



LION BRAND® KITCHEN COTTON
Desert Star Rug



INTERMEDIATE+**SIZE:** 36" x 48"**MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND Kitchen Cotton

4 balls #098 Natural (A)
 2 balls each #124 Khaki (B) and #153 Black (C)
 1 ball each #135 Cinnamon (D) and #181 Sage (E)
 or colors of your choice

- Size F-5 (3.75 mm) and G-6 (4 mm) crochet hooks OR SIZES TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Stitch markers

GAUGE

16 sts + 16 rows = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet on larger hook.

18 sts + 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet on smaller hook. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE

NOTE

A and B diamonds make up the stars. C center diamond and half diamonds are background for the stars. Two stars plus background make up the center motif.

DIAMOND PATTERN (make 6 In A, 6 in B, 1 In C)

With smaller hook, ch 2.

Row 1 1 sc. Ch 1, turn.**Row 2** 3 sc into 1 sc. Ch 1, turn.**Row 3** 2 sc in first sc, 1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc. Ch 1, turn – 5 sc.**Row 4** 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn – 5 sc.**Row 5** 1 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each st to last 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in last st. Ch 1, turn -7 sc.**Row 6** 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn – 7 sc.**Repeat Rows 5 - 6** until there are 19 sts, end on 18th row as for Row 6.**Row 19** 1 sc in first st, dec 1 st, 1 sc in each st to last 3 sts, dec 1 sc, 1 sc in last sc. Ch 1, turn – 17 sc.**Row 20** 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn –17 sc.**Repeat Rows 19 -20**, dec 1 st each end, every other row until there are 5 sc.**Row 33** Dec 1 sc, work center sc, dec 1 sc. Ch 1, turn -3 sc. Last Row Work 3 sc tog. Fasten off.**HALF DIAMONDS** (make 10)

With smaller hook and C, ch 2.

Row 1 1 sc. Ch 1, turn.**Row 2** 2 sc into 1 sc. Ch 1, turn.**Row 3** 2 sc into first sc, sc in next sc. Ch 1, turn – 3 sc.**Row 4** 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn – 3 sc.© 1998, 1999, 2000 **Lion Brand Yarn Company**, all rights reserved.

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Row 5 1 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in last sc. Ch 1, turn – 4 sc.

Row 6 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn – 4 sc.

Row 7 1 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of rem sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 8 1 sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rep Rows 7 - 8 until there are 10 sts, end on 18th row as for Row 8.

Row 19 1 sc in first SC, dec 1 sc, 1 sc in each rem sc – 9 sc. Row 20 1 sc in each sc across – 9 sc.

Rep Rows 19 - 20, dec 1 st at shaped edge every other row until there are 3 sc.

Next row Dec 1 sc, 1 sc in last st.

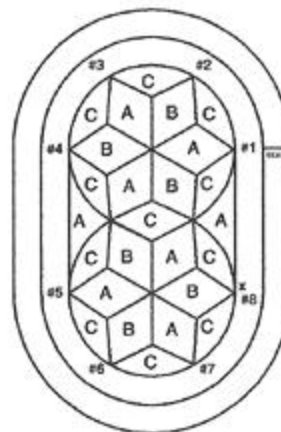
Last Row Work 2 sc tog. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLE STARS

Alternate A and B Diamonds and sew together invisibly as in diagram. Position stars so A and B points touch.

Sew Center Diamond between 2 stars and sew Half Diamonds around stars as shown. With larger-sized hook, attach A with a slip st one stitch left of center where the stars Join and work 133 sc evenly spaced around each half of the center motif – 266 sc.

#1 - 8 Marker placement for inner border
X Begin inner border here



FILLER HALF TRIANGLES (make 2)

With F hook and A, Ch 2.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd Ch from hook; Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in sc; Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: 2 sc in sc; Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in each sc across; Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc; Ch 1, turn -- 3 sc.

Row 6: Sc in each sc across; Ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc; Ch 1, turn -- 4 sc.

Row 8: Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc across; Ch 1, turn -- 5 sc.

Row 9: Sc in each sc across; Ch 1, turn.

Row 10: Sc to last 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc; Ch 1, turn -- 6 sc.

Repeat Rows 8-10 until 25 rows have been worked -- 16 sc.

Row 26: Sc in first sc, 2sc tog, sc across; Ch 1, turn -- 15 sc.

Row 27: Sc in each sc across; Ch 1, turn.

Row 28: Sc in first sc, 2sc tog, sc across; Ch 1, turn -- 14 sc.

Row 29: Sc across to last 3 sc, 2sc tog, sc in last sc; Ch 1, turn -- 13 sc.

Repeat Rows 27-29 until 44 rows have been worked -- 3 sc.

Row 45: Repeat row 27.

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Row 46: Sc in first sc, 2sctog; Ch 1, turn -- 2 sc.

Row 47: 2sctog; fasten off.

Position Filler Half Triangles at each side of center motif to form an oval. Sew in place invisibly.

INNER BORDER

Mark tips of A and B diamonds at each of short ends of oval for increases and label them 2 and 3 at one end and 6 and 7 at opposite end.

Rnd 1 With larger hook and A, attach yarn at tip of B diamond closest to the filler, (work 36 sts along filler, work 1 sc in each sc to marker, Inc 1 st; work 1 sc to next marker, Inc 1 st, work to filler) 2 times, slip st to first sc --242 sts.

Rnd 2 Increase 8 sts as follows: Ch 1, *work 54 sts, inc 1 st and place Marker 1; work even until Marker 2, Inc 1, work to Marker 3, Inc 1, work 14 stsc, place Marker 4 and inc 1; work 54 sts to the B point of the next diamond before filler, Inc 1 st and place Marker 5; work to Marker 6 and Inc 1, work to Marker 7 and Inc 1 ; work 14 sts, place Marker 8 and inc 1, work remainder of row, slip st to first sc. Rnd 3 Work even. Rnds 4 - 5 Ch 1, working in sc Inc 8 sts each rnd at markers, end slip st to first st.

Rnds 6 -7 Ch 1, inc 12 sts as follows: 1 st at each marker, plus 1 st evenly spaced between Markers 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6, and 7 - 8; end slip st to first sc.

Rnds 8 - 9 Ch 1, inc 20 sts as follows: Inc 1 st at each marker, and 2 sts evenly spaced between Markers 1-2, 2-3, 3-4,5-6, 6-7, and 7-8; end slip st to first sc Note THERE ARE NO INCS BETWEEN Markers 4 -5 and 8 - 1.

Rnds 10 -11 Work even.

Rnds12, 13, 14 Ch 1, Inc 16 sts as follows: Inc 1 st at each marker and 1 st evenly spaced between Markers 1-2, 2 sts evenly spaced between Markers 2-3, 1 st evenly spaced between Markers 3-4; 1 between Markers 5-6, 2 between Markers 6-7, and 1 between Markers 7-8; end slip st to first sc – Note THERE ARE NO INCS BETWEEN Markers 4-5 and 8-1.

Rnds 15,16, and 17 Work even. Fasten off.

OUTER BORDER

The Outer Border consists of 5 types of sections.

Section I (8 rows even)

Row 1 Ch 24, 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and In each ch across --23 sc. Rows 2-8 Ch 1, turn, 1 sc In each sc.

Section II (12 rows even)

Work as in Section I.

Section III (8 row curved section with 10 rows on outer edge)

Rows 1- 4 Work as in Section I.

Row 5: Short Row Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc In each of next 11 sc, slip st in next st.

Row 6: Short Row Return Ch 1, turn, work 1 sc in each of next 11 sc. Rows 7-10 Repeat Rows 1- 4.

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Section IV (12 row curved section with 16 rows on outer edge)

Rows 1- 6 Work as in Section III.

Rows 7-12 Repeat Rows 1-6.

Rows 13-16 Repeat Rows 1-4.

Section V (10 rows even)

Work as in Section I.

*With A-I; C-I; A-III; B-IV; D-II; E-IV; A-IV; C-II; A-I; C-I; A-III; B-IV; D-11; E-IV; A-IV; C-II; A-I; C-I; A-I, B-V; D-V; E-V; A-I; C-I; rep from *. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew short ends of Border Invisibly. Position Border so that seam is opposite the tip of the A diamond closest to the filler.

ABBREVIATIONS	
beg = begin(ning)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
ch = chain	sc = single crochet
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)	st(s) = stltch(es)
Inc = increase(e)(s)(ing)	tog = together
rem = remaln(s)(ing)	

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