

Granny Ripple Afghan

- Pattern repeat = 27 + 3 stitches
- Hook size 6.00 mm or [J]
- Worsted Weight Yarn such as Red Heart Super Saver (what ever colors you like – a 40"x50" afghan takes about 4-5 skeins of Red Heart Super Saver – 1456 – 1820 yards)
- Gauge = 12 dc = 4" : 7 rows of dc = 4"
- One chevron pattern will be 7" wide (horizontally)

Chain as many stitches as you like but for a 41" wide afghan I started with 170 chains (6 chevron's + 3 = 165). I always do a few extra chains just in case I miss count, it's always easier to back out a few chains than it is to rip it all out and start over.



Terminology:

Ch = chain	dc = double crochet (or treble)	Sl st = slip stitch
yo = yarn over	St = stitch	Sts = stitches
3dc block = 3dc in the same space		

Stitches:

2dc cluster – yo, into stitch, yo and come out, yo through 2 loops on hook * **two times***. Yo, and then through all three loops on hook.

3dc cluster – * yo, into stitch, yo and come out, yo through 2 loops * **three times**. Yo, and then through all four loops on hook

Start with 170 chain

Row 1	<p>In 3rd chain from hook work 2dc cluster, * skip 2 chain, 3dc in next stitch *; repeat from * to * 2 more times. Skip 2 chains, then in next stitch work [3dc, ch2, 3dc] (<i>this is the point of the chevron</i>), skip 2 stitches and repeat from * to * 3 times, skip 2 stitches, in next stitch work [2dc cluster], skip 2 sts, work another [2dc cluster] in the next stitch.</p> <p>This should complete one chevron which will look like [^]. Work this pattern until the end of your chain, or until you have completed as many chevrons as you like. End the row with one [3dc cluster] in place of the two [2dc cluster] that normally form the bottom of the chevron.</p>
Row 2	<p>If you want to <u>change colors</u> then fasten off, turn work, and join the new color with a sl st in the space between the last 3dc cluster and the 3dc block next to it, then ch3 (acts as first dc) and work a 2dc cluster in that same space.</p> <p>If you're <u>using the same color</u> then don't fasten off - turn your work, sl st in the space between the last 3dc cluster & the 3dc group before it, then ch3 (acts as first dc) and work a 2dc cluster in that same space.</p> <p>Work 3dc in the space between the 3dc blocks of previous row (three times). This should bring you to the chevron point (ch2 space). In the ch2 space work [3dc, ch2, 3dc], then 3dc in next 3 spaces. In next space work [2dc cluster], skip the space between the two 2dc clusters of the previous row, then in next space work [2dc cluster]. Now you should be at the bottom of the chevron. Repeat this row to the end; ending with only one [3dc cluster] in the last stitch as you worked in Row #1.</p>
Row 3	Repeat Row2 as many times as you like until the desired length of the afghan blanket.



←Photo of beginning [ch3 + 2dc] cluster.

Photo of the [2dc cluster]'s that form the valley of the chevron - can see I just completed the first one and I'm working on the 2nd cluster.



Colors

Lets talk about colors. In the afghan at top I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn, which is a worsted weight yarn (rated #4), and I worked the colors in a specific order. The colors I used were:

Aran (white)	Cornmeal (yellow)	Gold	Carrot (orange)
Black	Heather	Frosty Green (lt green)	Medium Thyme (dr green)

Since this afghan is worked in rows you can certainly use up “scraps” of yarn from other projects. For the last afghan I had a bunch of small balls of yarn in autumn colors and wanted to use them up. However, I get tired of always making decisions about what color goes next so I devised what I call “the random color selector”.

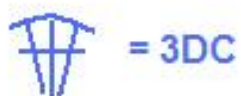
The random color selector is simple, and it turned out to be a lot of fun! It's like playing a game - you write down all your colors and assign a number to each. If there's a color you have a lot of, or you just want to see more of a particular color, then write it down two or three times.

Then, as you work your afghan use a couple dice or a phone/tablet app that will generate random numbers in a given range (I use a free iPad app called “RNG”). The number that is generated will correspond to your numbered list of colors so you know which color to work next.

As you work the afghan you can decide if you want a different color every row, every other row, every third row, etc... I know it sounds a little crazy but its fun to see what you come out with ☺

This is for all the people who love graphs! Enjoy ☺

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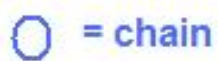
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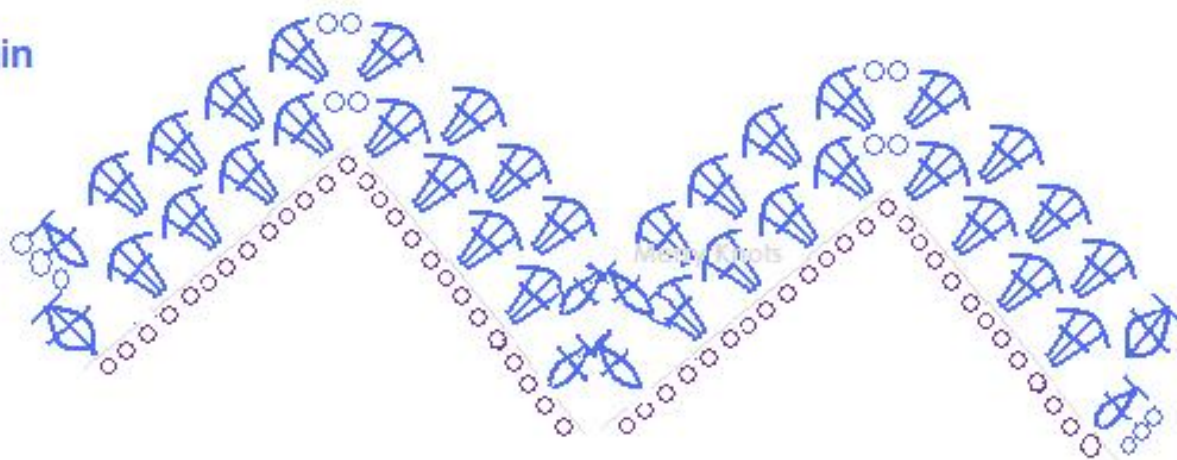
= 3dc cluster



= 2dc cluster



= chain



Merry Knots

A close-up of the blanket edge

