

Natural Textures

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SKILL LEVEL

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FINISHED SIZE

45 x 60 inches, excluding fringe

MATERIALS

- ❑ Lion Brand Homespun bulky (chunky) weight yarn (6 oz/185 yds/170g per skein):
 - 6 skeins #301 shaker (MC)
 - 5 skeins #300 hepplewhite (CC)
- ❑ Size K/10½/6.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

5 sts = 2 inches; 2 dc rows = 1½ inches

SPECIAL STITCHES

Cluster (cl): Holding back on hook last lp of each st, 4 dc in next st, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Cross stitch (cr st): Ch 1, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, ch 3, working in front of last dc made, sk next unworked st to the right, dc in next st.

INSTRUCTIONS

AFGHAN

Row 1 (RS): With MC, ch 109, dc in fourth ch (*first 3 chs count as first dc*) from hook and in each ch across, turn. (107 dc made)

Row 2: Ch 3 (*counts as first dc*), dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

Row 3: With RS facing, join CC with sl st in first st, ch 3, **cl** (see *Special Stitches*) in next st, dc in next st, ***cr st** (see *Special Stitches*), ch 1, sk next st after first leg of cr st worked, dc in next st, cl in next st, dc in next st, rep from * across, **do not turn**. Fasten off. (13 cr sts)

Row 4: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in first st, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, [5 dc in next ch-3 sp,

sk next ch sp, dc in each of next 3 sts] across, turn. (107 dc)

Next rows: Rep Rows 2–4 consecutively until afghan measures 60 inches or desired length, ending with row 2. At end of last row, fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in upper right-hand corner, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each st across to next corner, 3 sc in last st; *working over ends of rows, evenly sp sc across to next corner*, working in starting ch on opposite side of row 1, 3 sc in first ch, sc in each ch across to next corner, 3 sc in last ch, rep between * *, sc in same st as first

sc, join with sl st in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, [sc, ch 3, sc] in same st as joining, *ch 3, [sk next st, sc in next st, ch 3] across to next corner**, adjusting number of sts sk before corner, if necessary, to work [sc, ch 3, sc] in corner st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join. Fasten off.

FRINGE

Cut four 10-inch lengths of CC. Holding all four strands tog, fold in half. Insert hook from WS to RS in first ch-3 sp across either short edge of Afghan. Pull fold through sp, pull ends through fold, pull to tighten.

Fringe in each ch-3 sp across both short ends of Afghan. □□

