Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Hometown USA®
Texture Stripe Afghan

Pattern Number: L40310

Crochet this beautiful textured throw in our American made yarn, <u>Hometown USA®</u> - makes a great gift for a student who's aced their first college exams. *Designed by Teresa Chorzepa.*

SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

SIZE: One Size

About 36 x 54 in. (91.5 x 137 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 18, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 135-108 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Washington Denim
    2 Balls (A)
- 135-111 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: San Diego Navy
    2 Balls (B)
- 135-174 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Grand Rapids Green
    2 Balls (C)
- 135-172 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Oklahoma City Green
    3 Balls (D)
- 135-194 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Monterey Lime
    2 Balls (E)
- 135-158 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Pittsburgh Yellow
    2 Balls (F)
- 135-099 Lion Brand Hometown USA Yarn: Los Angeles Tan
    2 Balls (G)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size N-13 (9 mm)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

Hometown USA (Article #135). **Solids, Multis, Neons and Twists:** *100% Acrylic,* **Tweeds:** *94% Acrylic, 6% Rayon; package size:* **Solids:** *5 oz. (142 g), 81 yd. (74 m)* **Multis, Tweeds, Neons, and Twists:** *4 oz. (113 g), 64 yd. (59 m)*

GAUGE:

8 sts + 8 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) over Rows 2 and 3

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

STITCH EXPLANATION:

Picot puff (Sc, ch 2, sl st in sc) in ch-1 sp.

NOTES:

1. Afghan is worked in one piece changing colors to create stripes.
2. To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops to complete st. Fasten off old color.
3. An edging is worked around the outside edge of the completed Afghan.
4. When you see '– 12 sts' in the instructions, this lets you know how many sts you will have at the end of that specific row.

AFGHAN
With A, ch 72.
Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; rep from * to end of row – 36 sc and 35 ch-1 spaces.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, (sc in next sc, picot puff in next ch-1 space) 7 times, *(sc in next sc, sc in next ch-1 space) 7 times, (sc in next sc, picot puff in next ch-1 space) 7 times; rep from * once more, sc in last st – 71 sts; 3 picot puff groups and 2 sc groups.
Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *ch 1, skip next picot puff or st, sc in next sc; rep from * to end of row, sc in last st – 36 sc and 35 ch-1 spaces.
Rows 4-15: Rep Rows 2 and 3.
Row 16: Rep Row 2.
Row 17: Change to B and rep Row 3.
Row 18: Ch 1, turn, (sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 space) 7 times, *(sc in next st, picot puff in next ch-1 space) 7 times,

(sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 space) 7 times; rep from * to last st, sc in last st – 71 sts; 3 sc groups and 2 picot puff groups.
Rows 19-32: Rep last 2 rows 7 more times.
Row 33: Change to C and rep Row 3.
Rows 34-47: With C, rep Rows 2 and 3 seven times.
Row 48: With C, rep Row 2.
Rows 49-64: Change to D and rep Rows 17-32.
Rows 64-80: Change to E and rep Rows 33-48.
Rows 81-96: Change to F and rep Rows 17-32.
Rows 97-112: Change to G and rep Rows 33-48.
Row 113: Rep Row 3.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Edging
Rnd 1: With RS facing, join D in any st along outside edge and work sc evenly spaced around, working 3 sc in each corner, join with sl st in first sc.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, working into back loops of each st, sl st in each st around, join with sl st in first st.
Fasten off.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	ch(s) = chain(s)
ch-space = space previously made	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
sc = single crochet	sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)	

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