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BLUE STAR AFGHAN

FINISHED SIZE:

Approximately 60 x 60 inches

MATERIALS:

- 100% acrylic 4-ply worsted weight yarn (3.5 oz. skeins): Off White, Light Periwinkle, Periwinkle, and Soft Navy; and (3 oz. skeins): Ombre Blues
- Tapestry needle

YOU WILL NEED:

- Size G-6 crochet hook or size to reach gauge

GAUGE:

2 rnds of granny square = 2 3/8-in. square; 1 prepared granny square = 6 7/8-in. square; (3 dc, ch 1) = 1 in.

If your work is smaller than stated, you are working tightly and should change to a larger size hook. If your work is larger than stated, you are working loosely and should change to a smaller size hook. Check your gauge as you progress to assure the correct size.

STITCHES USED:

Chain, slip stitch, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, treble crochet.

*, ** -Directions following *, ** are to be repeated the number of times specified.

DIRECTIONS:

Granny Square (make 28):

Make 12 squares of Off White, 8 of Light Periwinkle, and 8 of Periwinkle. These 28 squares are the "center square" of the 28 "prepared squares". The "side squares" and "corner squares" of the prepared squares are joined as they are being made, so do not make them ahead of time.

With sl st on hook ch 5 with appropriate color, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 2, (3 dc in ring, ch 2) three times, join to top of first ch 3 with sl st, sl st in each of next 2 dc, sl st into ch 2 sp.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, (first half of beg corner), ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1) in next sp; rep from * 2 more times, join to top of first ch 3, ch 1, fasten off.

Stop here and measure work. Piece should measure 2 3/8-in. square. If measurement is other than listed above please follow instructions under Gauge.

Make 8 prepared granny squares having an Off White center, Periwinkle sides and Ombre corners; make 4 having an Off White center, Ombre sides and Periwinkle corners; make 8 having a Periwinkle center, Off White sides and Ombre corners; make 8 having a Light Periwinkle center, Off White sides and Light Ombre corners.

Note: When making the squares with Light Ombre corners use the Ombre yarn by cutting off the dark and royal blue portions of the yarn, and work only with the lighter colors of ombre and Off White. You can leave up to 3-in. of the darker yarn on each end for a tail.

Prepared Granny Square: With each center square of designated color determine colors for corner squares and side squares.

Side Squares: *With proper color yarn work Rnd 1, then work first half of beg corner of Rnd 2, holding the center square and current square back to back (but having current square in front) sc in a corner ch 2 sp of center square, (drop center square), work 3 dc in same ch 2 sp of current square, with center square back to back with current square sc in ch 1 sp of center square, (drop center square), work first half of next corner of current square, with center square back to back with current square sc in ch 2 corner sp of center square, (drop center square), work 3 dc in same ch 2 sp of current square, ch 1, finish Rnd 2 of current square; rep from * on other 3 sides of center square. See Diagram 1.

Stop here and measure work. Piece should measure 6 7/8-in. x 6 7/8-in. across center. If measurement is other than listed above please follow instructions under Gauge.

Corner Squares:

**With proper color yarn work Rnd 1, then work first half of beg corner of Rnd 2, holding a side square back to back with current square, sc in corner sp of side square, (drop side square), work 3 dc in same sp of current square, with same side square back to back with current square sc in ch 1 sp of the side square, (drop side square), work first half of next corner of current square, with same side square back to back with current square sc in ch 2 corner sp of the side square, sc in ch 2 sp of the center square and sc in ch 2 corner sp of the next side square, (if necessary, remove hook from lp and reestablish your place on the current square before continuing, with lp on back and front side of current square facing) finish 2nd half of corner on current square, with 2nd side square back to back with current square sc in ch 1 sp of the side square, work first half of next corner of current square, with 2nd side square back to back with current square sc in ch 2 sp of the side square, finish 2nd half of corner on current square, finish other 2 sides of Rnd 2 of current square; rep from ** for other 3 corner squares. See Diagram 2.

Weave in all ends in like colored sts.

Make all prepared squares before starting the Center Star.

Center Star (make one):

With sl st on hook and Off White ch 5, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, (dc, ch 1) 11 times in ring, sl st in 3rd ch of ch 4, sl st in next sp, do not turn-all rnds.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same sp, (3 dc in next sp, 2 dc in next sp) 5 times, 3 dc in next sp, sl st in top of ch 3.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, [dc in next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc], dc in next dc, rep bet [] once more, sl st in top of ch 2.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, [sk 2 dc, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ch 2 sp, sk 2 dc, sc in next dc] 8 times, ending last sc in ch 1.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, [sc in next dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch 2 sp, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next dc, sk sc] 8 times, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, [sk hdc, dc in next dc, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, ch 1, sk 3 dc, dc in next hdc*, sk sc, dc in next sc] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st to top of first ch 3, sl st in next dc, sl st into ch 1 sp.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1) in next ch 3 sp, 3 dc in each of next two ch-1 sps, ch 1] 7 times, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1) in next ch 3 sp, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, sl st to top of ch 3.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, [3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 4, 3 dc, ch 1) in next ch 3 sp, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp*, sk 3 dc, dc in next dc] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st in top of first ch 3.

Rnd 9: Ch 4, [3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 tr, ch 4, 3 tr, ch 1) in next ch 4 sp, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, sk 3 dc*, dc in next dc, ch 1] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st in 3rd ch of ch 4; -- 10 in. from valley to valley and 12 1/4-in. from tip to tip-measured through center of star).

Pull up a lp of Periwinkle through lp on hook, fasten off Off White.

Rnd 10: Ch 2, (counts as first hdc), hdc in next ch 1 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 tr, ch 4, 3 tr, ch 1) in next ch 4 sp, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, sk 3 dc, hdc in next ch 1 sp*, hdc in next dc, hdc in next ch 1 sp] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st in top of first ch 2.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, sc in same st, [ch 1, sk 1 hdc, sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 tr, ch 4, 3 tr, ch 1) in next ch 4 sp, 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1*, sk 1 hdc, sc in next hdc] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st in first sc, ch 1, fasten off -- (12-in. valley to valley and 16 3/4-in. tip to tip)

Rnd 12: With sl st on hook join Navy with a sc in next ch 1 sp, [ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 tr, ch 5, 2 tr, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch 4 sp, ch 1, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1 *, sc in next ch 1 sp] 7 times, then rep from [to * once more, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, 2 sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, [(2 sc, ch 1) in each of next two ch 1 sps, (3 hdc, ch 1) in each of next 2 ch 1 sps, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 tr, ch 5, 2 tr, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch 5 sp, ch 1, (3 hdc, ch 1) in each of next 2 ch 1 sps, (2 sc, ch 1) in each of next 3 ch 1 sps, sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1*, 2 sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1] 7 times, then rep from [to * once, join to first sc with sl st, ch 1, fasten off.

From the prepared squares take 4 with Off White center, Periwinkle sides and Ombre corners, and 4 with Off White center, Ombre sides and Periwinkle corners. These 8 prepared squares will be joined bet the 8 spokes of the Center Star alternating colors. Before joining, sc on 2 of the 4 sides of each square as follows:

[With sl st on hook and holding a prepared granny square with right side facing, join Navy with a sc in any corner ch 2 sp, *sc in each dc and ch 1 sp across the 3 small squares to next corner -- working only 1 sc in each joining seam and one sc in last corner ch 2 sp-25 sc*; work 1 more sc in same corner, rep from * to * once more-50 sc total], ch 1, fasten off. Work other 7 prepared squares in same manner. Rnd 14 of the Star will be joined to the Navy sides of prepared squares. Alternate the 2 types of squares.

Rnd 14: With sl st on hook join Navy with a sl st in any ch 5 sp (at top of a spoke), ch 4, sl st in first Navy sc of a square holding Star and the square back to back (with Star in front of square), work 1 tr in same ch 5 sp of Star, *sk 1 sc of square, sl st in next sc of square, work 2 dc in same ch 5 sp of Star, sk 1 sc of square, sl st in next sc of square, work 3 dc in next ch 1 sp of Star, sk 2 sc of square, sl st in next sc, work 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp of Star, sk 2 sc of square, sl st in next sc, (work 2 sc in next ch 1 sp of Star, sk 2 sc of square, sl st in next sc) 4 times, insert hook in next ch 1 sp of star, sk 1 sc of square, insert hook in next sc of square, yo and draw a lp through both sts and lp on hook in one motion, insert hook in next sc of star and in next sc of square, yo and draw a lp through both sts and lp on hook in one motion, insert hook in next ch 1 sp on star, sk 1 sc on square and insert hook in next sc, yo and draw a lp through both sts and lp on hook in one motion, (work 2 sc in next ch 1 sp on star, sk 2 sc on square, sl st in next sc) 4 times, work 3 hdc in next ch 1 sp on star, sk 2 sc on square, sl st in next sc, work 3 dc in next ch 1 sp on star, sk 2 sc on square, sl st in next sc, work 2 dc in next ch 5 sp of star, sk 1 sc on square, sl st in next sc, work 2 tr in same ch 5 sp, sk 1 sc on square, sl st in next (last) sc of square, ch 2*, sl st in first Navy sc of next square; work 2 tr in ch 5 sp of Star; rep from first * 6 more times, alternating squares, then rep from * to * once and end by working a sl st in 4th ch of ch 4, ch 1, fasten off.

Big Star:

Rnd 1: With sl st on hook and using Light Periwinkle sc around all 8 prepared squares as follows: join yarn with a sc in any outside corner ch 2 sp, [*sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in ch 1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, (sc in ch 2 corner, sc in joining, sc in ch 2 corner, sc in each of next 3 dc, sc in ch 1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc) twice, sc in ch 2 corner*, sc in sp bet square and trs, sc in ch 2 spoke of star, sc in sp bet trs and next square, sc in ch 2 corner sp of square, rep from * to *-61 sc total, sc in same ch 2 corner sp again]; rep bet [] around, having 61 sc in each side from point to point (and ending last rep having 2 sc in first ch 2 sp) for a total of 488 sc around, join to first sc with a sl st, sl st in next sc. Do not turn-all rnds.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 sc, *[(ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in each of next 3 sc) fourteen times, ch 2, sk 2 sc (outside point of square)], dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * 6 more times, then rep bet [] once, sl st in top of ch 2, sl st back into ch 2 sp.

Rnd 3: (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch 2 sp, (Point of Big Star) *(ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) 6 times, ch 1, dc in next ch 1 sp, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc (bottom of "V"), sk 1 dc, dc in next ch 1 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) 6 times, ch 1 *, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp; rep from first * 6 more times, then rep bet *'s once, join with sl st to top of first ch 3, sl st in top of each of next 2 dc and in next ch 2 sp.

Rnd 4: (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch 2 sp, *(ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) fourteen times, ch 1 *, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp; rep from first * 6 more times, then rep bet *'s once more, sl st in top of ch 3, sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch 2 sp.

Rnd 5: (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch 2 sp, *(ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) seven times, ch 1, dc in next ch 1 sp (bottom of "V"), (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) seven times, ch 1 *, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp; rep from first * 6 more times, then rep bet *'s once more, sl st in top of ch 3, sl st

in top of each of next 2 dc and in next ch 2 sp.

Rnd 6: (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch 2 sp, *(ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) seven times, ch 1, dc in next ch 1 sp, dc in next dc (bottom of "V"), dc in next ch 1 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) seven times, ch 1 *, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp; rep from first * 6 more times, then rep bet *'s once more, sl st in top of ch 3, sl st in top of each of next 2 dc and in next ch 2 sp.

Rnd 7: Work same as Rnd 3 except having seven (instead of six)-3 dc groups bet corner groups and bottom of "V".

Rnd 8: Work same as Rnd 4 except having sixteen (instead of 14)-3 dc groups bet corner groups.

Rnd 9: Work same as Rnd 5 except having eight (instead of seven)-3 dc groups bet corner groups and bottom of "V".

Rnd 10: Work same as Rnd 6 except having eight (instead of seven)-3 dc groups bet corner groups and bottom of "V".

Rnd 11: Work same as Rnd 3 except having eight (instead of 6)-3 dc groups bet corner groups and bottom of "V", end as before, ch 1, fasten off.

Wedge-Shaped Piece: Make 8 (one at a time, as they are joined):

With sl st on hook and using Navy ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Row 1: Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in ring, ch 3 -- (always counts as first dc of next row, so do not work another st into the first st of each row), turn.

Row 2: Dc in next dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in ch 1 sp, ch 1, dc in each of next 3 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Dc in each of next 2 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 4 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Dc in each of next 4 dc, ch 1, dc in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 4 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 6: Dc in each of next 4 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 5 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 7: Dc in each of next 5 dc, dc in ch 1 sp, ch 1, dc in each of next 6 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 8: Dc in each of next 5 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 7 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 9: Dc in each of next 7 dc, ch 1, dc in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 7 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 10: Dc in each of next 7 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 8 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 11: Dc in each of next 8 dc, dc in ch 1 sp, ch 1, dc in each of next 9 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 12: Dc in each of next 8 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 10 sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 13 (right side): Dc in each of next 10 dc, ch 1, dc in ch 1 sp, dc in each of next 10 sts, do not turn or fasten off. See Diagram 3. Stop here and measure work. Piece should measure 5 1/4-in. across widest part and 7-in. along both sides. If measurement is other than listed above please follow instructions under Gauge.

From the prepared squares take 8 with Periwinkle center, Off White sides and Ombre corners, and 8 with Light Periwinkle center, Off White sides and Light Ombre corners. These 16 squares will be joined around the 8 sides of the Big Star alternating 2 of same color in every other side and having one Navy wedge bet each 2 squares of like Color.

Joining Squares to Wedges:

Holding prepared granny square and wedge wrong sides tog and *having wedge in front: with lp on hook sc in any ch 2 corner sp of square, ch 3, insert hook through next row of wedge (bet first and second dc) and into next ch sp of square, draw up a lp and finish a sc, ch 2, continue along wedge working a sc into each ch sp on square (9 sc total), and using ch 2's or ch 3's along wedge (as necessary), having side of wedge match up with side of square perfectly*, and ending last sc in ch 4 ring of wedge and last ch 2 sp of last square, sl st in ring. Holding the other

matching square to the wedge with wrong sides facing rep bet *'s across, ch 1, fasten off. Makes one prepared wedge. Work other 7 wedges, joining to 2 matching squares as before. See Diagram 4.

These 8 prepared wedges will be added to the Big Star alternating colors. Before crocheting them tog tie all prepared wedges in place around the outside edge of Big Star. Using the tapestry needle and contrasting yarn, match the center ch 1 (in Row 13 of a Navy wedge) to center dc (bottom of "V") of a side of the Star, and (ch 2) corners of squares to (ch 2) Points of Star. Tie yarn in place at these 3 points securely (but loosely, so contrasting yarn can be cut off after wedges are all attached).

Rnd 12 of Big Star: With sl st on hook and using Navy, join with sl st to any ch 2 corner sp of a Point, [holding a side of the Star and a prepared wedge back to back (with the Star in front) insert hook into corresponding ch 2 corner sp of prepared wedge, *draw up a lp and work a sc, ch 3, insert hook in next sp on Star and in either the next ch sp of a square or under the top lps of a corresponding dc (whatever keeps the work neat and the edges even), rep from * across to middle of Navy wedge ending with a sc (10 sc), ch 1, insert hook in center dc (bottom of "V" of Star) and ch 1 sp of Navy wedge, draw up a lp and finish the sc, ch 1, insert hook in next ch sp of Star and corresponding dc of wedge, rep from first * across to next Point ending with a sc -- total of 21 sc evenly spaced (see Diagram 5), sl st in ch 2 Point of Star and join next prepared wedge] by repeating bet [] around, ending sl st in first sl st, do not fasten off Navy.

Edging:

With Navy lp on hook sc around all 8 prepared wedges as follows: sc in next ch 2 corner sp, [*sc in each dc, each ch sp and each joining to corner, work a sc in ch 2 corner sp -- 29 sc*; ch 1, work another sc in same sp, rep bet *'s to next point of Navy wedge, sc in ring of point, sc in ch 2 sp of next square, rep bet *'s once, ch 1, work another sc in same sp, rep bet *'s again, ch 1 at Point of Star, sc in ch 2 corner of next square], rep bet [] around having 29 sc across each side of a prepared square (but not counting the ch 1 at Point of Star or the sc in ring of point of Navy wedge).

Half Granny Square: Make 4 (one at a time, as they are joined):

With sl st on hook and using Off White ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Row 1: Ch 4, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1, dc) in ring, ch 4 [stands for (dc, ch 1) throughout], turn.

Row 2: 3 dc in ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ch 2 sp, ch 1, in next ch 1 sp work (3 dc, ch 1, dc) finishing last step of last dc with Light Periwinkle, ch 4, turn, fasten off Off White.

Row 3: (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) twice, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) twice, (ch 1, dc) in same sp as last 3 dc, ch 4, turn.

Row 4: (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) 3 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) 3 times, (ch 1, dc) in same ch 1 sp as last 3 dc, finishing last step of last dc with Periwinkle, ch 4, turn, fasten off Light Periwinkle.

Row 5: (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) 4 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) 4 times, (ch 1, dc) in same sp as last 3 dc, ch 4, turn.

Row 6 (right side): (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) 5 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp) 5 times, (ch 1, dc) in same sp as last 3 dc, ch 1, fasten off. Do not turn. Stop here and measure work: piece should measure 4 1/4-in. high (through center) x 8-in. long at bottom and 5 1/2-in. long on each of 2 sides. If piece is other than listed, please follow

instructions under "Gauge".

Row 7: Join the half square in middle of each side of afghan as follows: with sl st on hook and half square right side up, join Navy in ch 4 sp of beg ch 4 with sl st (on other end of piece), ch 2. Holding the half square in place back to back against one of the squares to which it will be joined (with half square in front), sl st in corner sc of full square, 2 dc in same ch sp of half square, *sk 3 sc of full square, sc in next sc, work 3 dc in next ch 1 sp of half square; rep from * 5 more times to point, sk 3 sc of full square, sc in top sc of current full square, sc in top sc of next full square, 3 dc in same sp of half square, rep from first * 6 more times to bottom, sk 3 sc of full square, sc in next sc, ch 1, fasten off. Weave in ends. Rep for other 3 half squares.

Corners:

To determine where to start: hold afghan with front side facing having a Navy wedge in your left hand and (skipping only 1 full square) having a half square in your right hand.

Row 1 (right side): With sl st on hook join Navy with a sl st in the 2nd sc to the right of the tip of the wedge, sk 1 sc and the tip of the wedge, ch 1, *dc in each of next 3 sc, ch 1, sk 1 sc*, rep bet *'s 6 more times, [3 dc in first corner sc, ch 2, 3 dc in second corner sc, ch 1, sk 1 sc], rep bet *'s 5 times, dc in each of next 3 sc, sk 4 sc of square, tr in ch 1 sp (inside corner), sk 4 sc of next square, rep bet *'s 6 times, rep bet [] once, rep bet *'s 7 times, sk tip of wedge and 1 sc of next full square, sl st in next sc, ch 2, sk 2 sc, sl st in next sc, ch 1 loosely, turn.

Row 2: (3 dc, ch 1) in each of next 8 ch 1 sps, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each of next 6 ch 1 sps, tr in tr, (3 dc, ch 1) in each of next 6 ch 1 sps, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each of next 8 ch 1 sps, ending: ch 1, sk 2 sc of full square, sl st in next sc, ch 2, sk 2 sc of full square, sl st in next sc, ch 1 loosely, turn.

Row 3: Rep Row 2 except having 9 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, (but continuing to have six 3-dc groups before and after tr -- next 6 rows), ending as before.

Row 4: Rep Row 2 except having 10 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending: ch 1, sk 2 sc of full square, sl st in next sc, pull up a lp of Light Periwinkle, ch 1 with new color and fasten off old color, sk 2 sc of full square, sl st in next sc, ch 1 loosely, turn.

Row 5: Rep Row 2, except having 11 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending same as Row 2.

Row 6: Rep Row 2, except having 12 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending same as Row 2.

Row 7: Rep Row 2, except having 13 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending same as Row 4 changing to Off White.

Row 8: Rep Row 2, except having 14 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending same as Row 2.

Row 9 (right side): Rep Row 2, except having 15 (instead of 8) 3-dc groups to beg and end Corner, ending: ch 1, sk 2 sc of square, sl st in next sc, ch 1, fasten off. Do not turn.

Row 10: With sl st on hook rejoin Off White yarn on other end of Corner with a sl st in first of the 2 corner sc's of that side of full square, ch 1; work (3 dc, ch 1) in each of next 16 ch-1 sps, to beg Corner -- working to first ch 2 corner sp, work the first 3-dc group in ch 2 sp, ch 1, take 1 of the last 4 prepared granny squares (Off White center, Periwinkle sides and Ombre corners) and holding the square back to back with current piece sc in a corner ch 2 sp of that square, ch 1, work 3 dc in same ch 2 sp of Corner, sc in next ch 1 sp of square, [work 3 dc in next ch sp on Corner, sc in next sp (or st) on square] 6 times (across square to inside corner), tr in tr, sc in same corner sp on square, rep bet [] 6 times across other side of square, in ch 2 corner sp of Corner work 3 dc, ch 1, sc in ch 2 corner sp of square, ch 1, work 3 more dc in same ch 2 sp of

Corner, ch 1, then (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) 16 times to end, join to corner sc of full square with a sl st, ch 1, fasten off. Rep for other 3 Corners. On last Corner do not fasten off after joining end of Row 10 to sc. Do not turn.

Border:

*Hdc into the ch 1 sp of corner of full square, sc across bottom of half square working (3 sc in next ch sp and 2 sc in next ch sp) across for a total of 38 sc, hdc into the ch 1 sp of corner of next full square, [(3 dc, ch 1) in each sp across] to next ch 2 corner sp, in corner work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), ch 1, rep bet [] to next half square; rep from * around, join with sl st to first hdc, ch 1, fasten off. Weave in ends.

Blocking:

If necessary, block afghan as follows: Using rustproof pins (and a padded surface that won't be disturbed for at least 24 hours) pin edges in place with afghan face up; dampen afghan evenly and thoroughly with water from a spray bottle. Allow to dry completely without using an iron. If article is removed before totally dry (or is not saturated thoroughly enough) it may have to be reblocked.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

MACHINE WASHING AND DRYING:

Machine wash on "Gentle" or "Synthetic" setting using warm water and any detergent which does not contain bleaching agents. A small amount of fabric softener added to the final rinse will help keep your garments soft and static-free. Machine dry at "low" or "perma press" setting. Always machine dry after machine washing.

HAND WASHING AND DRYING:

Wash gently in warm water using any detergent which does not contain bleaching agents. Always support the article during washing and rinsing and when removing article from cold rinse. Bunch together and lift out in both hands. Squeeze out excess water, roll inside a towel, twist and squeeze again while in the towel. Spread article to dry on a flat surface, bunch into shape and allow to dry thoroughly before moving article. Never dry any article in direct sunlight and never hang to dry.

DRY CLEANING:

Professional dry cleaning is recommended as an alternate to automatic laundering.

Note: This yarn must be absolutely dry to ensure automatic blocking. If stretched during wear or washing, wet thoroughly, squeeze and tumble dry at low or perma-press setting to reshape. Should you experience any problems with this yarn please forward the skein band from each skein used to us with your detailed explanation of your difficulty.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR CROCHET STITCHES

beg beginning

hdc half double crochet

sk skip

bet between

inc increase

Sl st slip stitch

bl(s) block(s)
lp(s) loop(s)
sp(s) space(s)
ch chain
MC Main Color
st(s) stitch(es)
CC Contrasting Color
pat pattern
tog together
dec decrease
rem remaining
tr treble crochet
dc double crochet
rep repeat
tr tr triple treble crochet
dtr double treble crochet
sc single crochet
yo yarn over

Diagrams

Diagram 4

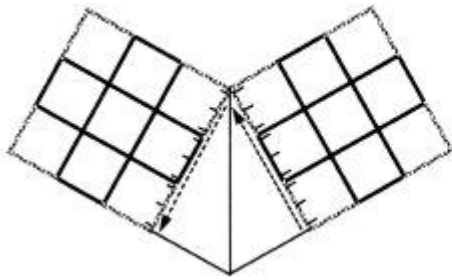


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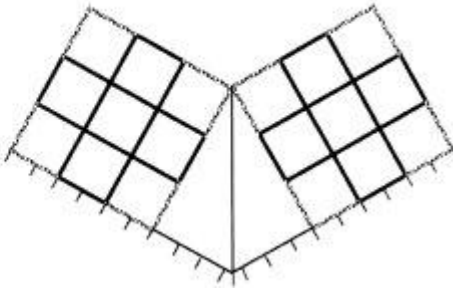


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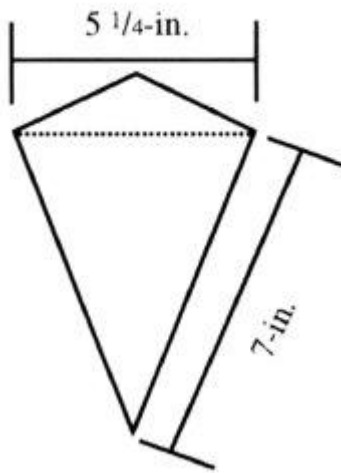


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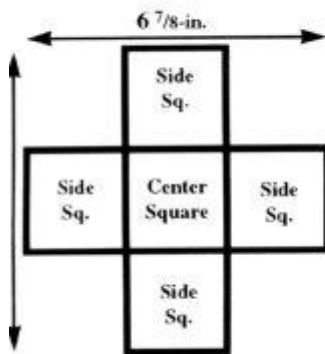
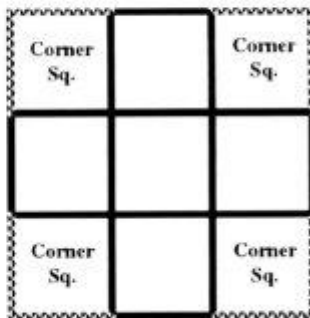
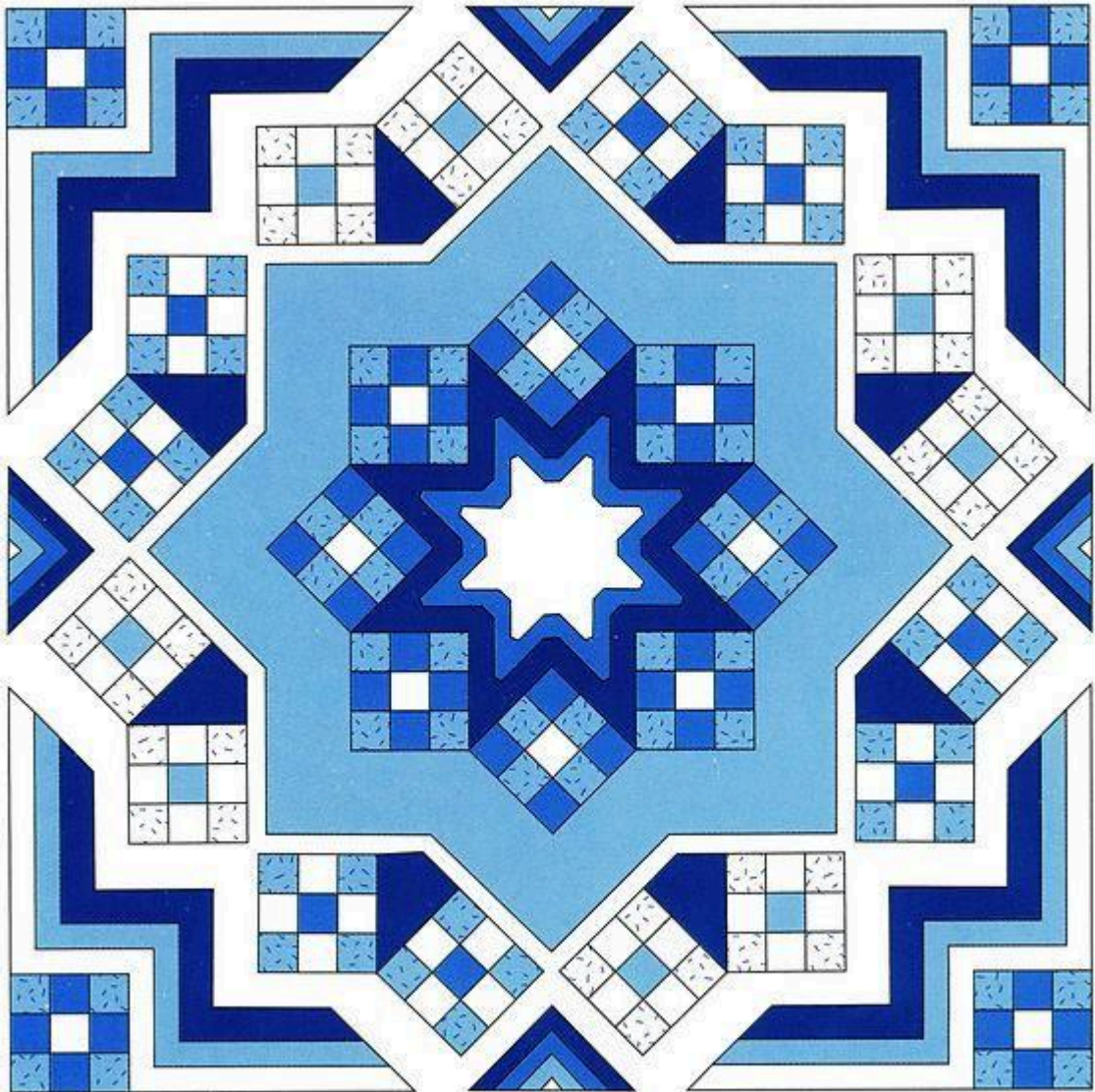


Diagram 2





Assembly Diagram

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