

HOMESPUN® $4 \frac{1}{2} HOUR$ CROCHET AFGHAN



LION BRAND HOMESPUN® 41/2 HOUR CROCHET AFGHAN

Item #825A

SIZE: 42" X 46" (Instructions for 42" x 56" size, which takes 5 ½ hours, given in parenthesis)

MATERIALS:

- LION BRAND Homespun
 (Art. No. 790), 6 oz. skeins:
 6 (8) skeins in color of your choice
- Crochet hook Size Q (15.75 mm) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE:

Approx 1 hdc2tog = 1", using 2 strands of yarn held together. TO INSURE PROPER SIZE, BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

NOTE:

Entire Afghan is worked with 2 strands of yarn held together.

HINTS:

- **1.** Take care in setting up first 2 rows to establish pat.
- **2.** To help avoid striping effect using multicolor yarns, start skein of each of 2 strands held together in a different color area.
- 3. To maintain st count, be sure to work end of row as written, working hdc2tog into 2nd to last and last sts and hdc into turning ch. Check work from time to time to be sure clusters are lining up and st count is maintained.

CROCHET STITCH:

Hdc2tog: Yarn over hook, insert hook into st, draw up loop, yarn over hook, insert hook into next st and draw up loop, yarn over hook and draw through all loops on hook.

AFGHAN: With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 43. Row 1: Hdc2tog into 3rd ch from hook and next ch, *hdc2tog inserting hook into same ch as cluster just worked and into next ch*; rep from * to * across to last ch, 1 hdc in last ch, turn. Row 2: Ch 2, hdc2tog into first and 2nd sts, *hdc2tog inserting hook into same ch as cluster just worked and next st*, rep from * to * across, hdc into turning ch, turn. Rep Row 2 until Afghan is approx 43 (55)". Do not fasten off, do not turn at end of last row, ch 1.

Edging: Work 1 row sc around entire Afghan working 3 sc into each corner. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Apply looped fringe at top and bottom edges, if desired.

Looped Fringe: With 2 strands of yarn held together, wind yarn 3 (4) times around an 8" wide piece of cardboard. Cut yarn ends attached to ball even with the fringe loops but do not cut bottom of fringe wrapped around cardboard. Holding top of fringe together, slide off cardboard. Using fingers or crochet hook, reach through sc edge st from back to front of Afghan and pull top of fringe through. Pull bottom of fringe through this loop. Rep this every 2nd or 3rd sc across top and bottom edges. To keep cut yarn ends from fraying, put small overhand knot into very end of these strands.

ABBREVIATIONS:

approx = approximately rep = repeat ch = chain sc = single crochet hdc = half double crochet st(s) = stitch(es) pat = pattern tog = together

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