

Scrappy Lap-ghan *by Amanda Steves*



Skill Level Easy

Yarn

approx. 1850 yds/1692m worsted wt. acrylic, wool, or blend in many colors

Additional Materials

crochet hooks: Q/16mm, R/17mm (opt.)
removable stitch marker

Finished Measurements

approx. 45" x 45" /114.5cm x114.5cm

Approximate Gauge

26 sts = approx. 13" /33cm in ripple pattern

This generously sized lap-blanket is crocheted with a large hook and two strands of yarn held together. It's a fast and easy way to use up leftover yarn, and the big stitches make it thick and cuddly. It is a great around-the-shoulders wrap, too.

Pattern Notes

- U.S. crochet terms
- This pattern is worked with two strands of yarn held together throughout.
- The lapghan in the photo was made by changing colors only one strand at a time, to give softer-looking transitions. Start with two strands of color A, work a row or two, and then change to color B for one strand only--so the next couple of rows are worked with a strand of each held together. Then complete the color change by shifting to two strands of color B. Repeat the process for each color change. You can think of it like this: AA, AB, BB, etc. With the ripple pattern, it's easier to change colors within a row, instead of at the ends.
- The foundation chain must be worked very loosely to avoid puckering, or you can use a larger hook, such as size R / 17mm, if available.

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Stitch Abbreviations

ch - chain stitch

dc - double crochet

dc3tog - double crochet 3 sts together*

Ripple Pattern

Chain a multiple of 14, plus 4 at the end.

1st Row: Starting in 4th loop from hook, 6dc, dc3tog, 5dc, [3dc in next st, 5dc, dc3tog, 5dc], repeat to end, dc in last ch, place marker in loop on hook, dc again in same ch, turn.

2nd Row: Ch3, dc in st with marker, remove marker, 5dc, dc3tog, 5dc, [3dc in next st, 5dc, dc3tog, 5dc], repeat to end, dc in third ch of turning chain, place marker in loop on hook, dc again in same ch, turn.

Repeat 2nd row as many times as needed.



Instructions

Hold 2 strands of yarn together throughout.

Foundation chain: Using a size R/17mm hook or working very loosely with size Q/16mm, ch 88.
(Add chains here for a larger lapghan.)

Change to size Q/16mm hook.

Row 1: Work 1st row of ripple pattern.

Row 2: Work 2nd row of ripple pattern.

Repeat Row 2, changing colors as desired, until lapghan is about 45" /114.5cm long. (Add rows here for a larger lapghan.)

* How to Dc 3 Stitches Together (dc3tog)

[Yarn over, pull up a loop in next st, pull another loop through first 2 loops on hook], repeat 2 more times (4 loops on hook), pull a final loop through all 4 loops on hook.



Lap-ghan Schematic

45"
(114 cm)

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

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