

Garden Afghan

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Turn your scraps into a spring afghan as beautiful as your flower garden.

Skill Level

Experienced

Finished Size

44 x 66 inches

Materials

- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 24 oz/1,200 yds/680 g aran 12 oz/600 yds/340 g light mint 6 oz/300 yds/170 g each pink, lilac, pale plum and light coral
- Size H/8 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

Large motif = 7 1/4 inches; 2 dc rounds = 1 1/4 inches

Special Stitches

Cluster (cl): [Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, pull up lp, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Shell: (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in top of ch-5 sp.

Instructions

Afghan

Large Motif (Make 54)

Round 1: With any color but aran or light mint, ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 4, [cl (*see Special Stitches*) in same ch as beg dc, ch 4] 5 times, join with sl st in top of first dc. Fasten off. (6 cls, 6 ch-4 sps)

Round 2: Join aran with sl st in any ch-4 sp, ch 3 (*counts as first dc throughout*), 5 dc in same ch-4 sp, 6 dc in each ch-4 sp around, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (36 dc)

Round 3: Join same color yarn as in round 1 with sl st in first st, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 11, remove hook and drop color to front of Motif, join light mint in next dc of round 2, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 11, remove hook and drop light mint to front of motif, [pick up dropped lp of color, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 11, remove hook and drop color to front of motif, pick up dropped lp of mint green, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 11, remove hook and drop light mint to front of Motif] 5 times, joining last ch of color to 3rd ch of beg ch-3 at back of Motif, remove hook and join light mint at back of Motif behind color ch-11 sp, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, **do not fasten off.** (36 dc, 6 ch-11 lps each color)

Round 4: At back of motif, pick up color, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 5, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next color ch-11 sp, ch 5, drop lp of color to back of motif, pick up mint green lp, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 5, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next light mint ch-11 sp, ch 5, drop lp to back of motif, [pick up lp of color, at back, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 5, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next color ch-11 sp, ch 5, drop color to back of motif, pick up light mint at back of motif, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 5, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next light mint ch-11 sp, ch 5, drop lp to back of work] around, joining each color and mint green with sl st at back of motif in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off both yarns.

Note: When working round 5, you will work dc in each of 3 dc of color, shell in same color ch-5 sp at top. Next, you will work 3 dc in mint green and shell in top mint green ch-5 sp.

Round 5: Join aran in beg ch-3 of color, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, **shell** (*see Special Stitches*) in top of next ch-5 sp of color, dc in each of next 3 mint green dc sts, shell in top of ch-5 mint green sp, [dc in each of next 3 color dc sts, shell in top of next ch-5 sp of color, dc in each of next 3 mint green dc sts, shell in top of next ch-5 sp of mint green] around, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Continue to make large motifs, joining into a rectangle of 6 x 9 motifs.

To join motifs, instead of making ch-3 between dc sts of shell on round 5, ch 1, sc in adjacent ch-3 sp on previous motif, ch 1, join 2 consecutive ch-3 sps on each side.

When joining next rows, leave 1 ch-3 sp between each set of joining. There will be 4 free ch-3 sps in the center of 4 joined large motifs.

Fill-In Motif

With aran, ch 4, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook *ch 5, pull lp through first dc of fill-in motif, 2 sc in ch-5 sp just made, dc in 2nd of 3-dc group close to joining of 2 Large Motifs, 3 sc in ch-5 sp, dc in next 2nd dc of 3-dc group of next Large Motif, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp, dc in same first ch of beg ch-4, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp on Large Motif, ch 1 **, 3 dc in same first ch of beg ch-4, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

Rep fill-in motif between all joined Large Motifs.

Edging Motif

***Note:** Edging motif will be joined between Large Motifs along all 4 sides of outer edge of Afghan. Use a different color for each side. It is essentially the same motif, except it's a triangle instead of a square.*

With color, ch 4, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 5, pull lp through first dc, in ch-5 sp make 5 sc, dc in 2nd dc of 2nd group of 3-dc group from joining of 2 Large Motifs, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp, dc in same ch as beg 2-dc, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp on Large Motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same ch as beg 2-dc, ch 5, pull lp through first dc of 3-dc group just made, 2 sc in ch-5 sp just made, dc in 2nd of 3-dc group close to joining of 2 Large Motifs, 3 sc in same ch-5 sp, dc in next 2nd dc of 3-dc group of next Large Motif, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp, dc in same first ch of beg ch-4, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp on Large Motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same ch as beg 2-dc, ch 5, pull lp through first dc of 3-dc group, 2 sc in ch-5 sp, dc in 2nd dc of 3-dc group on Large Motif, 5 sc in same ch-5 sp, dc in same ch as beg 2-dc, ch 4, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

Border

Round 1: Join aran in any corner ch-3 sp of shell of Large Motif, ch 4 (*counts as first tr*), (ch 3, tr) 4 times in same corner ch-3 sp, *[ch 3, (dc, {ch 2, dc} 3 times) in next ch-3 sp] twice**, ch 3, (dc, ch 3, dc) in **back lp** (*see Stitch Guide*) only of 3rd sc of 5-sc group, (dc, ch 3, dc) in back lp of 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in back lp of 3rd sc of next 5-sc group, rep from * across edge to next corner ch-3 sp, ending last rep across edge at**, (ch 3, tr) 5 times in corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around outer edge, ending final rep at

** , ch 3, join with sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4.

Round 2:Sl st into ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each of next 4 corner ch-3 sps, *[sc in next ch-3 sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each of next 3 ch-3 sps] twice, sc in next ch-3 sp**, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in 2nd dc] twice, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-3 sp, rep from * across edge, ending last rep at ** before 4-corner ch-3 sps, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each of 4 corner ch-3 sps, rep from * around, ending final rep at **, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off.

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