



Color by Degrees Afghan

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Difficulty Level: Beginner

Supplies:

Worsted weight in your choice of colors

Size G crochet hook

Yarn needle

Use 5 coordinating colors in a repeating sequence. I used the following color pattern: Brown, Orange, White, Green, White. So each row I finished, I would go to the next color in my pattern. You can use solid or variegated in your colors of choice.

Shell Stitch: Sc in center st of 3-dc set. Sk 1 st. 5 dc in ch 1 sp. Sk 1 st. Sc in next st. (Shell made)

Start with 5 Granny Squares in Color1. Crochet or whip stitch them together in a line.

Granny Square: With **Color 1**, ch 6 and sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 3. *3 dc in ring, ch 3. Repeat from * 2 more times. Sl st in top of first ch 3. You should have 4 groups of 3 dc in the ring. Sl st in top of each st in the next dc group to get to the ch 3 sp.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc (to make corner). *Ch 1, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc. Repeat from * and continue around the row. Sl st to finish row. Sl st across the 3 dc to corner.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc (to make corner). *Ch 1, 3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc. Repeat from * and continue around the row. Sl st to finish row.

Color Pattern:

Starting with **Color 2**, at a corner chain 3 space in the row of granny squares, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 3 to make corner, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1. *3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1. Repeat from * and continue around the granny squares (remember to ch 3 between the groups of 3 dc for corners) to complete 2 full rows. Finish off and weave in ends. Change to **Color 3** and make 2 rows. Repeat with each color in your pattern sequence.

When finished with the first sequence through each of your colors, the next sequence will be 3 rows wide for each color, then the next sequence of colors will be 4 rows wide. Continue this increasing of color rows until the afghan is the desired size.

Shell Stitch Edging:

Along the flat sides: Sl st in center st of a dc set of previous row. Sk 1 st. 5 dc in ch 1 sp of previous row. Sk 1 st, sc in next st (center st of dc set in previous row), sk 1 st, then 5 dc in ch 1 sp of previous row. *Sk 1 st, sc in next st, sk 1 st, 5 dc in ch 1 sp. Repeat from * along the sides of the afghan.

Corners: Do 3 shells in the ch 3 corners in the previous row, then continue along the flat sides as above.

End off. Using the yarn needle, weave in ends.

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