

# Circle Lap-ghan *by Amanda Steves*



**Skill Level** Easy

**Yarn** approx. 1600 yds/1463m  
acrylic, wool, or blend worsted  
weight in 3 colors

**Additional Materials**  
crochet hook: Q/16mm  
removable stitch marker

**Approximate Finished  
Measurements**  
4 ft./1.23m diameter

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

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.

## 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.

## Instructions

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.

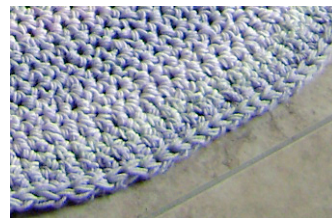
Work increase rounds until the circle's edge starts to ruffle. Then work the next round or two without increasing, to straighten the edge.

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: Sl st to end, sl st in ch with marker. Remove marker.

Tie off and work in ends.



## Abbreviations

ch - chain stitch

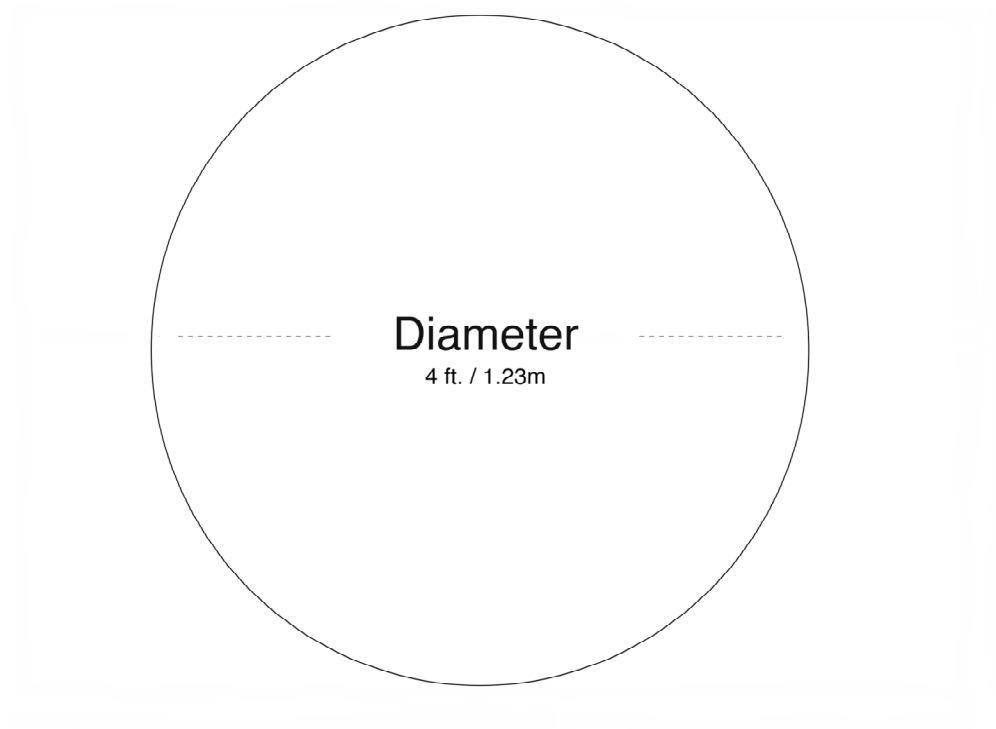
hdc - half-double crochet

pm in lp on hk - place marker in loop on hook

rnd - round

sl st - slip stitch

## Schematic Diagram



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