 3 dc in next corner sp, ch 1, leaving

3-inch length, fasten off, pick up next color, ch 1, 3 dc in corner sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner, ch 1, 3 dc in beg corner sp, ch 2, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2, leaving 8-inch length, fasten off. Tie yarn ends of color changes into square knot.

EYE SQUARE

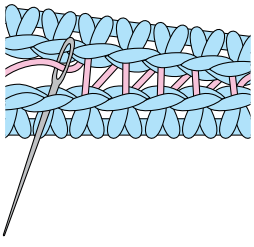
Make 2.

Rnd 1: With black, ch 4, join to form a ring, ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, 15 dc in ring, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off. *(16 dc)*

Rnd 2: Join warm brown with sl st in any dc, ch 3, dc in same st, [hdc in next dc, ch 1, hdc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc] 3 times, hdc in next dc, ch 1, hdc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, leaving 8-inch length, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

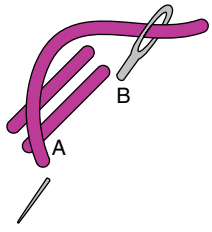
Working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide),* holding RS of Squares tog, **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of Squares tog.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

For more ease in sewing Squares tog, divide into units as indicated by black dashed lines in Assembly Diagram. Sew sections tog.

With craft ink disappearing pen, outline a smiling mouth below Nose, with black, using **straight stitches** *(see illustration)*, embroider mouth.



Straight Stitch

GINGERBREAD BEAR ICING

Working slightly on inside outline of Gingerbread Bear, join Aran with sl st in any st, [ch 3, sl st in next st approximately ¼ to ½ inch from previous sl st] continue around outer edge of Bear, leaving 4-inch length, fasten off. Weave rem length into Icing. Work another row of Icing across arms, legs and bottom of vest.

BORDER

Rnd 1: Working in back lps, join brown with sl st in back lp of 2nd ch of any corner ch-2, ch 1, sc in same lp, *[sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in next ch sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in next ch lp, sk joining sts, sc in ch lp of next Square] across to next corner of Afghan, in corner work sc in first ch of ch-2 corner, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch of same corner, rep from * around, ending with sc in first ch of beg ch-2 corner, join with hdc in beg sc.

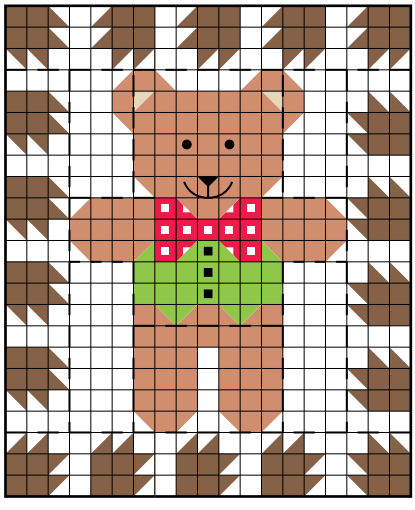
Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in beg corner sp, ch 1, *[sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 1] across to next corner, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, rep from * around, ending with sc in beg corner sp, join with hdc in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 4, *[hdc in next ch sp, ch 1] across to next corner, work (hdc, ch 3, hdc) in corner, ch 1, rep from * around, ending with hdc in beg corner, ch 3, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4, fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join Aran with sl st in any corner sp, *[ch 3, sl st in next ch sp] across to next corner, ending with ch 3, (sl st, ch 3, sl st) in corner sp, rep from * around ending with (ch 3, sl st) in beg corner sp, ch 3, join with sl st in beg sl st, fasten off. CW

KEY
1-Color Square
2-Color Square
Eye Square
2-Color Nose Square
Polka-Dot Square
Half Polka-Dot Square

COLOR KEY
Warm brown
Brown
Cherry red
Tan
Paddy green
Aran



Gingerbread Bear
Assembly Diagram

This festive fellow is decked out in holiday finery, but the colors can be changed to fit any season.

Scrap Happies

Is there such a thing as bits of yarn too short to save? Not on your life! Now is the time to de-stash the closet and use those leftover bits and pieces to make afghans to your heart's content. After all, what better way is there to make something this grand from leftovers?

Waves of Warmth

Design by Diane Poellot

Bring waves of color and warmth into your home with this scrap-happy ripple.

SKILL LEVEL
EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
About 49½ x 70 inches

MATERIALS
- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/170g per skein): 4 skeins #313 Aran
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 2,240 yds total assorted scrap colors
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

MEDIUM

GAUGE
4 sc = 1 inch

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1 (WS): With any scrap color, ch 173, dc in 4th ch from hook *(beg 3 sk chs count as a dc)*, 2 dc in each of next 2 chs, *[sk next ch, dc in next ch] 5 times, sk next ch**, 2 dc in each of next 6 ch, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, 2 dc in each of next 3 chs, turn. Fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): With Aran, join with sc in last dc of previous row, sc in rem each dc and in 3rd ch of beg 3 sk chs, turn. **Do not fasten off**. Drop Aran to back of work to be picked for row 4.

Row 3: With scrap color, join with sc in last sc of previous row, ch 2 *(counts as a dc)*, dc in same sc, 2 dc in each of next 2 sc, *[sk next sc, dc in next sc] 5 times, sk next sc, 2 dc in each of next 6 sc, rep from * 8 times more, [sk next sc, dc in next sc] 5 times, sk next sc, 2 dc in each of next 3 sc. Fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 4: With Aran, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch of beg ch-2 of previous row and in each rem dc, turn. Do not fasten off. Drop Aran to back of work.

Rows 5–131: Rep rows 3 and 4, ending with a row 3.

Row 132: With Aran, ch 1, sc in 2nd ch of beg ch-2 of previous row and in each rem dc, turn.

Row 133: Ch 1, sc in each of first 6 sc, *[sk next sc, sc in next sc] twice, sk next sc, sc in each of next 12 sc, rep from * 8 times, [sk next sc, sc in next sc] twice, sk next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

BOTTOM EDGING

Row 1: Hold piece with beg ch at top, join Aran with sc in unused lp of first ch of beg ch, sc in each rem unused lp, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in each of next 12 sc, *[sk next sc, sc in next sc] twice, sk next sc, sc in each of next 12 sc, rep from * 7 times, [sk next sc, sc in next sc] twice, sk next sc, sc in each of next 13 sc. Fasten off and weave in all ends. CW

Cabbages in a Row

Design by Anne Halliday

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

51½ x 68½ inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  - 40 oz #316 soft white *(A)*
  - 6 oz #320 cornmeal *(E)*
  - 3 oz each #661 frosty green *(B)*, #372 rose pink *(C)*, #579 pale plum *(D)*, #341 light grey *(F)*, #382 country blue *(G)*, #334 buff *(H)*, #631 light sage *(I)*, #336 warm brown *(K)*, #374 country rose *(L)*
- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein):
  - 3 oz #2531 light plum *(J)*
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

24 sts (1 pattern rep) = 6½ inches; 2 pattern rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Afghan is crocheted vertically.

Leave an 8-inch length at beginning and end of each row.

All odd-numbered rows are crocheted with soft white (A).

The repeated color sequence for afghan is as follows: [A, B, A, C, A, D, A, E, A, F, A, G, A, H, A, I, A, J, A, E, A, K, A, L].

SPECIAL STITCH

Cluster (cl): Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc in next ch, sc in last ch *(4-st row made)*, fold row in half from right to left, sl st in single lp at edge of first sc made.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1 (WS): Ch 254, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Join yarn with sc in first sc, [**cl** *(see Special Stitch)*, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, *[ch 1, sc in next sc] 6 times, [cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, rep from * 9 times, turn. Fasten off. *(11 groups of cl)*

Row 3 (WS): Join yarn with dc in first sc, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in sc 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, *[ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in sc 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, rep from * across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 4 (RS): Join yarn with sc in first dc, [cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, *[ch 1, sc in next dc] 6 times, [cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, rep from * across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 5: Join yarn with dc in first sc, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in tr 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, *[ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in next tr 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, rep from * across, turn. Fasten off.

Rows 6–9: [Rep rows 4 and 5 alternately] twice.

Row 10 (RS): Join yarn with sc in first dc, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] 6 times, *[cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] 6 times, rep from * 9 times, turn. Fasten off. *(10 groups of cl)*

Row 11 (WS): Join yarn with dc in first sc, [ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, *ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in dc 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, rep from * across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 12 (RS): Join yarn with sc in first dc, [ch 1, sc in next dc] 6 times, *[cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, [ch 1, sc in next dc] 6 times, rep from * across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 13 (WS): Join yarn with dc in first sc, [ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, *[ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in next tr 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, [ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, rep from * across, fasten off, turn.

Rows 14–17: [Rep rows 12 and 13 alternately] twice.

Row 18 (RS): Join yarn with sc in first dc, [cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, *[ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] 6 times, [cl, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, rep from * across, fasten off, turn. *(10 groups of cl)*

With a little imagination, the bobbles in this colorful afghan look just like cabbages in the garden, almost ready for harvest.

Row 19 (WS): Join yarn with dc in first sc, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in dc 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, *[ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, [ch 1, working in front of next cl, tr in dc 1 row below cl, dc in next sc] 4 times, rep from * across, fasten off, turn.

Next rows: [Rep rows 4–19 consecutively] 6 times.

Next rows: [Rep rows 4–9 consecutively] once.

EDGING

Row 1 (RS): Join A with sc in first dc of last row of Afghan, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] across, fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Join A with sl st in first st, sl st in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sl st in next ch-1 sp] across to last sc, sl st in last sc, fasten off.

Row 3 (RS): Working on opposite side of foundation ch, join A with sc in first ch, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] across, fasten off.

Row 4 (RS): Rep Row 2.

FRINGE

Cut 2 lengths each 16 inches long for each Fringe. Matching color of Fringe to color of row, fold 2 strands in half, insert hook in edge of row, draw fold through st on hook to form a lp, holding 8-inch length from beg or end of Afghan row with Fringe lengths, draw all strands through lp on hook, pull gently to secure. Trim ends even. CW

Tunisian Tiles

Design by Margret Willson

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
46 x 70 inches

MATERIALS
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
  2,340 yds total
  assorted scrap colors
  532 yds black
- Size M/13/9mm Tunisian hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size K/10½/6.5mm crochet hook

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE
Size M hook: 14 sts and 11 rows = 4 inches

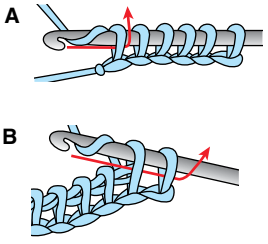
PATTERN NOTES

To change color in **first part of row**, drop current color and bring new color from underneath, twisting yarns to avoid holes. To change color on **2nd part of row**, work until there is 1 loop of each color (previous and next) on hook, bring new color from underneath, twisting yarns, yarn over with new color and continue. To change to new color at **end of 2nd part of row**, work until 2 loops remain on hook, with new color, yarn over and draw through 2 loops.

SPECIAL STITCHES

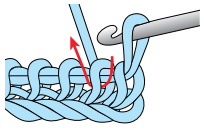
Surface slip stitch (surface sl st): Insert hook in st indicated, yo, draw lp through lp on hook.

Work loops off hook (work lps off hook): Yo, pull through 1 lp on hook *(see illustration, part A)*, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook *(see illustration, part B)* across until 1 lp rem on hook *(last lp on hook is first lp of next row)*.



Work Loops Off Hook

Tunisian simple stitch (TSS): Insert hook from right to left behind front **vertical bar** *(see illustration)*, yo, pull lp through.



Vertical Bar

Beginning corner (beg corner): Join with sc in indicated stitch, 2 sc in same st.

Corner: 3 sc in indicated st.

AFGHAN

BOTTOM BORDER

Row 1: With size M hook and black, ch 142, draw up lp in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across *(142 lps on hook)*, **work lps off hook** *(see Special Stitches)*.

Row 2: Sk first vertical bar, keeping all lps on hook, work **TSS** *(see Special Stitches)* across, work lps off hook until 1 lp rem on hook, **change color** *(see Pattern Notes)* to scrap color with last yo.

CENTER

Row 1: Sk first vertical bar, *TSS 11 times, change to new scrap color, rep from * 11 times, TSS 10 times, work lps off hook until 1 lp rem on hook, changing colors accordingly across.

Rows 2–9: Working in color pattern as established, rep row 1 of Center.

Row 10: Sk first vertical bar, TSS 11 times, *change to new scrap color, TSS 11 times, change to same color as used on previous row, TSS 11 times, rep from * 4 times, change to new scrap color, TSS 11 times, change to same color as used on previous row, TSS] 10 times, work lps off hook until 1 lp rem on hook, changing colors accordingly across.

Rows 11–18: Working in color pattern as established, rep row 10, changing to new scrap color with last yo of row 18.

Row 19: Sk first vertical bar, TSS 11 times, *change to same scrap color as used on row 18, TSS 11 times; change to same scrap color as used on row 18, TSS 11 times, rep from * 4 times, change to same scrap color as used on row 18, TSS 11 times, change to same color as used on row 18, TSS 10 times, work lps off hook until 1 lp rem on hook, changing colors accordingly across.

Rows 20–27: Continuing in

The warmth of Tunisian crochet will create a blanket of warmth using just your scraps in this one-piece wonder.

pattern, change new scrap colors on odd-numbered columns.

Rows 28–180: Rep rows 10–27, changing to black with last yo of row 180.

TOP BORDER

Row 181: Rep row 2 of Bottom Border.

Row 182: TSS across, work lps off hook, fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

TRIM

Referring to photo for placement, and with black and size K hook, work a straight line of **surface sl sts** *(see Special Stitches)* between color columns, working vertically across entire length of Afghan. For first line, hold black in back of work, insert hook and draw lp up, leaving a 6-inch end to be worked in later. Work straight lines of surface slip sts from 1 vertical line to next across color-change rows.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With size K hook and black, **beg corner** *(see Special Stitches)* in any corner of Top or Bottom Border, *sc in each st across to next corner, **corner** *(see Special Stitches)* in next corner of Top or Bottom Border, rep from * around, sc in each rem st across to joining sc, join in joining sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, corner in next sc, sc in each sc around to 2nd sc of next corner; corner in 2nd sc of next corner, rep from * twice, sc in each sc around to first sc, join in first sc.

Rnds 3 & 4: Rep rnd 2.

Fasten off at end of last rnd. Weave in ends. CW

Shifting Stripes

Design by Geraldine Freedman

SKILL LEVEL

BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

35 x 58 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein; prints & multis: 5 oz/244 yds/142g per skein; flecks: 5 oz/260 yds/142g per skein):
  - 1 skein each #380 Windsor blue, #4321 spa blue fleck and #4365 coffee fleck
  - 3 oz each #668 honeydew, #885 delft blue, #318 watercolor, #883 spa blue, #4361 frosty green fleck, #254 pumpkin, #886 blue, #984 shaded dusk, #788 Williamsburg print, #981 fall, #336 warm brown, #324 bright yellow, #975 Amazon, #4334 buff fleck, #365 coffee and #794 bay print
- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/190 yds/99g per skein):
  - 2 skeins #339 mid brown
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers

GAUGE

6 sts = 2 inch; 3 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Work afghan with 2 strands held together throughout.

Weave in ends as work progresses.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1: With 2 strands of spa blue fleck held tog *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 95, working in both lps, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. *(94 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, **working in back lps** *(see Pattern Notes)*, sc in each st across, turn.

Note: *Work rem rows in back lps unless otherwise stated.*

Rows 3–7: Rep row 2, **changing colors** *(see Stitch Guide)* to honeydew at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off spa blue.

Rows 8 & 9: With honeydew, rep row 2, changing colors to delft blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off honeydew.

Rows 10–20: With delft blue, rep row 2, changing colors to watercolor at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off delft blue.

Rows 21 & 22: With watercolor, rep row 2, changing colors to spa blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off watercolor.

Rows 23–31: With spa blue, rep row 2, changing colors to frosty green fleck at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off spa blue.

Rows 32 & 33: With frosty green fleck, rep row 2, changing colors to 1 strand spa blue fleck and 1 strand delft blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off frosty green fleck.

Rows 34–46: With 1 strand spa blue fleck and 1 strand delft blue held tog, rep row 2, changing colors to pumpkin at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off spa blue fleck and delft blue.

Rows 47 & 48: With pumpkin, rep row 2, changing colors to blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off pumpkin.

Rows 49–57: With blue, rep row 2, changing colors to shaded dusk at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off blue.

Rows 58 & 59: With shaded dusk, rep row 2, changing colors to Windsor blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off shaded dusk.

Rows 60–66: With Windsor blue, rep row 2, changing colors to Williamsburg print at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Windsor blue.

Rows 67 & 68: With Williamsburg print, rep row 2, changing colors to Windsor blue at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Williamsburg print.

Rows 69–75: With Windsor blue, rep row 2, changing colors to bay print at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Windsor blue.

Rows 76 & 77: With bay print, rep row 2, changing colors to 1 strand Windsor blue and 1 strand mid brown at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off bay print.

Rows 78–86: With 1 strand Windsor blue and 1 strand mid brown held tog, rep row 2, changing colors to fall at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Windsor blue.

Rows 87 & 88: With fall, rep row 2, changing colors to mid brown at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off fall.

Rows 89–97: With mid brown, rep row 2, changing colors to warm brown at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off mid brown.

Rows 98 & 99: With warm brown, rep row 2, changing colors to mid brown at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off warm brown.

Beginner's luck and a basket of scraps are all you need to whip up these ever-changing colorful stripes.

Rows 100–110: With mid brown, rep row 2, changing colors to bright yellow at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off mid brown.

Rows 111 & 112: With bright yellow, rep row 2, changing colors to coffee fleck at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off bright yellow.

Rows 113–118: With coffee fleck, rep row 2, changing colors to Amazon at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off coffee fleck.

Rows 119 & 120: With Amazon, rep row 2, changing colors to coffee fleck at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Amazon.

Rows 121–134: With coffee fleck, rep row 2, changing colors to buff fleck at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off coffee fleck.

Rows 135 & 136: With buff fleck, rep row 2, changing colors to 1 strand coffee fleck and 1 strand mid brown at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off buff fleck.

Rows 137–145: With 1 strand coffee fleck and 1 strand mid brown held tog, rep row 2, changing colors to Williamsburg print at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off coffee fleck and mid brown.

Rows 146 & 147: With Williamsburg print, rep row 2, changing colors to coffee at end of last row. Leaving 5-inch length, fasten off Williamsburg print.

Rows 148–154: With coffee, rep row 2. Fasten off at end of last row. CW

Reversible Rainbow

Design by Darla Fanton

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

47 x 67 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn: (7 oz/ 364yds/198g per skein): 4 skeins #312 black
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 27 oz various scrap colors
- Size K/10½/6.5mm flexible double-ended crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size J/10/6mm crochet hook

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

Size K hook: 4 sts = 1 inch; 5 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

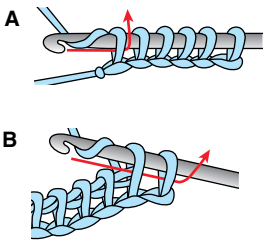
Carry black along side edge, fasten off scrap colors after each 2-row section.

Chain-2 counts as half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Work loops off hook (work lps off hook): Yo, pull through 1 lp on hook *(see illustration, part A)*, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook *(see illustration, part B)* across until 1 lp rem on hook *(last lp on hook is first lp of next row)*.



Work Loops Off Hook

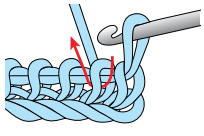
AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1: With size K hook and black, ch 177, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, draw up lp in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, slide all sts to opposite end of hook, turn. *(177 lps on hook)*

Row 2: Place scrap color on hook with slip knot, working from left to right draw slip knot through first lp, *yo, draw through 2 lps *(1 lp each color)*, rep from * across until there is 1 lp left on hook, **do not turn**.

Row 3: With scrap color, ch 1, sk first vertical bar, *yo**, insert hook under next **vertical bar** *(see illustration)* without working, [pick up lp under next vertical bar] twice, sl unworked st over last 2 sts, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, insert hook under next vertical bar without working, pick up lp under last vertical bar, pass unworked st over last st, slide all sts to opposite end of hook, turn. *(177 lps on hook)*



Vertical Bar

Row 4: With black, **work lps off hook** *(see Special Stitch)*, do not turn.

Row 5: With black, rep row 3.

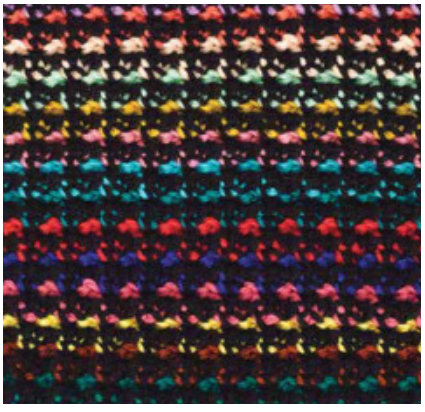
Row 6: With next scrap color, rep row 2.

Rows 7–464: [Rep rows 3–6 consecutively] 114 times, ending last rep at row 4.

Row 465: With black, ch 1, sk first vertical bar, *ch 1, insert hook under next vertical bar without working**, [pick up lp under next vertical bar] twice, pass unworked lp over last 2 sts, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, pick up lp under next vertical bar, pass unworked lp over last st, yo, draw through both lps on hook. Transfer last lp of black to size J crochet hook and continue with edging.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Ch 2 *(see Pattern Notes)*, 2 hdc in same spot as final bind-off st, hdc evenly sp around all 4 sides, working 3 hdc in each



corner, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Note: *You should have an odd number of sts along each side between the 3 corner sts.*

Rnd 2: Sl st in next hdc, ch 2, (hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in same st as beg ch-2, *ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next st, rep from * around working (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in each corner sp, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Attach scrap color with a sc in any st, [working over next ch-1 sp, hdc in next sk st on rnd 1, sc in next st on working rnd] rep around, join in beg sc, fasten off. CW

A double-ended crochet hook will make short work of your scrap stash with this reversible throw

Confetti Stars

Design by Martha Brooks Stein

SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
52 x 76 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/198g per skein): 7 skeins #312 black
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 500 yds total assorted scrap colors
- Sizes H/8/5mm and I/9/5.5mm crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge

MEDIUM

GAUGE
Both hooks: Square = 2¾ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in ends as work progresses.

Join with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

The more scrap colors used in this afghan the better. Each Round 1 only requires a few yards.

Chain-3 counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SQUARE

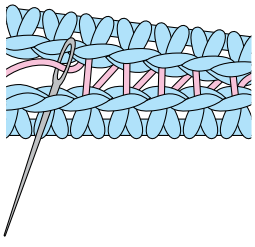
Make 391.

Rnd 1 (RS): With size H hook and scrap color, ch 3, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in first ch to form a ring, ch 5 *(counts as first dc and ch-2)*, dc in ring, ch 2, [dc in ring, ch 2] 7 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, fasten off. *(8 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)*

Rnd 2 (RS): With size I hook, join black in any ch-2 sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in same ch sp, *3 hdc in next ch-2 sp, [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around to beg corner sp, 2 dc in beg corner sp, ch 2, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, leaving an 8-inch length of yarn, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of Squares tog in 23 rows of 17 Squares each.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

EDGING

Rnd 1: Working in back lps, with size I hook, join black in 2nd ch of any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same ch, *[sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in each of next 3 hdc, sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in ch sp, sk joining sts, sc in next ch sp] across to next corner, sc in first ch of corner, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch of corner, rep from * around, join with hdc in beg sc to form last corner sp.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in corner sp, ch 1, *[sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 1] across to next corner, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, rep from * around, ending with sc in same corner sp as beg sc, join with hdc in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in corner sp, ch 1, *[sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] across to next corner, (sc, ch 3, sc) in corner ch sp, ch 1, rep from * around, ending with sc in beg corner sp, dc in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, *(dc, ch 2, dc) in each ch-1 sp across to next corner, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, dc) in corner sp, rep from * around, ending with dc in beg corner sp, join with dc in 3rd ch of ch-3.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, *(dc, ch 3, dc) in each ch sp across to next corner, (dc, ch 4, dc) in each of 2 corner ch-3 sps, rep from * around, join with tr in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, *(dc, ch 4, dc) in each ch sp across to next corner, (dc, ch 5, dc) in each of next 2 corner ch-4 sps, rep from * around, ending with dc in 2nd ch-4 sp, ch 5, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off. CW

Vibrant colors in a sea of black resemble a Technicolor night sky.

A bevy of bright colors from your scrap basket will make this a favorite afghan to cuddle under when the air is chilly.

Autumn Glory

Design by Melody MacDuffee

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 51 x 66 inches, including border

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/ 364 yds/ 198g per skein):
  3 skeins #312 black *(MC)*
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
  15 oz total assorted scrap colors *(CC)*
- Size K/10½/6.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

4 MEDIUM

GAUGE

17 dc = 5 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Join with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 does not count as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Single crochet color change (sc color change): Insert hook in indicated st, yo with working color, draw up a lp, drop working color to WS, yo with next color, complete sc.

AFGHAN

BODY

Row 1 (RS): With MC, ch 163, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, **changing color** *(see Stitch Guide)* to first CC in last sc, turn. *(162 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, sk first 3 sts, working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, dc in each of next 3 sts, [ch 3, sk next 3 sts, dc in back lp of each of next 3 sts] rep across, **sc color change** *(see Special Stitches)* to next CC in last dc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, sk first 3 dc, working over next ch-3, dc in back lp of each of next 3 sts on row before last, [ch 3, sk next 3 dc, working over next ch-3, dc in back lp of each of next 3 sts on row before last] rep across, changing to MC in last dc, turn.

Rows 4–150: Rep Row 3 in the following color sequence: 1 row MC, 1 row next CC, 1 row next CC. **Do not fasten off at end of last row,** turn.

Row 151: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, working over next ch-3, hdc in back lp of each of next 3 sts on row before last, [sc in each of next 3 sts, working over next ch-3, hdc in back lp of each of next 3 sts on row before last] rep across, do not fasten off.

FIRST SIDE EDGING

Working over ends of rows, work 3 sc over end st of each block of MC and CC to next corner, fasten off.

2ND SIDE EDGING

With RS facing, working over row ends across opposite long edge, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* MC over end st of first block of color, ch 1, beg in same block, work 3 sc over end st of each block of MC and CC to next corner, do not fasten off, ch 1, do not turn.

BORDER

Note: *Bracket rep needs to end with sc in corner st. If necessary, adjust number of sts sk before corner.*

Working across top of Afghan, sc in first st, *[sk next 4 sts, 11 **dtr** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next st, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st] across to corner, ending with sc in corner st, rep from * around, join in beg sc, fasten off. CW

Pink & Pretty Granny Afghan

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to next Block corner ch-1 sp, rep from *** across to first Block corner ch-1 sp, join in first sc, **do not fasten off**. *(392 ch-2 sps, 4 corner ch-3 sps)*

Rnd 2: Sl st in corner ch-3 sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same ch-3 sp, *2 dc in each ch-2 sp around to next corner ch-3 sp**, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join C with sc in any corner ch-1 sp, (ch 3, sc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [sc in sp between last and next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] around to next corner ch-1 sp**, (sc, ch 3, sc) in corner ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, **do not fasten off**.

Rnd 4: With C, rep rnd 2.

Rnd 5: With J, rep rnd 3.

Rnd 6: Sl st in corner ch-3 sp, **ch 4** *(see Pattern Notes)*, ({dc, ch 1} twice, dc) in same corner ch-3 sp *(first corner made)*, *V-st in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next ch-2 sp, V-st in next ch-2 sp] around to next corner ch-3 sp**, ({dc, ch 1} 3 times, dc) in corner ch-3 sp *(corner made)*, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: With RS facing, join A in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 4, ({dc, ch 1} twice, dc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *V-st in next ch-1 sp, dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, [sk 2nd dc of next V-st, V-st in next dc, dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st] around to next corner, V-st in first ch-1 sp of corner**, ({dc, ch 1} 3 times, dc) in center ch-1 sp of next corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

Rnd 8: With D, rep rnd 7.

Rnd 9: With RS facing, join B in center ch-1 sp of any corner, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same corner ch-1 sp, *2 dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, [sk 2nd dc of V-st, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in ch-1 sp of next V-st] around to next corner, 2 dc in first ch-1 sp of corner**, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in center ch-1 sp of corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnds 10 & 11: With A, rep rnds 3 and 4.

Rnd 12: With E, rep rnd 3.

Rnd 13: Sl st in corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, 8 dc in same corner ch-3 sp, *sc in next ch-2 sp, [5 dc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp] around to next corner ch-3 sp**, 9 dc in corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off and weave in ends. CW

Elegant Floral Afghan

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rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in each of last 2 dc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *[sk next sc, sc in next sc, working in front of sc just made, sc in sk sc] across to last 4 sc of side, sc in each of next 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 3 sc, rep between [ ] across to last 3 sc of side, sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp**, sc in each of next 4 sc, rep from * around to last 3 sc, ending last rep at **, sc in each of last 3 sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

EMBROIDERY

Follow Embroidery Diagram to cross-stitch design onto Panels.

PANEL ASSEMBLY

With sides of 2 Panels aligned, sl st Panels tog on WS using **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)*, matching sts from corner to corner down length. Rep to join rem Panel.

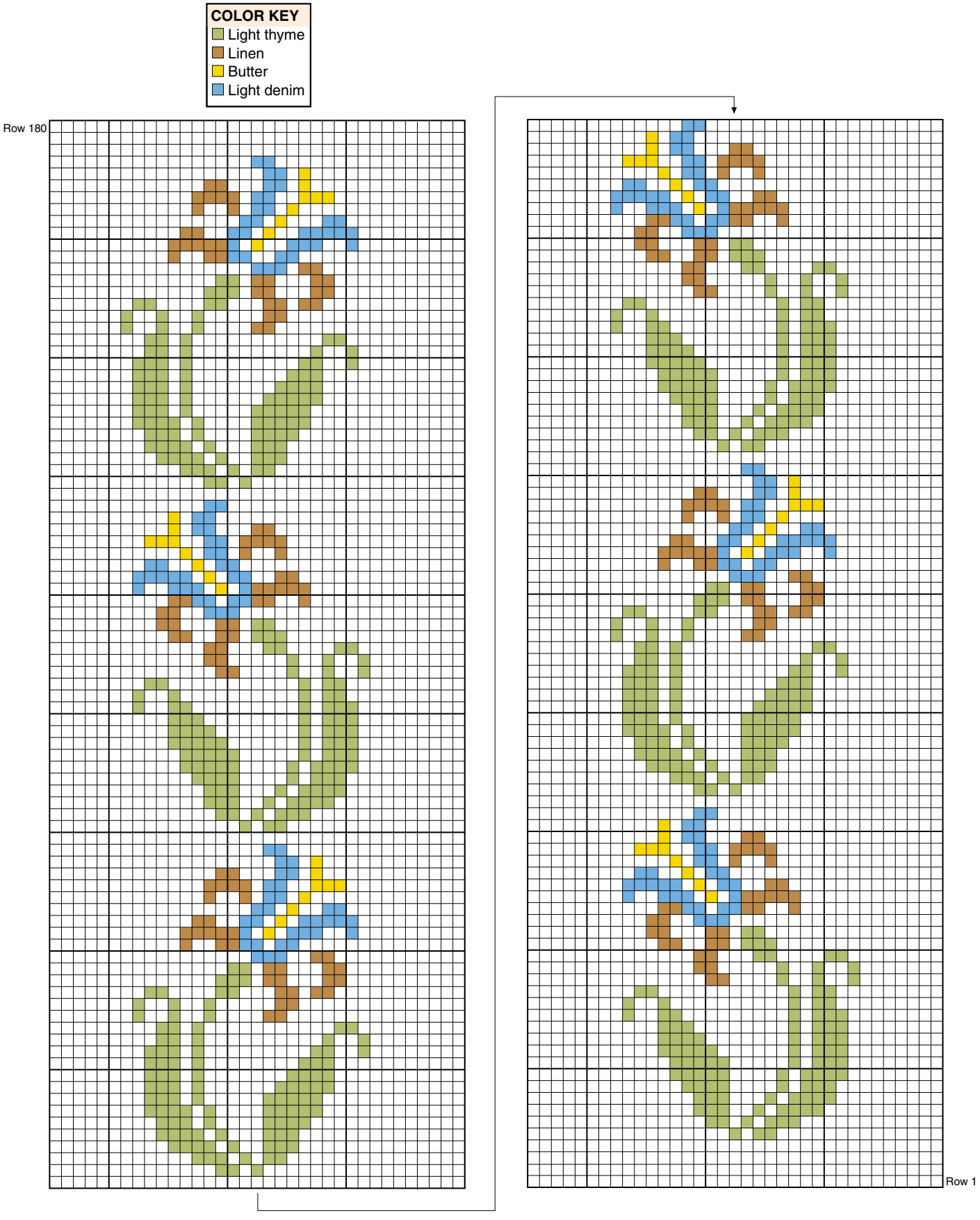
AFGHAN BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join white in top right corner sc, ch 1, *sc in each sc and in each ch sp on each side of each joining seam across to corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, sc in each sc down length to next corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sk first sc, sc in next sc, working in front of sc just made, sc in sk sc, *sk next sc, sc in next sc, working in front of sc just made, sc in sk sc, rep from * around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Sk first sc, (sl st, ch 3) in next sc, working in front of (sl st, ch 3) just made, dc in sk sc, sk sc following first sc, dc in next sc, working in front of dc just made, dc in sk sc, *[sk next sc, dc in next sc, working in front of dc just made, dc in sk sc] across to last sc before next corner ch-2 sp, dc in next sc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 sp, dc in next sc, rep between [ ] across to last sc before next corner ch-2 sp, dc in next sc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 sp, dc in next sc, rep from * around, join in top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in each dc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp, join in beg sc. Fasten off. CW



Elegant Floral Afghan
Embroidery Diagram

Patriot's Stars

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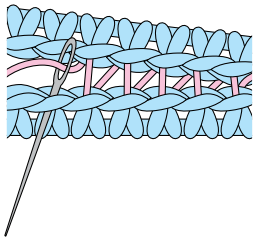
Rnd 2: Ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, [puff st in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch sp] 3 times, puff st in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, puff st in same ch-1 sp as first puff st, join in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, [puff st in each of next 3 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, puff st in each of next 3 ch-1 sps, puff st in same ch-1 sp as first puff st, join in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, [puff st in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, puff st corner in next ch sp] 3 times, puff st in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, puff st in same ch-1 sp as first puff st, join in top of first puff st. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Hold Squares with RS facing and **whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of Squares tog with corresponding colors following the Assembly Diagram. Work over yarn ends as Squares are joined.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join soft white in first ch-1 sp of puff st corner at top right-hand corner of Afghan, ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1 and in each ch-1 sp across to puff st corner at next corner of Afghan, *puff st corner in first ch-1 sp of puff st corner, puff st in next ch-1 sp and in each ch-1 sp across to puff st corner at next corner of afghan, rep from * around same corner as join, puff st in same ch-1 sp as first puff st, join in top of first puff st, turn.

Rnds 2 & 3: Ch 1, puff st in same ch-1 sp as beg ch-1, puff st in each ch-1 sp around, working puff st corner in first ch-1 sp of puff st corner at each corner of Afghan. Fasten off. Weave in ends. CW

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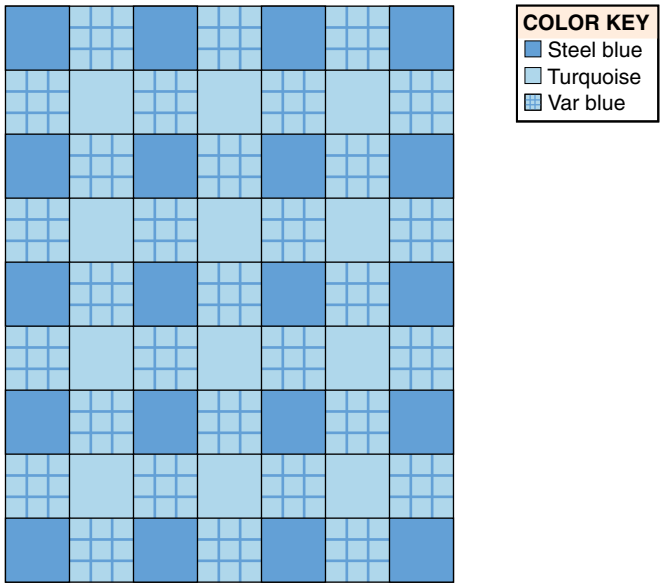
on current Square, **dc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in same dc and in 2nd dc of 3-dc corner group on next Square, rep from * around to 3-dc corner group on next Afghan corner, ending last rep at **, (hdc, dc, hdc) in 2nd dc of 3-dc corner group], rep between [ ] 3 times, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 2: Sl st in sp between ch-2 and next hdc, ch 2, hdc in same sp as beg ch-2, *[(hdc in sp between next 2 hdc) across to next dc, dc in sp between dc and dc dec, dc in sp between dc dec and next hdc] across to corner (hdc, dc, hdc) group, 2 hdc in sp between hdc and dc**, 2 hdc in sp between dc and hdc *(2 inc)*, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 3: Sl st in sp between ch-2 and next hdc, ch 2, hdc in next sp and in each rem sp around, working 3 dc in sp between hdc groups, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 4: [Ch 1, sl st in next st] around, join in beg ch-1. Fasten off. Weave in ends. CW



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Assembly Diagram

French Provincial

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sk next 3 st of corner group, [puff st around post of next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc shell in next dc, sk next 2 sts] across to last st before next corner group, puff st around post of st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of corner group, tr shell in corner ch-2 sp, sk next 3 sts of corner group, *[puff st around post of next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc shell in next dc, sk next 2 sts] across to last st before next corner group, puff st around post of st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of corner group*, **first joining tr shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in corner ch-2 sp, sk next 3 st of corner group, [puff st around post of next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, **joining dc shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next dc, sk next 2 sts] across to last st before next corner group, puff st around post of st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of corner group, **2nd joining tr shell** in next corner ch-2 sp, rep between * once, join in 4th ch of beg ch-5, fasten off. CW

Baby Popcorns & Squares

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sp, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next sp, dc in next pc, dc in next sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next sp, ending dc dec in last pc and last st. Fasten off.

Row 6: With RS facing, join baby brights in first st, beg dc dec, dc in next st, [ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st] 3 times, ch 1, *lg V-st in next ch-3 sp**, [ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st] 5 times, dc dec in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, dc dec in next 2 sts, [dc in next st, ch 1] 5 times, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, [ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st] 4 times, ending dc dec, turn.

Row 7: Ch 2, dc in first ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, *lg V-st in ch 3 sp**, [ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st] 5 times, dc dec in next sp and next st, sk next 2 sts, dc dec in next st and sp, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 5 times, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, [ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st] 4 times, ending dc dec in next sp and last st. Fasten off.

Rows 8–10: Rep rows 3–5 with orchid and white.

Rows 11 & 12: Rep rows 6 and 7.

Rows 13–15: Rep rows 3–5 with peachy and white.

Rows 16 & 17: Rep rows 6 and 7.

Rows 18–20: Rep rows 3–5 with soft blue and white.

Row 21: Rep row 3 with baby brights, fasten off, weave in ends.

Rep rows 1–21 on opposite side of Squares.

BORDER

Row 1: Using rem soft pink Squares, with RS of 1 soft pink Square facing, join baby brights in center dc of soft pink Square corner, ch 3, *dc in each of next 11 sts, V-st in next st, dc in each of next 11 sts, dc dec to join another pink Square, rep from * twice tojoin 2 more soft pink Squares, fasten off, leaving a very long tail for stitching to Blanket.

With RS tog, and matching the inside lps, sl st the 4 soft pink Squares in place on Blanket as shown in photo. Fasten off, weave ends. Rep on opposite end of Blanket.

FRINGE

Note: *Use this version of Fringe if intended recipient is under 3 years of age.*

First Fringe

With RS facing, join soft pink with sc at upper right corner of Blanket, [ch 5, sc in 3rd ch from hook] 3 times, ch 5, fasten off.

Next Fringe

Sk next 6 sts across Square, join soft pink with sc in next st, [ch 5, sc in 3rd ch from hook] 3 times, ch 5, fasten off. Work Next Fringe across top edge of Blanket, ending with a Fringe in the corner at top left edge, sc evenly sp down side edge, working 2–3 sc in end of each rows, rep from * to complete Fringe and edging on 2 rem sides. Fasten off, and weave in ends.

Rep Fringe on opposite end of Blanket.

BLANKET BORDER

Join soft pink with sc in same st as last Fringe, sc evenly sp across side edge, working 2–3 sc in end of each row across to st used for First Fringe on opposite end. Fasten off, and weave in ends.

Rep Blanket Border on opposite side edge of Blanket.

LOOPED FRINGE

Note: *Use this version of Fringe only if intended recipient is over 3 years of age.*

With RS facing, join soft pink with sc at upper right corner of Blanket, *[ch 5, sc in 3rd ch from hook] 6 times, join in first ch of beg ch-5 to form lp for Fringe, sc in same st as first sc, sc in each of next 6 sts across Square, rep from * Squares across top edge of Blanket, ending with a Fringe in the corner at top left edge, sc evenly sp down side edge, working 2–3 sc in end of each rows, rep from * to complete Fringe and edging on 2 rem sides. Fasten off, and weave in ends. CW

Waves of Fire

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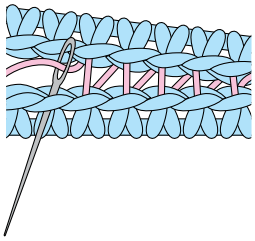
Rows 71 & 72: Rep rows 78 and 79 of Long Strip.

FINISHING

Arrange Strips with long edges tog in following sequence: Short Strip A, Long Strip B, Short Strip C, Long Strip A, Short Strip B, Long Strip A, Short Strip C, Long Strip A, Short Strip B, Long Strip C, Short Strip A. **Whipstitch edges** *(see illustration)* of Strips tog.



Whipstitch Edges Through Back Loops

EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing and B, join in corner to allow working down long edge, ch 3, 32 dc evenly sp down long edge, *3 dc in point of Strip, 14 dc evenly sp across to center point of next Strip, rep from * across to point of Strip 4 times, 32 dc evenly sp up next long edge of Strip, rep from * across to join, join with sl st in top of beg ch-1. Fasten off. CW

Lacy Ripples Babyghan

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ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at ** join in beg sc.

Rnd 19: Sl st in next ch sp, next st and next ch sp, ch 1, sc in same ch sp, *ch 2, sc in next ch sp, ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, ch 2, sc in next ch sp, ch 2, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, [sc in next ch sp, ch 3] twice, sk next ch sp** sc in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc.

Rnd 20: Ch 4, *dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next ch sp, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch sp, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next ch sp, ch 1] twice, sk next ch sp, 5 dc in next ch sp, ch 1, sk next ch sp**, dc in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 21: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, ch 1, 5 dc in center dc of next dc group, ch 1**, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc.

Rnd 22: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, (dc, ch 1) 5 times in center dc of next dc group, sk next sc and next ch sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 23: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 3 times, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next st, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnds 24 & 25: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next ch sp, ch 1] 4 times, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next st, [dc in next st, ch 1] 4 times, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 1) 3 times in next dc, dc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 26: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 4 times, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, [dc in next st, ch 1] 4 times, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, 5 dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next ch sp, ch 1, hdc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 27: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 2, [sc in next st, ch 2] 5 times, sk next st, (sc, ch 2) twice in next st, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 2] 5 times, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next ch sp, next 2 sts and next ch sp, sc in next st, ch 2, [sc in next st, ch 2] twice, sk next st, (sc, ch 2) twice in next st, [sc in next st, ch 2] twice, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next ch sp, next 2 sts and next ch sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 28: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, sc in same ch sp, **picot** *(see Special Stitch)*, ch 1, *(sc, picot, ch 1) in each of next 5 ch sps, (sc, picot, ch 1) twice in next ch sp, (sc, picot, ch 1) in each of next 5 ch sps, sc in next ch sp, sk next ch sp, (sc, picot, ch 1) in each of next 3 ch sps, (sc, picot, ch 1) twice in next ch sp, (sc, picot, ch 1) in each of next 3 ch sps, sc in next ch sp, sk next ch sp**, (sc, picot, ch 1) in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, ch 1, join in beg sc. Fasten off. CW

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ROW JOINING

With A, whipstitch side of Motif rows tog. Fasten off after joining 2 sides.

SQUARE JOINING

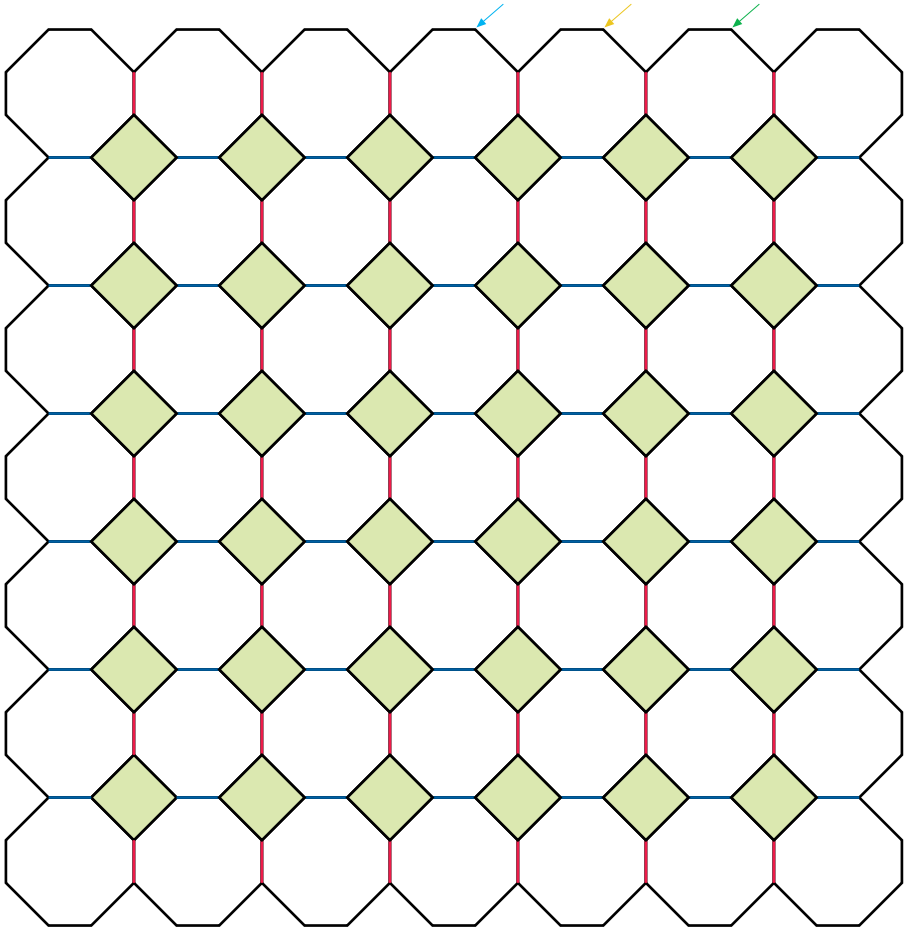
After all 7 [11] rows have been joined, whipstitch 1 Square Motif into each rem sp between Motifs.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Join A in 2nd hdc of corner 3-hdc group as indicated by green arrow on Assembly Diagram, ch 2, *hdc in each of next 10 hdc, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, hdc in each of next 9 hdc, sk next 2 sts, next row joining and next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 9 sts**, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next 3-hdc corner group, rep from * across 1 side of Throw [Afghan], [hdc in each of next 10 hdc, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group] twice, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, (hdc, ch 2) in same st as join, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

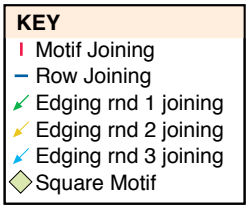
Rnd 2: Join B in 2nd hdc of corner 3-hdc group as indicated by yellow arrow on Assembly Diagram, ch 2, *hdc in each of next 12 hdc, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, hdc in each of next 9 hdc, sk next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 9 sts**, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next 3-hdc corner group, rep from * across 1 side of Throw [Afghan], [hdc in each of next 12 hdc, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group] twice, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, hdc in each of next 12 hdc, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, hdc in each of next 9 hdc, sk next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 9 sts, (hdc, ch 2) in same st as join, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join C in 3rd hdc of corner 3-hdc group as indicated by blue arrow on Assembly Diagram, ch 2, *hdc in each of next 14 hdc, 3 hdc in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, hdc in each of next 9 hdc, sk next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 9 sts**, 3 hdc in 2nd hdc of next 3-hdc corner group, rep from * across 1 side of Throw [Afghan], [hdc in each of next 14 hdc, 3 hdc in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group] twice, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, hdc in each of next 14 hdc, (3 hdc) in 2nd hdc of next corner 3-hdc group, hdc in each of next 9 hdc, sk next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 9 sts, 2 hdc in same st as join, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off. CW



Oriental Octagons
Assembly Diagram

Note: *To assemble Afghan, use Throw Assembly Diagram (above), but add 2 Octagon Motifs at the right side of each row, and add 4 9-Octagon Motif rows at the bottom. Join rows and Square Motifs accordingly. Edging rnds will begin as shown by arrows.*



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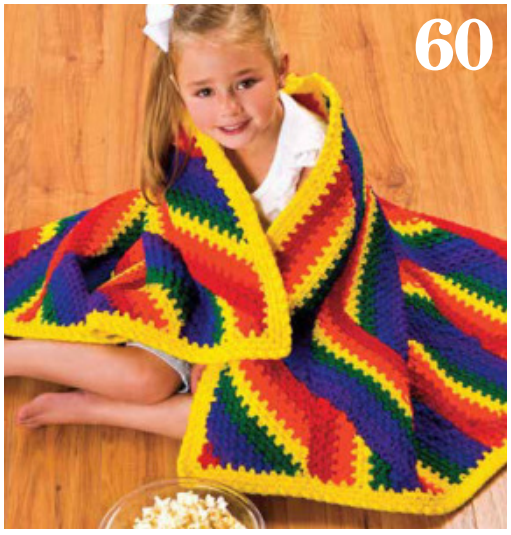
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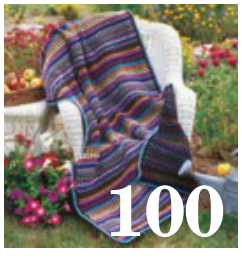
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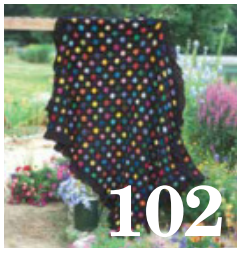
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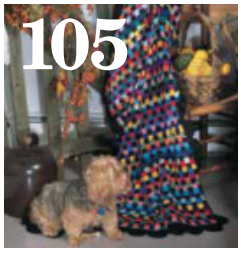
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Rows 37–42: Rep row 2, changing color to paddy green at end of last row.

Rows 43–48: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 49–100: Rep row 2, changing color to paddy green at end of last row.

Rows 101–106: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 107–112: Rep row 2, changing color to cherry red at end of last row.

Rows 113–118: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 119–124: Rep row 2, changing color to gold at end of last row.

Rows 125–130: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 131–136: Rep row 2, changing color to black at end of last row.

Rows 137–142: Rep row 2, changing color to soft white at end of last row.

Rows 143–148: Rep row 2. Fasten off at end of last row.

EDGING

Rnd 1 (RS): With black, join with sc in any corner of Body, 2 sc in same sc, sc evenly sp around entire Afghan, working 3 sc in each corner, **join** *(see Pattern Note)* in beg sc, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each rem corner, join in beg sc. Fasten off and weave in ends. CW

Squares & Ripples

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BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): Working in back lps, join MC in first sc of 3-Point Multiple Small Ripple directly following joined Large Square, work rem sts as follows:

A. Ch 1, sc in same sc as join;

B. *[Sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across to sp where 2 Large Squares are whipstitched tog, sk next sp] once;

C. Sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across to where Large Square and 3-Point Multiple Small Ripple are whipstitched tog, sk next sp;

D. [Sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 11 sc, sk next 2 sc] once;

E. Sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 11 sc, sk next sp;

F. Rep from * 3 times, join in first sc.

Rnds 2 & 3: Ch 1, *[sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 13 sc, sk next 2 sc] 3 times, [sc in each sc across to center sc of next 3-sc group, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 11 sc, sk next 2 sc] 3 times, rep from * 3 times, join in first sc. Fasten off. CW

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STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

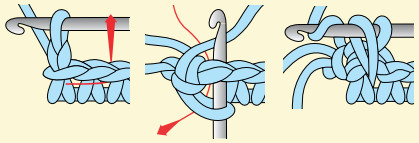
beg ..... begin/begins/beginning
bpdc ..... back post double crochet
bpsc ..... back post single crochet
bptr ..... back post treble crochet
CC ..... contrasting color
ch(s) ..... chain(s)
ch- ..... refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s) ..... chain space(s)
cl(s) ..... cluster(s)
cm ..... centimeter(s)
dc ..... double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec ..... double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dec ..... decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr ..... double treble crochet
ext ..... extended
fpdc ..... front post double crochet
fpsc ..... front post single crochet
fptr ..... front post treble crochet
g ..... gram(s)
hdc ..... half double crochet
hdc dec ..... half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
inc ..... increase/increases/increasing
lp(s) ..... loop(s)
MC ..... main color
mm ..... millimeter(s)
oz ..... ounce(s)
pc ..... popcorn(s)
rem ..... remain/remains/remaining
rep(s) ..... repeat(s)
rnd(s) ..... round(s)
RS ..... right side
sc ..... single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec ..... single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sk ..... skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s) ..... slip stitch(es)
sp(s) ..... space(s)/spaced
st(s) ..... stitch(es)
tog ..... together
tr ..... treble crochet
trtr ..... triple treble
WS ..... wrong side
yd(s) ..... yard(s)
yo ..... yarn over

YARN CONVERSION

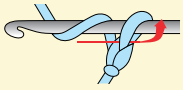
OUNCES TO GRAMS		GRAMS TO OUNCES	
1	28.4	25	⅞
2	56.7	40	1⅓
3	85.0	50	1¾
4	113.4	100	3½

UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM
sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

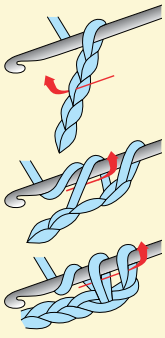
Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo and draw through both lps on hook.



Chain (ch): Yo, pull through lp on hook.



Single crochet (sc): Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



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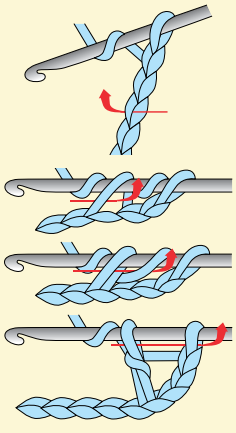
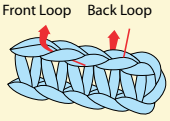
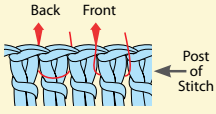


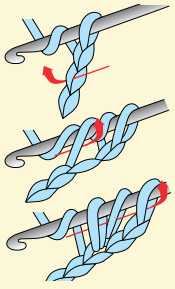
Front loop (front lp) Back loop (back lp)



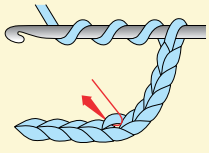
Front post stitch (fp): Back post stitch (bp): When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.



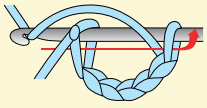
Half double crochet (hdc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



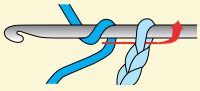
Double treble crochet (dtr): Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



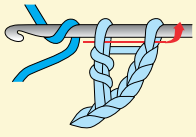
Slip stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



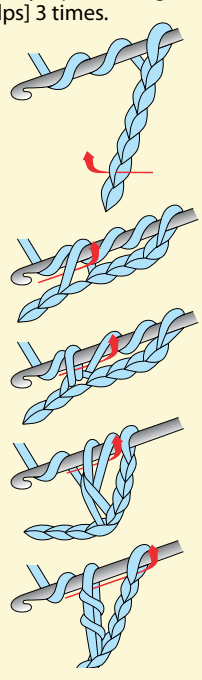
Chain color change (ch color change) Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



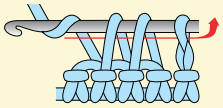
Double crochet color change (dc color change) Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



Treble crochet (tr): Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

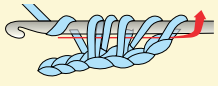


Single crochet decrease (sc dec): (Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



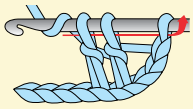
Example of 2-sc dec

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



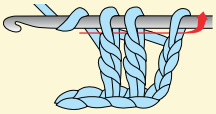
Example of 2-hdc dec

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-dc dec

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-tr dec

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