

Diagonal Lap-ghan

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Skill Level Easy

Yarn

approx. 1600 yds/1463m worsted wt.
acrylic, wool, or blend in 4 colors

64 yds/59m total Lion Brand Fun Fur
in accent stripe colors

Additional Materials

crochet hook: Q/16mm

Finished Measurements

3.5 ft. x 3.5 ft. /1.1m x 1.1m square

Approximate Gauge

8 sts x 8 rows = 6" x 6" /15cm x 15cm flat
swatch in hdc

This square lap-blanket is crocheted on the diagonal, using a large hook with two strands of yarn held together. It's fast and easy, and the big stitches give it a cozy thickness with a nice drape. It works well as an over-the-shoulders wrap, too.

Pattern Notes

- U.S. crochet terms
- This pattern is worked with two strands of yarn held together throughout.
- Since the rows are worked on the diagonal, the first half of them will be increasing and the second half will be decreasing.
- You can add stripes as desired. The lapghan in the photo has 4 colors: 5 rows gray + gray, 2 rows red + gray, 8 rows gray + gray, 1 row yellow + gray, 1 row yellow + yellow, 1 row yellow + gray, 5 rows gray + gray, 2 rows white + gray, 8 rows gray + gray, 2 rows red + gray, 15 rows gray + gray, 2 rows white + gray, 8 rows gray + gray, 2 rows red + gray, 8 rows gray + gray, 1 row yellow + gray, 1 row yellow + yellow, 1 row yellow + gray, 12 rows gray + gray, 2 rows red + gray, 6 rows gray + gray.
- Use a fur-type yarn to add texture. Hold it as a third strand for one row of each colored stripe, as desired.

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Instructions

Hold 2 strands of yarn together throughout.

Inc R1: Ch2, 3dc in 2nd loop from hook, turn. (3 sts)

Inc R2: Ch1, 2dc in 2nd lp from hk, hdc, 2dc in last st, turn.
(5 sts)

Inc R3: Ch1, 2dc in 2nd lp from hk, hdc across until 1 st remains in row, 2dc in last st, turn. (adds 2 sts per row)

Repeat Inc R3 until lapghan edges are 3.5 ft. /1.1m long.
(*add increase rows here for a larger lapghan*)

Middle Row: Ch1, hdc across, turn.

Dec R1: Ch1, dc2tog in 2nd & 3rd lps from hk, hdc across until 2sts remain, dc2tog in last 2 sts, turn. (decreases each row by 2 sts)

Repeat Dec R1 until 3 sts remain in row, turn.

Last Row: Ch1, sl st 2 tog in 2nd & 3rd lps from hk.

Tie off and work in ends.



Stitch Abbreviations

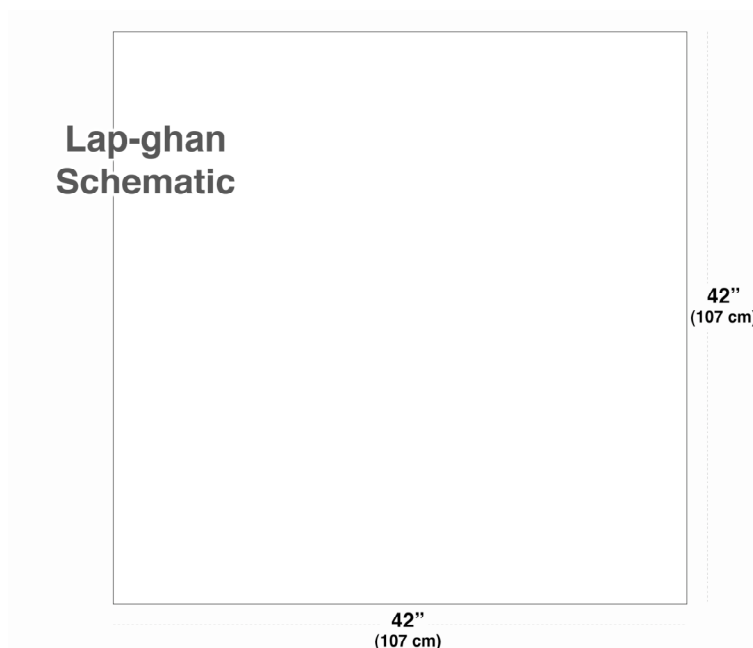
ch - chain stitch

dc - double crochet

dc2tog - double crochet 2 sts together

hdc - half-double crochet

sl st - slip stitch



Check my blog for crochet tips and variations on this pattern.

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