



## LION BRAND<sup>®</sup> COTTON-EASE Crochet Rainbow Afghan



Mother Nature makes double rainbows but you can give your favorite youngster a sky-full with an easy-to-crochet *Cotton-Ease Rainbow Afghan*.

**SKILL LEVEL:** *Easy***SIZE:** 34" x 42"**MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND Cotton-Ease
  - 2 balls #107 Candy Blue (A)
  - 2 balls #169 Pistachio (B)
  - 2 balls #158 Pineapple (C)
  - 2 balls #133 Orangeade (D)
  - 2 balls #113 Cherry (E) or colors of your choice
- Size G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

**GAUGE**

Each square measures 7½" x 7½" (19 mm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

**Rainbows (Make 5, one in each color sequence) ABCDE, BCDEA, CDEAB, DEABC, EABCD)**

**Row 1** With first color, ch 8; skip first ch, sc in first 3 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in last 3 ch – 8 sc.

**Row 2** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in last sc – 10 sc. Fasten off and join next color.

**Row 3** Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc – 14 sc. Fasten off and join next color.

**Row 4** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc – 18 sc. Fasten off and join next color.

**Row 5** Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 4 sc – 20 sc. Fasten off and join last color.

**Row 6** Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 8 sc – 22 sc. Fasten off.

**Plain Square (Make one in each color A, B, C, D, E)**

**Row 1** Ch 27; dc in 4<sup>th</sup> ch from hook and in each ch across – 25 dc.

**Row 2** Ch 3, turn; dc in first dc, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) 11 times, dc in top of t-ch.

**Row 3** Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc and ch1-space across – 25 dc.

**Rows 4-11** Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across – 25 dc.

**Row 12** Rep Row 2.

**Row 13** Rep Row 3. Fasten off, leaving 18" end for sewing.

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**Rainbow MOTIF Square (Make three in each color A, B, C, D, E)**

**Rows 1-4** Rep Rows 1-4 of Plain Square.

**Row 5** Ch 3, turn; dc in next 4 dc, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next 13 dc, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in last 5 dc.

**Row 6** Ch 3, turn; dc in next 4 dc and ch1-space, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next 11 dc, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in ch1-space, dc in last 4 dc, dc in top of t-ch.

**Row 7** Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 dc and ch1-space, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next 9 dc, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in ch1-space and last 5 dc, dc in top of t-ch.

**Row 8** Ch 3, turn; dc in next 6 dc and ch1-space, skip next dc, dc in next 7 dc, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in ch1-space and last 6 dc, dc in top of t-ch.

**Row 9** Ch 3, turn; dc in next 7 dc and ch1-space, (ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc) 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in ch1-space, dc in last 7 dc, dc in top of t-ch.

**Row 10** Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc and ch1-space across.

**Row 11** Rep Row 4.

**Row 12** Rep Row 2.

**Row 13** Rep Row 3. Fasten off.

**FINISHING**

Sew one rainbow to center of each plain square, matching Row 4 color to color of square. Sew squares together following schematic below. R = square with rainbow.

E	ER	E	E
D	D	DR	D
CR	C	C	C
B	B	B	BR
A	AR	A	A

**BORDER**

**Rnd 1** Join E in any corner, work 98 sc across top and bottom, 128 sc along each side, and 3 sc in each corner – 464 sc. Fasten off.

**Rnd 2** Working in back loops only with D, sc in each sc around and 3 sc in each corner sc – 472 sc. Fasten off.

**Rnd 3-5** Rep Rnd 2 with C, B, then A – 496 sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

ch = chain	rnd(s) = round(s)
dc = double crochet	sc = single crochet

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rep = repeat(s)(ing)	t-ch = turning chain
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*Cotton-Ease (Article #700) comes in 3½ oz/207 yd balls*

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