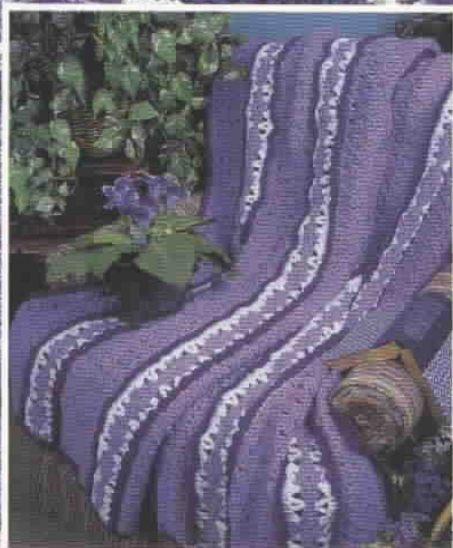


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Teal Treasure

By Carolyn Christmas

(Shown on front cover at top left.)

FINISHED SIZE:

45" x 71".

MATERIALS:

- Bernat Berella® "4"® by Spinrite or worsted yarn:
30 oz. teal
10 oz. off-white
- J hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE:

Strip = 7½" wide; 6 sc = 2"; 4 sc rows = 1¼".

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, sc, dc.

SPECIAL STITCH:

For **picot**, ch 4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

FIRST STRIP

Row 1: With teal, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (5 sc made)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (7)

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

Rows 4-9: Repeat rows 2-3 alternately. (13 sts at end of row 9)

Row 10: Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, dc in last 4 sts, turn. (13)

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in next st, skip 2 sts, (dc in next st, ch 1) 4 times, dc in next st, skip 2 sts, dc in last 2 sts, turn. (9 dc, 4 ch)

Row 12: Ch 3, dc in each st and in each ch-1 sp across, turn. (13)

Rows 13-87: Repeat rows 10-12 consecutively, ending last repeat with row 12.

Row 88: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 89: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in each sc across, sc last 2 sc tog, turn. (11)

Rows 90-96: Repeat rows 88-89 alternately, ending with row 88. At end of last row, fasten off. (5 sts at end of row 95)

Border

Rnd 1: With row 1 toward you, join teal with sl st in dc at right end of row 11, ch 3, 4 dc in same st, *(sc in end of next row) 2 times, 5 dc in end of next row (5 dc are always in the end of a repeat of row 11); repeat from * to end of Strip, (11 sc evenly down ends of sc rows, 7 dc in center st of 5-sc row at end; working down opposite side of Strip, 11 sc evenly across ends of sc rows), 5 dc in end of next row; repeat from * to end of Strip; repeat from [to], join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: Join off-white with sl st in center dc of same 5-dc group, ch 1, sc in same st, *skip 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in each of next 2 sts, skip 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * to end of Strip, skip 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, sc) in next st, (ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st) 13 times, ch

3, skip next st, (sc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * to end of Strip, ending with join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st, *(ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) 2 times, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * 24 times, ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, **picot (see Special Stitch), ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from ** 12 more times, ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * around, end with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

ADDED STRIP (make 4)

NOTE: Loops will be referred to as **picot loops** and **plain loops**.

Picot loops are ch-3 loops with **picots** and **plain loops** are ch-3 loops without **picots**.

Work instructions for First Strip through Rnd 2 of Border.

Rnd 3 (joining rnd): Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in third plain loop on left edge of last Strip, (ch 1, sc in next loop on Added Strip, ch 1, sc in next loop on last Strip) across until one free plain loop remains on last Strip, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 lp, **picot, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from ** 12 more times, ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next sc; repeat from * around, end with ch 1, sc in second free plain loop on last Strip, ch 1, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

EDGE STRIPS (make 2)

Work Edge Strips same as for the Added Strips, continuing picot loops around outside edges. □□



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Fans

By Hattie Pulsifer

(Shown on back cover at top right.)

FINISHED SIZE:

37½" × 68" plus fringe.

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 24 oz. lt. blue
 - 16 oz. med. blue
- About 12 large safety pins
- H hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE:

Shell = 3" × 6"; Strip = 7½" wide.

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, sc, dc.

STRIP (make 3 with lt. blue and 2 with med. blue)

First Fan

Row 1: With lt. blue, ch 10, dc in 8th ch from hook, ch 5, skip 1 ch, dc in last ch, turn. (2 large sps made)

Row 2: Ch 3, 10 dc in ch-5 sp, 10 dc in ch-8 sp, turn. (21 dc)

Row 3: Ch 4, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, dc in top of ch 3, turn. (12 dc, 11 ch-1 sps)

Row 4: Ch 3, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, 4 dc in next ch-1 sp, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, turn. (35)

Row 5: Ch 4, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, dc in top of ch 3, turn. (19 dc, 18 ch-1 sps) Do not fasten off.

Second & Third Fans

Row 1: Ch 5, skip 1 ch-1 sp, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 5, skip next ch-1 sp, sl st in next ch-1 sp, sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, turn.

Row 2: (10 dc in next ch-5 sp) 2 times; for **Second Fan**, dc in same sp, turn (21 dc); for **Third Fan**, (sl st in next ch-1 sp, sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp) on previous Fan, turn (20 dc).

Row 3: For **Second Fan**, ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch-1 sp); for **Third Fan**, ch 1 (counts as first ch-1 sp); for both Fans, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, skip last dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp on previous Fan (11 ch-1 sps), (sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp) on previous Fan, turn.

Row 4: (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, 4 dc in next ch-1 sp, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times; for **Second Fan**, dc in same sp, turn (35 dc); for **Third Fan**, (sl st in

next ch-1 sp, sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp) on previous Fan, turn (34 dc).

Row 5: For **Second Fan**, ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch-1 sp); for **Third Fan**, ch 1 (counts as first ch-1 sp); for both Fans, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, skip last dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp on previous Fan (18 ch-1 sps), turn.

Repeat Third Fan until afghan is desired length (Afghan in photo has 35 Fans).

End of Strip

Row 1: With beginning end of Strip at top and high side to the right, join with sl st in first large sp at center of Fan, ch 5, dc in next sp, ch 5, (sl st in end of row 2, 2 sl st in end of row 3) on First Fan, turn.

Row 2: (10 dc in ch-5 sp) 2 times (20 dc), (sl st in end of row 2, 2 sl st in end of row 3) on First Fan, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1 (counts as first ch-1 sp), dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, skip last dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp on previous Fan (11 ch-1 sps), (sl st in end of row 4, sl st in end of row 5) on First Fan, sl st in end of row 2 on Second Fan, turn.

Row 4: (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, 4 dc in next ch-1 sp, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times (34 dc), (sl st in end of row 4, 2 sl st in end of row 5) on First Fan, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1 (counts as first ch-1 sp), dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) across, ch 1, skip last dc, sl st in end of row 5 on Second Fan. (18 ch-1 sps) Fasten off.

Assembly

1: Lay Strips side by side on floor or bed, alternating colors and reversing direction of Strips so that curves on sides fit together. Pin Strips together one seam at a time with large safety pins as they should be joined.

2: Pick up first two Strips, join med. blue with sl st in first pinned space at bottom on right Strip, ch 3, sl st in corresponding space on left Strip, (ch 3, sl st in next space on right Strip, ch 3, sl st in next space on left Strip) to top.

3: Repeat step 2 to join remaining Strips.

Fringe

For each Fringe, cut two 16" strands of each color. Holding all four strands together, fold in half. Insert hook from back to front in space at end of Afghan; pull fold through to back, forming loop. Insert cut ends through loop and pull gently to tighten Fringe. Fringe across ends of Afghan. □□

Spanish Loop 'n Lace

By Ruby Gates

(Shown on back cover at top left.)

FINISHED SIZE:

39" × 75".

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 24 oz. red
 - 30 oz. black
- H hook

GAUGE:

Motif is 2" across.

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, dc, tr.

NOTE:

This afghan was made using the **Loop 'n Lace Technique** created by Annie Potter.

STRIP (make 9)

First Motif

Rnd 1: With red, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 2 (counts as first dc), work 11 more dc in ring, join with sl st in top of ch 2. Fasten off. (12 dc made)

Rnd 2: Join black with sc in any dc, (ch 3, sc in next st) around, ch 3, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (12 loops)

Added Motif (make 33)

Rnd 1: Repeat rnd 1 of First Motif.

Rnd 2 (connecting rnd): Join black with sc in any st, ch 1, sc in any ch-3 loop on First Motif, ch 1, sc in next st on Added Motif, (ch 1, sc in next ch-3 loop on First Motif, ch 1, sc in next st on Added Motif) 2 times, (ch 3, sc in next st) around Added Motif, ending with ch 3, join in first sc. Fasten off. (3 loops joined on Motifs)

Leaving 3 free ch-3 loops on each side of each Motif and joining Motifs end to end, repeat Added Motif until Strip has 33 Motifs.

Border

Rnd 1: Join red with sl st in first free loop on second Motif, ch 3, dc in same loop, (2 dc in next loop) 2 times, (tr in next loop) 2 times (trs are made in joined lps), *(2 dc in next loop) 3 times, (tr in next loop) 2 times*; repeat from * to * to end

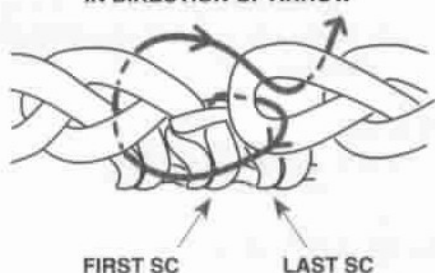
Motif. **On end Motif, work (2 dc in next loop) 2 times, 3 dc in next loop, (4 dc in next loop) 3 times, 3 dc in next loop, (2 dc in next loop) 2 times**, (tr in next loop) 2 times; repeat from * to * up other side; repeat from ** to ** for end Motif; join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off.

NOTE: The ch-10 loops and ch-15 loops on the next rnd alternate as you work; if two of the same size loops are next to each other the lacing instructions **will not work**. Periodically check to make sure they alternate.

Rnd 2: Join black with sc in joining, ch 10, (sc in next st, ch 15, sc in next st, ch 10) around to last st, enlarge loop on hook and drop from hook; leaving a 15" end, cut yarn (this will be used to make last sc and ch-15 loop later).

To lace ch-10 loops around outer edge of Border, skipping over ch-15 loops as you work, reach through first ch-10 loop, pick up next ch-10 loop and pull through first loop; reaching through last loop, pick up next ch-10 loop and pull it through; repeat round Strip; to connect last ch-10 loop to first ch-10 loop, weave loose end of ch 10 through first and last loops as shown in illustration below (pull remaining end of yarn completely through both loops); working behind laced ch-10 loops only (do not get behind ch-15 loops), pick up dropped loop at loose end of ch 10 and sc in last st of rnd 1, ch 15, join with sl st in first sc of rnd 2. Fasten off. (Always work Lacing in same direction so all Strips will match.)

WEAVE CH 10 THROUGH LOOPS
IN DIRECTION OF ARROW



Assembly

To lace ch-15 loops on side edges of Strips together, place two Strips side by side; mark center 10 loops on each end of each Strip; beginning at bottom and using ch-15 loops on sides, reach through first loop on first

Strip, pick up first loop on second Strip and pull through; reaching through last loop, pick up next loop on first Strip and pull through loop on second Strip; repeat up to top of Strips, stopping at the marked loops.

Place another Strip beside the second Strip and lace edges together, always starting lacing in the same manner at bottom to keep direction the same.

To lace outer edges of Strips together, beginning at bottom of Strip on right-hand side of Afghan; working in same manner as ch-10 loops, lace the remaining ch-15 loops up side and around end of Strip; *pick up remaining ch-15 loop at top of next lacing seam and continue lacing across next Strip; repeat from * across all Strips, continue lacing down side and across bottom, weaving loops into bottom of seams as you work across ends.

To connect first and last loops, with 15" piece of matching yarn, join with sl st in last sc of rnd 2 on Border, ch 15 and finish connecting in same manner as ch-10 loops. □□

Medieval

By Deborah Levy-Hamburg

(Shown on back cover at bottom left.)

FINISHED SIZE:

40" × 76".

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 25 oz. red
 - 16 oz. winter white
- H hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE:

Strip = 4½" wide.

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, sc, dc.

SPECIAL STITCHES:

For **puff stitch (puff st)**, (yo, draw up loop) 3 times in same st, yo, draw through all 7 loops on hook, ch 1.

For **2-double crochet cluster (2-dc cl)**, holding back last 2 loops of each dc on hook, work 2 dc in same st, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

STRIP (make 7)

Center

Row 1: With red, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in ring, turn. (8 dc, 3 ch made)

Rows 2-100: Ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp, skip 2 dc, dc in last dc, turn. (8 dc, 3 ch)

Row 101: Ch 3, turn, 3 sl st in ch-3 sp, ch 3, skip 2 dc, sl st in last dc. End off.

Border

Rnd 1: Join winter white with sl st in bottom ring of Strip Center, ch 1, (puff st—see *Special Stitches*, ch 1) 3 times in same ring, puff st in end dc of row 1, ch 1, (puff st in end of next row, ch 1) 99 times, puff st in next ch-3 sp, (puff st, ch 1) 3 times in end ch-3 sp, puff st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (puff st in end of next row, ch 1) 99 times, puff st in end dc of row 1, ch 1, join with sl st in top of first puff st. End off. (208 puff sts made)

Rnd 2: Join red with sl st in ch-1 sp before 3 puff sts at end of Strip, (puff st, ch 1) 2 times in same sp, * (puff st, ch 1, puff st, ch 1) in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, repeat from * 3 times, (puff st, ch 1) in each of next 100 ch-1 sps, (puff st, ch 1, puff st, ch 1) in each of next 4 ch-1 sps, (puff st, ch 1) in each of next 100 ch-1 sps, join with sl st in first puff st. Fasten off. (216 puff sts)

Rnd 3: Join winter white with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, (dc, ch 1, 2-dc cl—see *Special Stitches*, ch 1) in same sp, *(2-dc cl, ch 1, 2-dc cl, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around, join with sl st in top of first dc. Fasten off. (216 pairs of 2-dc cls)

Rnd 4: Join red with sl st in ch-1 sp in center of any pair of 2-dc cls, ch 1, sc in same st, (ch 1, skip next 2-dc cl, sc in back loop (see *Stitch Guide*) of next ch, ch 1, skip next 2-dc cl, sc in next ch-1 sp) around, join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same st, (ch 3, skip next sc, sc in next sc) around, ch 3, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Mark center 8 loops on each end.

Joining Strips

Join red with sc in first unmarked loop at bottom right of Strip #1, ch 3, sc in first unmarked loop at bottom left of Strip #2, (ch 3, sc in next loop on Strip #1, ch 3, sc in next loop on Strip #2) until all unmarked loops are joined. Fasten off. Repeat to join remaining Strips. □□

Flowers & Lace

By Alexander Stratton

(Shown on front cover at bottom left.)

FINISHED SIZE:

50" x 63".

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 31½ oz. lilac
 - 10½ oz. white
 - 7 oz. purple
- H hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGES:

Flower Strip = 3½" wide.
Lace Strip = 5" wide.

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, sc, hdc, dc, tr.

SPECIAL STITCH:

For **2-double crochet cluster (2-dc cl)**, holding back last loop of each st on hook, work 2 dc in same st, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

To **change yarn color**, work stitch with first color until the last 2 loops are on hook; pull second color through last 2 loops and continue with second color.

FLOWER STRIP (Make 5)

First Half

Row 1: With lilac, ch 230, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (229 sc made)

Row 2 (right side): Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, *ch 2, skip next 4 sts, **2-dc cl** (see *Special Stitch*) in next st, (ch 2, 2-dc cl) 3 times in same st, ch 2, skip next 4 sts, sc in next 3 sts*; repeat from * to * across, ending with sc in last 2 sts and joining white in last loop of last sc, turn. (58 sc, 190 ch, 76 2-dc cl)

Row 3: Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), tr in first st, *ch 1, skip next ch-2 sp, (2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1) 3 times, skip next ch-2 sp, (tr, ch 2, tr) in center sc of next 3-sc group*; repeat from * to * across ending with (tr, ch 2, tr) in last sc, turn. (40 tr, 116 ch, 114 dc)

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next ch-2 sp, *dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc next 2 sc tog, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp*; repeat from * to * across, ending with dc in ch-6 loop at end, dc in 4th ch of ch-6. Fasten off. (202)

Second Half

Row 1: With right side of Strip facing you and opposite side of foundation chain up, attach lilac in first ch at beginning of foundation ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, sc in first 2 ch, *ch 2, (2-dc cl, ch 2) 4 times in center hole of next half-flower, skip next 4 sts, sc in next 3 sts (evenly aligned over 3-sc group on other side of foundation ch)*; repeat from * to * across, ending with sc in last ch, turn. (58 sc, 190 ch, 76 cl made)

Rows 2–3: Repeat rows 3–4 of First Half.

Strip End Edging

With right side of Strip facing you, join lilac with sl st at right corner of short end; ch 1, sc in same st; working evenly across edge at short end, sc across higher edges and hdc across lower edge at center. Fasten off. Repeat across remaining short end.

Ruffled Side Edging

Join purple with sl st at right end of long edge; working in **front loops only** (see *Stitch Guide*) across long edge of Strip, ch 5, dc in same st, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st*; repeat from * to * across. Fasten off. Repeat across remaining long edge.

LACE STRIP (make 6)

Row 1 (right side): With lilac, ch 26, work 2-dc cl in 6th ch from hook (counts as dc, ch 2), *skip next 4 ch, (2-dc cl, ch 2, 2 dc cl, ch 2, 2-dc cl) in next ch*; repeat from * to * across to last 5 ch, skip 4 ch, (2 dc cl, ch 2, dc) in last ch, turn. (11 2-dc cl, 2 dc, 16 ch made)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *ch 4, skip next two 2-dc cl, sc in top of next 2-dc cl*; repeat from * to * across, ending with last sc in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn. (5 sc, 16 ch)

Row 3: Ch 5 (counts as 1 dc and ch 2), 2-dc cl in first sc, *(2-dc cl, ch 2, 2 dc cl, ch 2, 2-dc cl) in next sc*; repeat from * to * across to last sc, (2-dc cl, ch 2, dc) in last sc, turn. (11 2-dc cl, 2 dc, 16 ch made)

Rows 4–118: Repeat rows 2–3 alternately, ending with row 2. **Do not fasten off** at end of last row; turn.

Edging

Ch 1, 3 sc in first sc, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, (sc in next sc, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp) 3 times, 3 sc in last sc, sc evenly

across long edge, 3 sc in next corner, (3 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in center hole of next half-flower) 3 times, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, 3 sc in next corner, sc evenly across long edge, join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Fasten off.

JOINING STRIPS

Place a Lace Strip and a Flower Strip together right sides facing and with edges evenly aligned. Whip-stitch edges of Strips together from corner to corner, working through **both loops** of each st on Lace Strip and the unworked **back loop** of each st on Flower Strip. Fasten off. Join remaining Strips in same manner, ending with a Lace Strip on each edge.

BORDER

Join purple with sl st in any corner st, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st, dc evenly to next corner st, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in corner st, dc evenly to next corner st*; repeat from * to * around, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off. □□

Hexagons

By Karen Ferrell

(Shown on front cover at center right.)

FINISHED SIZE:

50" x 68".

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 8 oz. color A
 - 8 oz. color B
 - 4 oz. color C
 - 16 oz. variegated
- H hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE:

Center hexagons: 4" wide;
Strip: 10" wide.

BASIC STITCHES:

Ch, sl st, sc, dc.

HEXAGONS (make 45 with variegated)

Rnd 1: Ch 6, join with sl st to form ring; ch 3, 2 dc in ring, *ch 2, 3 dc in ring; repeat from * 4 times; ch 2, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. (18 sc, 12 ch made)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, dc in ch-2 sp, ch 2, *dc in same ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2*; repeat from * 4 times; dc in same ch-2 sp, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off. (30 dc, 12 ch)

STRIP (make 2 each with colors A and B and 1 with color C)

NOTES: Work all sc and dc in back loops only (see *Stitch Guide*) unless otherwise indicated.

The term "stitches (sts)" in this pattern refers to stitches or chains.

Rnd 1: With wrong side facing you, join with sl st in back lp of 2nd ch of any ch-2 sp of Hexagon, ch 1, sc in same st, *sc in next 6 sts, (ch 2, sc in next 7 sts) 2 times**, ch 9, sc in 2nd ch of any ch-2 sp of next Hexagon*; repeat from * to * 7 times; repeat from * to ** (9 Hexagons attached); (ch 2, sc in next 7 sts) 3 times; ***sc in next 9 ch to next Hexagon, (sc in next 7 sts, ch 2) 2 times, sc in next 7 sts; repeat from *** around, ch 2, join with sl st in first st, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in next st, ch 2, dc in next 9 sts, *ch 2, dc in next 9 sts, ch 2, dc in next 7 sts, (skip 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts) 2 times; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 9 sts) 3 times, **ch 2, dc in next 9 sts, ch 2, dc in next 7 sts, skip 2 sts; working on opposite side of ch, dc in next 7 ch, skip 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, ch 2; repeat from ** down opposite side of Strip; join with sl st in top of ch 3, turn.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in next 8 sts, *ch 2, dc in next 11 sts, ch 2, dc in next 7 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 11 sts) 3 times; repeat from * down opposite side of Strip, ending with dc in last 2 sts, join with sl st in top of ch 3, turn.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, ch 2, dc in next 13 sts, *ch 2, dc in next 13 sts, ch 2, dc in next 7 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 13 sts) 3 times; repeat from * down opposite side of Strip, ending with dc in last 9 sts, join with sl st in top of ch 3, turn.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, *ch 2, dc in next 15 sts, ch 2, dc in next 7 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 15 sts) 3 times; repeat from * down opposite side of Strip, ending with dc in last 4 sts, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off. Turn.

Rnd 6: Join variegated with sl st to second ch-2 sp from end of Strip in back loop of second ch, ch 3, dc in next 16 sts, *ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, skip 5 sts, dc in next 6 sts, ch 2, dc in next 17 sts; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 17 sts) 3 times; repeat from * down opposite side of Strip, (ch 2, dc in next 17 sts) 2 times, join with sl st in top of ch 3, turn.

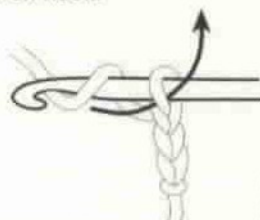
Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in next st, (ch 2, dc in next 19 sts) 3 times, ch 2, *dc in next 4 sts, skip 6 sts, dc in next 4 sts, ch 2, dc in next 19 sts, ch 2; repeat from * to end Hexagon; (ch 2, dc in next 19 sts) 3 times; repeat from * down opposite side of Strip, dc in next 4 sts, skip 6 sts, dc in next 4 sts, ch 2, dc in next 17 sts, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off.

JOINING STRIPS

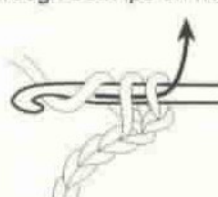
Arrange Strips right side up on bed or floor with color C Strip in center and alternating remaining Strips as shown in photo. Pick up two Strips at a time and with right sides together, sl st Strips together through back lps only, working the following sequence in the "v" between Hexagons: *sl st in front lp of each st of the "v" on the piece nearest you; turn; sl st in front lp of each st of the remaining "v"; join with sl st in matching st on opposite "v". Fasten off. Join with sl st through both thicknesses at end of "v" section, sl st straight section together through back lps only; repeat from * across. Fasten off. □□

Stitch Guide

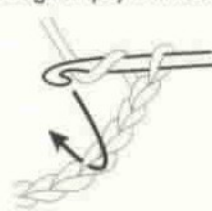
Chain—ch: Yo, pull through lp on hook.



Single crochet—sc: Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



Double crochet—dc: Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, (yo, pull through 2 lps) 2 times.



Slip stitch—sl st: Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st and lp on hook.



Half double crochet—hdc: Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



Treble crochet—tr: Yo 2 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, (yo, pull through 2 lps) 3 times.



STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

begbeginning
chchain
dcdouble crochet
decdecrease
hdchalf double crochet
incincrease
lploop
lpsloops
rndround

rndsrounds
scsingle crochet
sl stslip stitch
spspace
spsspaces
ststitch
stsstitches
togtogether
trtreble crochet
yoyarn over

sc next 2 sts tog(insert hook in next st, yo, pull through st) 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.

hdc next 2 sts tog(yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull through st) 2 times, yo, pull through all 5 lps on hook.

dc next 2 sts tog(yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook) 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.