

Bright Striped Blocks Blanket


EASY



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Materials:

3 oz. each of royal blue, red, orange, yellow, green, and blue, worsted (medium) weight acrylic yarn
11 oz. variegated yarn to coordinate with the solid colors

Size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook
Yarn needle



Finished Size:

37 1/2 inches square including the edgings

Gauge:

14 hdc and 11 rows = 4 inches using size H (5.0 mm) hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

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See page 3 for the color and assembly photo and special stitches instructions.

Instructions:

Make 9 striped blocks following the colors used in the assembly photo.
Each block measures 12 inches square when completed.

Notes: ch 2's at the beg of each row do not count as a st.

Row 1 (RS): using a solid color yarn and size H (5.0 mm) hook (or hook size needed to obtain gauge), ch 43.
Hdc into the 3rd ch from hook and hdc in each ch across. Mark row 1 as the RS. (41 hdc)

Row 2: ch 2, turn, hdc into the first st, hdc into each st across to the end. Do not work a st into the ch 2 turning ch. (41 hdc)

Row 3 - 11: repeat row 2, changing to a variegated color yarn in the last st of row 11.

Row 12 - 22: repeat row 2, changing to a solid color yarn in the last st of row 22.

Row 22 - 33: repeat row 2. Fasten off after row 33 is complete and weave in ends.

Finishing:

Seams: with size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook and variegated color yarn, assemble the blocks as pictured with RS facing. Work 2 horizontal seams and 2 vertical seams as follows to join the blocks together: Working left to right through both thicknesses, *rev sc, ch 2, sk 1. Rep from * across, working a ch 2 between blocks. Work a rev sc in the last st to finish the seam. When all 4 seams are complete, fasten off and weave in ends.

Edging: Rnd 1: With RS facing, sc evenly around the entire blanket, working 3 sc into each corner. Join with a sl st to beg sc. Do not fasten off or turn.

Rnd 2: ch 1 and work in seam pattern: *rev sc, ch 2, sk 1. Rep from * around the entire blanket, working a rev sc into the last st. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg - beginning
ch(s) - chain(s)
hdc - half double crochet
rev sc - reverse single crochet
rnd - round

RS - right side, or the side that will "show" when completed.
sc - single crochet
sk - skip
sl st - slip stitch
st(s) - stitch(es)
yo - yarn over



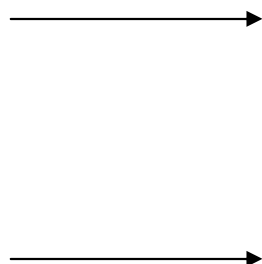
Half double crochet (hdc)

Yo, insert hook into the indicated st and pull up a loop (you will have 3 loops on your hook). Yo and draw through all 3 loops on your hook. 1 hdc st completed.

Color changes

Work the last st to the last step, but do not complete the st. (For hdc sts, you will have 3 loops on your hook.) Fasten off and drop the old yarn color behind your work. Draw the new yarn color through (the 3 loops) to complete the stitch. Continue working with the new yarn color as usual.

Color
and
assembly
photo



Work the 2
horizontal seams
and the 2 vertical
seams in the
direction of the
arrows. (Lefties will
work in the
opposite direction.)

Reverse single crochet (rev sc)

For right handers: Instead of working from right to left like you normally do for sc, rev sc is worked from left to right and the stitch is made exactly the same way as a sc. Insert the hook into a st, yo and pull up a loop (you will have 2 loops on your hook). Yo, and pull through both loops on hook. 1 rev sc made. Now, insert your hook into the next indicated st to the right of the one you just made and continue working this way.

For left handers: Follow the above instructions working in the reverse direction (begin working right to left).



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