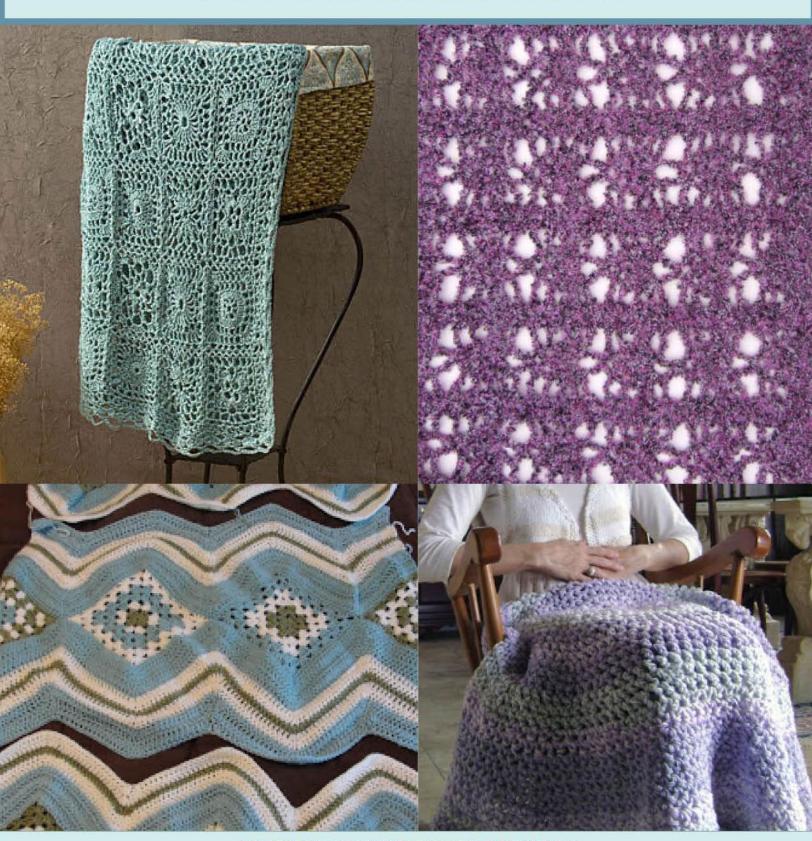
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# Gingham Ghan

### By Michele Shirley from RoseRed Designs

Instead of crocheting a bunch of granny squares try the No Sew Gingham Ghan. Create the classic gingham look by following this pattern. Worked entirely in dc stitches, this pattern is simple and results in a lovely lapphan or afghan.

#### **Materials**

I or J hook depending on tension and gauge swatch

Weights listed below are full a full size ghan.

16 oz RHSS Hunter Green

16 oz RHSS Light Sage

16 oz RHSS Soft White

Pattern is worked entirely in dc.

Gauge is very important. Make sure that the squares are true to size.

Each row contains 2 colors.

Carry the color that is not being used.

There are 115 rows total in ghan. The afghan is 15 color blocks wide and 23 color blocks high. The turning ch 2 counts as the 1st dc of the 10dc color block.

**Size:** Approx. 45 x 69 inches before border.



**Gauge:** 3 inch square = 10 dc x 5

#### Pattern

Beginning with Hunter Green - ch 152,

**Row 1:** Beginning with Hunter Green - dc in 3rd ch from hook to count as 1st dc, dc in next 9 st's, \*with Light Sage - dc in next 10 dc's, with Hunter Green - dc in next 10 dc's\*; repeat from \* to \* for a total of 15 color blocks ending with Hunter Green.

# Gingham Ghan cont.

**Rows 2 - 5**: Beginning with Hunter Green - ch 2, turn (counts as first dc now and throughout), dc in next 9 dc, \*with Light Sage - dc in next 10 dc's, with Hunter Green - dc in next 10 dc' \*; repeat from \* to \* for a total of 15 color blocks ending with Hunter Green.

**Rows 6 - 10:** Beginning with Light Sage - 10 dc, \*Soft White - 10 dc, Light Sage - 10 dc\*; repeat from \* to \* for a total of 15 color blocks ending with Light Sage.

Rows 11 - 15: Beginning with Hunter Green - 10 dc, \*Light Sage - 10 dc, Hunter Green - 10dc\*, repeat from \* to \* for a total of 15 color blocks ending with Hunter Green

**Rows 16 - 115**: Repeat Rows 6 - 11 ten more times for a total of 22 color blocks ending with Hunter Green.

#### **Border Pattern**

continuing with Hunter Green -

**Round 1** - ch1 sc around entire ghan, working (sc, ch1, sc) in each corner, sl st to join round **Round 2** - ch 1, rev sc around entire ghan, working (rev sc, ch1, rev sc) in each corner, sl st to join.

Alternate Round 2 - ch 1, repeat Round 1.

Tie off and weave in ends.

**To make this lapghan size -** simply stop after 11 color blocks and halve the amounts of yarn.

Items made from this pattern are NOT to be sold on the internet.

Size: 4 ft./1.23m diameter

# Circle Lapghan

By Amanda Steves from Amanda's Happy Hearth

Easy crochet patterns are fun to crochet. The Circle Lapghan is an easy round crochet pattern that is perfect for wrapping around your shoulders and warming up by the fire. Round crochet afghans are a nice alternative to the usual rectangle afghans. Use a large hook and two strands of yarn to create a chunky and cuddly lapghan.

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#### **Materials**

Yarn approx. 600 yds/549m acrylic, wool, or blend worsted weight in 3 colors

Crochet hook: Q/16mm Removable stitch marker

This little lap-blanket is crocheted as a full circle, using a large hook with 2 strands of yarn held together. It's fast and easy, and the big stitches give it lots of loft and a relaxed drape. It works well as an around-the-shoulders wrap, too. *Please note: this pattern has not been thoroughly user-tested.* 

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**Gauge:** 8 sts x 8 rows = 6"x 6" /15cmx15cm flat swatch in hdc

#### **Pattern Notes**

- U.S. crochet terms
- This pattern is worked in the round. As the circle grows, the edge will start to ruffle. When this happens, stop working increase rounds and work 1-2 straight rounds until the edge is flat again. Then work another increase round or two. When the ruffling starts again, repeat the straightening process with straight rounds. Be sure to end with a straight round.
- This pattern is worked with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.
- A variegated color pattern can be produced by changing the colors of yarn held together
  every few rounds. The lap-ghan pictured uses the following color changes: start with 2
  rounds of gray and lavender held together, 2 rounds lavender and white, 3 rounds white
  and gray, 2 rounds gray and lavender, 2 rounds lavender and white, 3 rounds lavender and
  gray, 3 rounds gray and white, 1 round lavender and white, 4 rounds lavender and gray, 2
  rounds lavender and white, 1 round white and gray, 2 rounds + final sl-st round gray and
  lavender.
- pm in lp on hk place marker in loop on hook

# Circle Lapghan cont.

#### **Pattern**

Starting Ring: Ch 3, sl st to first ch to form a circle.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, pm in lp on hk, 9hdc into starting ring, sl st in ch with marker.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, pm in lp on hk, 2hdc in each st of previous rnd, sl st in ch with marker.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, pm in lp on hk, [hdc in first st, 2hdc in next st], repeat to end of rnd, sl st in ch with marker.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, pm in lp on hk, [hdc in first 2 sts, 2hdc in next st], repeat to end of rnd, sl st in ch with marker.

Increase Rnd: Repeat Rnd 4, adding one hdc st each time before the 2hdc, so that each successive increase round has one more than the previous round in the repeat section.

Work increase rounds until the circle's edge starts to ruffle. Then work the next round or two without increasing, to straighten the edge.

Straightening Rnd: Ch 2, pm in lp on hk, hdc to end, sl st in ch with marker.

When the edge is straightened, switch back to increase rounds until the edge ruffles again. Then work straightening rounds until it's flat again. Repeat this process until the lap-ghan is 4 feet/1.23m in diameter. End with a straightening round.

Last Rnd: SI st to end, sI st in ch with marker. Remove marker.

Tie off and work in ends.





### Autumn Stripes Wheelchair Lapghan

By Kathy Griggs from Kathy's Crochet Cabin

Short and sweet, the Autumn Stripes Wheelchair Lapghan is a striped crochet pattern just for beginners. It's one of the simplest crochet patterns for beginners which also makes it great to crochet for charity drives and organizations. Bright fall colors make the stripes "pop" and this lapghan is anything but dull.

#### **Materials**

Size I hook

Worsted weight yarn

Pattern is worked entirely in dc.

Gauge is very important. Make sure that the squares are true to size.

Each row contains 2 colors.

Carry the color that is not being used.

There are 115 rows total in ghan. The afghan is 15 color blocks wide and 23 color blocks high. The turning ch 2 counts as the 1st dc of the 10dc color block.



#### **Pattern**

For this lapghan I chained 116. Then I worked a dc in the 3rd chain from the hook and in each chain across. Change color chain 2 and turn.

Row 2: dc in each chain across. Change color. Ch 2 and turn.

I used hunter green for my main color and used a different color each time of left over balls of yarn I was trying to use up.

When changing colors in dc leave the last two loops of yarn on your hook then yarn over with new yarn and pull last two loops off. Then crochet over ends as you crochet.

# Tic Tac Toe Lapghan

By: Patrice Walker from Yarn Over, Pull Through

If you're looking for a quick project, try the Tic Tac Toe Lapghan. Each crochet block can be made in an evening so in about two weeks you'll have your very own crochet throw. This easy crochet pattern would be cute with crocheted X's and O's to play Tic Tac Toe with kids.

# Ingredients Materials

Red Heart Super Saver No Dye Lot (364 yds/333 m; 7 oz/198 g per skein) Yarn A: 0530 Orchid, 2 skeins Yarn B: 0347 Periwinkle, 2 skeins H US/5 mm, or size to achieve gauge Tapestry/darning needle

Make 4 blocks using color A; 5 blocks using color B. Block borders are worked in the opposite color, i.e., color A block uses color B for its border; color B block uses color A for its border. Each finished block should measure approximately 10' x 10". The lapphan border is approximately 3' on all sides. Crochet all borders loosely to allow the pattern stitch its fullest stretch. Always begin and end each row with a sc while maintaining pattern stitch throughout. Turning chain does NOT count as first stitch

Makes: 24

**Size:** Approx. 36" x 36"



**Gauge:** Pattern stitch, 3 sts and 3 rows per - inch. Sc border, 4 sts and 4 rows per 1 inch

### **Block Pattern**

Select a color and ch 32.

Row 1: Sc in 2ndch from hook. Sc across (31 sts.). Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: 1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st of previous row; \*dc in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from \* across row. End with sc in last st. Ch 1, turn

Row 3:1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of previous row; \*sc in next st, dc in next st. Repeat from \* across row, ending with 1 sc in each of the last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 4-30: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for pattern stitch. The ending row 30 is a repeat of row 2.

Row 31:Sc across row. End off this color and attach opposite color as you make the last sc. Do

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# Tic Tac Toe Lapghan cont.

#### **Block Border Pattern**

With RS of work facing you:

Rnd 1: Turn the block so that the side of the block is at the top. Ch 1 and sc into each row across the side of the block, 3 sc in the last row to ake the corner.

Turn work and continue to sc across the bottom of the block. 3 sc in the last st to make the corner.

Turn work again so that the opposite side of the block is at the top. Sc in each row across the side. 3 sc in the last row to make the corner.

Turn work so that the last row of the block is at the top. Sc across the row. 3 sc in the last stitch to make corner. SI st to first sc made. Ch 1.

Do NOT turn.

Rnd 2:Sc in the 1<sup>st</sup> st of the previous rnd and around the block, working 3 sc into each corner st. SI st to first sc of previous row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### **Sewing Blocks Together**

Sew three separate columns of blocks, 3 blocks per column. The RS's of all blocks should be facing you as you sew them together.

Columns 1 and 3 should consist of a Color B block at the top, a Color A block in the middle, and a Color B block at the bottom.

Column 2 should consist of a Color A block at the top, a Color B block in the middle, and a Color A block on the bottom.

Make sure that you sew the bottom of the top block of each column to the top of the middle block, and the bottom of the middle block to the top of the bottom block.

Sew the side of column 1 to the side of column 2, and the side of column 2 to the side of column 3 to create the tic-tac-toe pattern.

### Lapghan Border Pattern

With RS of lapghan facing you, attach Color B to the top of any seam with a sl st.

Rnd 1: Ch 1 and sc around the entire lapghan, working 3 sc into each corner. SI st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc made. Ch 1, turn.

Rnd 2: Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> sc of previous rnd and around the entire lapghan, working 3 sc into each corner. SI st. to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc made. Ch 1, turn.

Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color A as you make the last sc. Ch 1 turn.

Rnds 4-6: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color B as you make the lastsc. SI st. to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc made. Ch 1, turn.

Rnds 7-9: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color A as you make the last sc. SI st. to the 1stsc made. Ch 1, turn.

Rnds 10-12: Repeat Rnd 2. SI st. to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc made. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

# Rippled Granny Throw

By: Jessica DiPaolo from Liberty Crochet

Can't decide which type of crocheted afghan to make next? Try the Rippled Granny Throw. A little bit of ripple crochet paired with crochet granny squares makes this throw pattern truly unique. Once completed, this crochet throw will look great at the end of a bed or draped over a chair. Since it's a smaller crochet afghan, it's easy to take on the go.

#### **Materials**

- (8) 6" granny squares
- (2) 6" half granny squares

5mm/ H hook

Bernat Softee Baby-Antique Ivory 1 full skein

Vanna's Choice-Dusty Green 1 full skein+very small amount more (length from valley to valley)

TLC Essentials-Robin Egg 2 full skeins



### **Granny Square Pattern**

Make a magic ring, ch 6, \*3dc, ch 3, 3dc, repeat 3x, 2 dc, slst to join to top of ch3, (the ch6 counts as a ch3+first dc)

Rnd1: slst, ch6, 3dc, all in the same ch3 space, chi 1, \*3dc,ch 3, 3dc in next ch3 sp, ch1, repeat 2x, 2dc in first ch3 sp, slst to top of ch3.

Rnd2: slst, ch6, 3dc, all in the same ch3 space, ch 1, 3dc in next ch1 sp, \*(3dc, ch3, 3dc) in ch3 sp, ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp, repeat 2x, 2dc in first ch3 sp, slst to top of ch3.

Rnd3: slst, ch6, 3dc, all in the same ch3 space, \*ch1,3dc in next ch1 sp, 2x, ch1,\*(3dc, ch3, 3dc) in next ch3 sp, (ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp) 2x, ch1, repeat from last \* 2x, 2dc in first ch3 sp, slst to top of ch3.

Rnd4: slst, ch6, 3dc, all in the same ch3 space, \*ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp, 3x, ch1,\*(3dc, ch3, 3dc) in next ch3 sp, (ch1, 3dc in next ch1 sp) 3x, ch1, repeat from last \* 2x, 2dc in first ch3 sp, slst to top of ch3. Fasten off and weave in ends.

# Rippled Granny Throw cont.

### **Half Granny Square**

Make a magic ring, ch3, 2dc, ch3, 3dc, ch3 and turn.

Row1: 2dc ss, ch1, 3dc, ch3, 3dc in ch3 sp, ch 1, 3dc in top of ch3, ch 3 and turn.

Row2: 2dc ss, ch1, 3dc In ch1 sp, 3dc, ch3, 3dc in ch3 sp, ch1, 3dc in ch1 sp, 3dc in top of ch3, ch 3 and turn.

Row3: 2dc ss, \*ch1, 3dc in next two ch1 spaces, ch1, 3dc, ch3, 3dc in ch3 sp, ch1, 3dc in next two ch1 sp and top of ch3, ch 3 and turn.

Row4: : 2dc ss, \*ch1, 3dc in next three ch1 spaces, ch1, 3dc, ch3, 3dc in ch3 sp, ch1, 3dc in next three ch1 sp and top of ch3, ch 3 and turn.

Row5: 2dc ss, \*ch1, 3dc in next four ch1 spaces, ch1, 3dc, ch3, 3dc in ch3 sp, ch1, 3dc in next four ch1 sp and top of ch3, ch 3 and turn. Fasten off and weave in ends.

### First Strip

Lay out 3 full squares, corner to corner. Attach yarn and single crochet from one point to the opposite, putting 4sc in the second point. Single crochet in the first point of the next square, single crochet to the opposite point, putting 4sc in the second point. Repeat again for the last square.

Row1: ch3, dc2tog (this decrease keeps a straight edge), dc in each sc to valley, dc2tog 2x (first is one one square, the next falls on the next square), dc in ea sc to ridge, 2dc ss 2x (the middle 4 sc of the points), dc in ea sc to next valley and repeat across, ending with a decrease to keep that edge straight, too.







# Rippled Granny Throw cont.

#### Pattern continued

I chose three rows of blue, done in dc, after the sc row. Make sure you increase at the top of the ridges and decrease at to bottom of the valleys directly above the previous row's increases and decreases. Don't forget the decreases at the beginning and ending of each row, also.

Then, I did two rows of ivory, one row of green, in the same fashion, except, I decreased in each valley 3dctog. I did not change the increases. Fastened off all strands and weaved in ends. On one side only, dc in ivory two rows.

The third strip is made the same way as the first.

Second strip: lay out 2 half squares and 2 full squares, corner to corner, starting and ending with a half square. Attach yarn to the top point of a half square, sc down to middle point (where the next square meets), sc in point of next square, sc to the top of the point. Put 4sc in top of the point. Keep single crocheting and adding squares just like the first strip.

Row1: ch3, dc in joining st and in each sc to valley, dc2tog 2x (first is one square, the next falls on the next square), dc in ea sc to ridge, 2dc ss 2x ( the middle 4 sc of the points), dc in ea sc to next valley and repeat across, ending with a increase to keep that edge straight. Your ripples come to life.

I chose four rows of blue dc after the sc row. Make sure you increase at the top of the ridges and decrease at to bottom of the valleys directly above the previous row's increases and decreases. Don't forget the increases at the beginning and ending of each row.

Just like the first, I did two rows of ivory, one row of green, two rows of ivory, and four rows of blue in the same fashion, except, I decreased in each valley 3dctog. I did not change the increases. The valleys were too crowded is the reason for changing the decreases. Fastened off all strands and weaved





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# Charity Lapghan with Attached Pocket

By Suzetta from Suzie's Stuff

Make a fantastic project for a great cause! This Charity Lapghan with Attached Pocket is a great crochet pattern for anyone who uses a wheelchair.

#### **Materials**

Worsted weight yarn approximately 21 ounces

I (5.50 mm) hook

1 3/4 to 1.5 inch button

Needle with large eye that will go through holes in button

Yarn needle

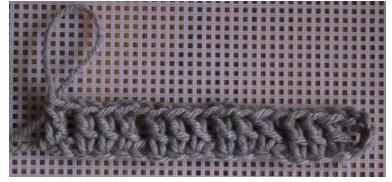
- 1. Read instructions all the way through before beginning.
- 2. Crochet the pocket first, when it is time to attach it you won't have to stop.
- 3. Separate a length of the pocket yarn into plys. Sew the button on the pocket with two plys of the yarn.

### Rectangle Lapghan

FOUNDATION ROW: Chain 21, dc in 5th ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch \*ch 1, skip 1 ch, dc in next 3 ch, repeat from \* across, ending skip 1 ch, ch 1 dc in last ch. If changing colors fasten off, and attach new color on the opposite (diagonal) corner. There should be 4 3 dc groups and a loop on each end.

SIZE: 33 X 39 inches





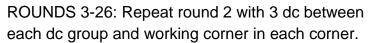


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# Charity Lapghan with Attached Pocket cont.

#### Rectangle Lapghan cont.

ROUND 2: Hold rectangle with right side facing and narrow end at top, join next color (if not changing color slipstitch to ch 1 space) ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc in same space {starting corner made} 3 dc between next 2 groups of 3 dc (for end), (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) {corner} in next ch 1 space, 3 dc in each space between dc groups alongside, work corner in ch 1 space, 3 dc in next space between dc groups, slipstitch in beginning ch 3.



DO NOT fasten off.



#### **Pocket Pattern**

Ch 16.

ROUND 1: Make 2 sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in each chain (13) to last chain, working over yarn tail for remainder of this round, 3 sc in last ch, work in appeals side of starting chain and as in each

work in opposite side of starting chain and sc in each of 14 chain stitches; (32 sc)

ROUND 2: Slip stitch in first sc of round 1 (counts as first sc), sc in each sc around. (32 sc)

DO NOT join rounds.

ROUNDS 3-18: Sc in next sc and in each sc around. (32 sc)

ROUND 19: Sc in next sc and in each sc around to the last 2 sts before the side edge fold. Slip stitch in last 2 sc ending at fold. Ch 1, turn.

Now work back and forth in rows.

ROW 1: Sc in 2 slip stitches, sc in 14 sc. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 2: Sc in 16 sc. (16 sc)

Fasten off.

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# Charity Lapghan with Attached Pocket cont.

### **Pocket Flap Pattern**

ROW 1: Ch 17, sc in 2nd ch from hook, and each remaining ch. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 2: Sc in each sc. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 3: Buttonhole row. Sc in 7 sc, ch 2, skip 2 sc, sc in 7 sc. Ch 1, turn. (14 sc and 1 ch 2 space)

ROW 4: Sc in each sc and each ch. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 5-7: Sc in each sc. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 8: Place pocket and flap together with the short side of pocket on the inside. Sc through both layers across. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

ROW 9: Sc in each sc. (16 sc)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

### **Attaching Pocket and Edging Pattern**

Find the center 3 dc group of one short side. Count 2 groups to the left (facing you) and place a marker in that group.

ROUND 1: Ch 1, sc in each dc, 3 sc in ch 1 space in corners. When you come to the marker, place the top edge of the pocket even with the edge of the lapghan and sc through both layers. Join with a slipstitch in first sc.

ROUNDS 2-3: Ch 1, sc in each sc, work 3 sc in corners. Join with a slipstitch in first sc.

Weave in all ends.

### **Optional Ties (make 2)**

Ch 66, slipstitch in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch. Holding the two ends together tie an overhand knot close to the slipstitches.

Fold tie in half and pull the center loop through the corner hole at the top of lapghan. Pass the ends through the loop and pull snug. Repeat with second tie.

Sew button under buttonhole.

# Strawberry Lace Crochet Blanket

By Heather Tucker from Mama's Stitchery Projects

Perfect for spring and summer, the Strawberry Lace Crochet Blanket is sweet as a strawberry. This is a "no beginning chain" pattern meaning you don't have to find the first row of chain stitches to start this lace crochet blanket. Crochet blanket patterns can be difficult to do in the warmer months and this pattern has the perfect balance of lacy crochet and bulky weight yarn.

#### **Materials**

Yarn – Sizing given for Aran weight yarn but other weights can be used

Size J (6mm) crochet hook

The first row of an afghan with homespun or bouclé or other knobby style yarn can be frustrating. This afghan does not require finding chain stitches, even for the first row. The lacy strawberries and shells keep the afghan light even with a heavier yarn.

This pattern was designed to be easy for homespun or bouclé style yarns, but it can be made with just about any yarn. Make it in a solid color or with as many color changes as you like.

The example is made in Yarn Bee Boucle Traditions.



SB (Strawberry Bottom) – work the following in the ch sp or over stitch indicated: (1 dc, ch 1) four times, 1 dc

Shell – work the following in the ch sp or over stitch indicated: 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc

Size	Width (Inches)	Length (Inches)	Ounces of yarn	Yards of yarn
Extra Small	31	41.33	12.53	613.74
Small	39.55	52.74	20.39	999.06
Medium	48.1	64.14	30.16	1477.79
Large	56.66	75.54	41.84	2049.93
Extra Large	65.21	86.94	55.42	2715.48

# Strawberry Lace Crochet Blanket cont.

The first row of an afghan with homespun or bouclé or other knobby style yarn can be frustrating. This afghan does not require finding chain stitches, even for the first row. The lacy strawberries and shells keep the afghan light even with a heavier yarn.

#### Ingredients

### S Makes: 24

#### **Pattern**

Instead of a beginning chain, the blanket is begun with a first row of chain and tr spaces.

For these widths, start with this number of chain and tr spaces:

31" = 29

39.5" = 37

48" = 45

56.75" = 53

65.25" = 61

Row 1: Ch 3, tr in first ch, (ch 3, tr in last ch sp) until you have made desired number of tr/ch spaces. Make a number of them that is a multiple of 4 plus 1.

Do not turn.

Row 2: Ch 4. Without turning the work, make 2 dc over tr just made. Working across the tr stitches, ch 1, skip 1 tr, SB over next tr, ch 1, skip 1 tr \*\* Shell over next tr, ch 1, skip 1 tr, SB over next tr, ch 1, skip 1 tr. Repeat from \*\* across to the last tr stitch. Work (2 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) over last tr.

Row 3: Ch 4 and turn. 2 dc in ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip ch-1 space between dc and SB, sc in first ch-1 sp of SB, (ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) three times, ch 1, skip ch-1 sp between SB and Shell, \*\* Shell in next Shell, ch 1, skip ch-1 space between Shell and SB, sc in first ch-1 sp of SB, (ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) three times, ch 1, skip ch-1 sp between SB and Shell. Repeat from \*\* across to ch-4 turning chain. (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-4 sp.

# Strawberry Lace Crochet Blanket cont.

Row 4: Ch 4 and turn. 2 dc in ch-1 sp, ch 2, skip ch-1 space between dc and strawberry, sc in first ch-3 sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp) two times, ch 2, skip ch-1 sp between strawberry and Shell, \*\* Shell in next Shell, ch 2, skip ch-1 space between Shell and strawberry, sc in first ch-3 sp of strawberry, (ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp) two times, ch 2, skip ch-1 sp between strawberry and Shell. Repeat from \*\* across to ch-4 turning chain. (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-4 sp.

Row 5: Ch 4 and turn. 2 dc in ch-1 sp, ch 3, skip ch-2 space between dc and strawberry, sc in first ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, skip ch-2 sp between strawberry and Shell, \*\* Shell in next Shell, ch 3, skip ch-2 space between Shell and strawberry, sc in first ch-3 sp of strawberry, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, skip ch-2 sp between strawberry and Shell. Repeat from \*\* across to ch-4 turning chain. (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-4 sp.

Row 6: Ch 4 and turn. 2 dc in ch-1 sp, ch 3, skip ch-3 space between dc and strawberry, (tr, ch 3, tr) in ch-3 sp, ch 3, skip ch-3 sp between strawberry and Shell, \*\* Shell in next Shell, ch 3, skip ch-3 space between Shell and strawberry, (tr, ch 3, tr) in ch-3 sp of strawberry, ch 3, skip ch-3 sp between strawberry and Shell. Repeat from \*\* across to ch-4 turning chain. (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-4 sp.

Row 7: Ch 4 and turn. 2 dc in ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip ch-3 space between dc and strawberry, SB in ch-3 sp, ch 1, skip ch-3 sp between strawberry and Shell, \*\* Shell in next Shell, ch 1, skip ch-3 space between Shell and strawberry, SB in ch-3 sp of strawberry, ch 1, skip ch-3 sp between strawberry and Shell. Repeat from \*\* across to ch-4 turning chain. (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-4 sp.

Repeat row 3 to 7 until afghan is desired length. Finish off and weave in end.

The blanket can be made in a solid color or can be made with any number of color changes. The best way to make a color change is to finish all but the very last pull through of the two loops of the last stitch of a row. Cut yarn with a few inches of tail and join with new color next to stitch. Pull new color through last two loops. Weave in ends.

# **Decorative Andante Throw**

Kim Guzman for Naturally Caron Yarns

Follow this free crochet afghan pattern to create this Decorative Andante Throw. Made with Naturally Caron yarn, this crochet is made by joining together individual squares. Grab an H hook and get crocheting!

#### **Materials**

US H-8 (5mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

Naturally Caron Spa yarn in Ocean Spray

### **Special Stitches**

beg-CI: Beginning cluster— Yarn over, insert hook in indicated space, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, \*yarn over, insert hook in same space, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from \* once more, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

CI: Cluster—Yarn over, insert hook in indicated space, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, \*yarn over, insert hook in same space, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from \* 2 more times, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

**square-join:** Ch 1; holding neighboring square close to work with WS of current square and neighboring square facing each other, \*slip st in corresponding ch-3 sp of neighboring square, ch 1.

Size: approximately 47 x 58"/119.5 x 147.5 cm



Gauge: Each square =  $5 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{2} / 14 \times 14 \text{ cm}$ .

Squares are joined to neighboring squares while working the last round (joining round). In joining round, when working along a side of the square that neighbors another square, work square-join instead of ch-3 for each ch-3 sp (including corners) along the side to join the square to the neighboring square.

Throw consists of 80 squares, 15 each of squares 1, allfre2c4cand.fglandat0esquares each of squares 3 and 6.

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### Square 1 (Make 15)

Chain 5; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), [dc in ring, ch 1] 7 times; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beg ch

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same st as join, \*2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, 3 dc in next dc; repeat from \* 2 more times, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 dc.

Round 3: Slip st in next dc, ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), dc in same st as join, \*[ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc] 3 times, ch 1, sk next dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc; repeat from \* 2 more times, [ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc] 3 times, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 4: Ch 3, \*5 tr in next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] 4 times; repeat from \* 2 more times, 5 tr in next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] 3 times, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Work Round 5 of first square without any joining.

### Square 2 (Make 15)

Chain 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 5 (counts as tr, ch 1 here and throughout), [tr in ring, ch 1] 19 times; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, [ch 3, sc in next tr] 19 times, ch 3; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 3: (Slip st, ch 5, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in first ch-3 sp, ch 1, \*[dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1] 4 times, (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1; repeat from \* 2 more times, [dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1] 4 times; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch.

Round 4 (joining round): Slip st in first ch-1 sp and next tr; (slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-1 sp (corner made), ch 3 or square-join, sk next ch-1 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 or square-join] 5 times, \*sk next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-1 sp (corner made), ch 3 or square-join, sk next ch-1 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 or square-join] 5 times; repeat from \*-around: join with slip st in first se. Faston off

### Square 3 (Make 10)

Chain 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 2, beg-Cl in ring, ch 5, [Cl in ring, ch 5] 7 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2: Slip st in first ch-5 sp, ch 9 (counts as tr, ch 5), tr in same ch-5 sp, \*(dc, ch 5, dc) in next ch-5 sp, (tr, ch 5, tr) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from \* 2 more times, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next ch-5 sp; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch.

Round 3: Slip st in first ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same ch-5 sp, \*ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from \* 2 more times, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Round 4 (joining round): Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 3 or square-join, sk next 2 dc, (sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), ch 3 or square-join, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, sk next dc] twice, sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, \*sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, \*sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, (sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), ch 3 or square-join, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, [sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join, sk next dc] twice, sc in next dc, ch 3 or square-join; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.



### Square 4 (Make 15)

Chain 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 5] 4 times; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Slip st in first ch-5 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in each ch-5 sp around; join with slip st in first sc

Round 3: Slip st in next hdc, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in next dc, \*ch 3, sk next tr, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next tr, ch 3, sc in next dc, ch 3, sc in next dc; repeat from \* 2 more times, ch 3, sk next tr, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next tr, ch 3, sc in next dc, ch 3; join with slip st in first sc

Round 4: Slip st in first ch-3 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), \*(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2; repeat from \* 2 more times, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 5 (joining round): (Slip st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-2 sp, ch 3 or square-join, (sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), \*[ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-2 sp] 5 times, ch 3 or square-join, (sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made); repeat from \* 2 more times, [ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 3 or square-join; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Square 5 (Make 15)

Chain 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 5] 12 times; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Slip st in first ch-5 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3 here and throughout), dc in same ch-5 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in each ch-5 sp around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3: (Slip st, ch 6, dc) in first ch-3 sp, \*[ch 3, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from \* 2 more times, [ch 3, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 4 (joining round): (Slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in first ch-3 sp (corner made), [ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, ch 3 or square-join, \*(sc, ch 3 of square-join, ch 3) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), [ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, ch 3 or square-join; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Square 6 (Make 10)

Chain 5; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 15 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, \*dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from \* 6 more times, dc in next dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch

Round 3: Ch 5 (counts as tr, ch 1), (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in same st as join, ch 1, \*[sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1] twice, sk next dc, (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in next dc, ch 1; repeat from \* 2 more times, [sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1] twice; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch.

Round 4: Slip st in first ch-1 sp, next tr, and next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), dc in same ch-1 sp, \*ch 1, sk next tr, dc in next tr, [ch 1, dc in next dc] twice, ch 1, dc in next tr, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp and next tr, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* 2 more times, ch 1, sk next tr, dc in next tr, [ch 1, dc in next dc] twice, ch 1, dc in next tr, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 5 (joining round): (Slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in first ch-3 sp (corner made), [ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 3 or square-join, \*(sc, ch 3 or square-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), [ch 3 or square-join, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 3 or square-join; repeat from \* around join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Continue making and joining Squares 1–6, arranged as shown in the assembly diagram.

#### **Border**

With RS facing, join yarn with slip st in any corner ch-3 sp of throw.

Round 1: Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), (dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc) in same ch-3 sp, \*[(dc, ch 2, dc) in next 6 ch-3 sps, dc in next ch-3 sp (before square-join), ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp (after square-join)] across to next corner ch-3 sp, \*\*(dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 2, dc) in corner ch-3 sp; repeat from \* around ending last repeat at \*\*; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 2: (Slip st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-2 sp, \*(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from \* to last ch-2 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in last ch-2 sp; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 3: Slip st in each st to first ch-3 sp, (slip st, beg-Cl, ch 5, Cl, ch 5, Cl) in first ch-3 sp, (Cl, ch 5, Cl) in each corner ch-3 sp; join with slip st in beg-Cl.

Round 4: Slip st in first 2 ch of first ch-5 sp, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in 3rd ch of first ch-5 sp, \*ch 7, sc in 3rd ch of next ch-5 sp; repeat from \* around, ch 7; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

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