

Northern Lights

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SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

43 x 72 inches, excluding fringe

MATERIALS

- Fine (sport) weight yarn:
36 oz/2,700 yds/
1,020g blue
24 oz/1,800 yds/680g
each violet and violet/
blue variegated
- Size N/15/10mm crochet
hook or size needed to
obtain gauge

GAUGE

With three strands held tog:
12 sc = 5 inches

PATTERN NOTE

Afghan is worked from side to side holding three strands together throughout.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Bobble: [Tr, sc] in indicated st, pushing bobble to RS of work.

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

Beginning double crochet cluster (beg dc cl): (Ch 2, dc) in indicated st or sp.

INSTRUCTIONS

AFGHAN

Row 1 (RS): With one strand each of all three colors held tog, ch 173, sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (172 sc made)

Row 2: Beg dc cl (see *Special Stitches*) in first sc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sc, **bobble** (see *Special Stitches*) in next sc] across to last 3 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, **dc cl** (see



Special Stitches) in last sc, turn. (56 bobbles)

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), 2 dc in next ch sp, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch sp] across to last ch sp, dc in beg dc cl, turn. (172 dc)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, bobble in next dc] across to last 3 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in last st, turn. (56 bobbles)

Row 5: Ch 3, [2 dc in next ch sp, dc in next st] across, turn. (172 dc)

Row 6: Rep row 4.

Rows 7 & 8: Rep rows 5 and 4. At end of last row, fasten off.

Row 9: With RS facing, join three strands blue held tog with sl st in first sc of last row, ch 3, dc in next ch sp, ch 3, [sc in next ch sp, ch 3] across to next-to-last ch sp, dc in last ch sp, dc in last sc, turn. (56 ch sps)

Row 10: Ch 1, sc in first dc, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] across, turn.

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Row 11: Ch 3, dc in next ch sp, ch 3, [sc in next ch sp, ch 3] across to last ch sp, dc in last ch sp, dc in last sc, turn. (56 ch sps)

Row 12: Rep Row 10. Fasten off.

Row 13: With RS facing, join one strand each of all three colors with sl st in first sc of last row, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch sp, 3 sc in each ch sp across, sc in last sc, turn. (172 sc)

Rows 14–24: Rep rows 2–12.

Rows 25–68: Rep rows 13–24 consecutively, ending with row 8. At end of row 68, **do not fasten off**.

Row 69: Ch 1, sc in each sc, 2 sc in each ch sp across, turn.

Row 70: Ch 1, sl st in each sc across. Fasten off.

FRINGE

Cut one 14-inch strand each of all colors. Holding all three strands tog, fold strands in half, insert hook from WS to RS in end st of first row on either short edge of Afghan, pull fold through st, pull ends through fold and pull tightly. Work one Fringe over each sc end st and two Fringe over each dc or dc cl end st across short edge. Rep across opposite short end of Afghan. □□

