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**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy (Level 2)

**SIZE:** One Size

About 33 x 33 in. (84 x 84 cm), including border

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Nov 23, 2014. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

### MATERIALS

- 136-098 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Acadia  
3 Balls (A) *\*Heartland (Article #136). Solids: 100% Acrylic*
- 136-150 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Mount Rainier  
1 Ball (B) *Tweeds: 94% Acrylic, 6% Rayon; package size: Solids: 5oz/142g (251yd/230m) Tweeds: 4oz/113g (200yd/183m)*
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size H-8 (5 mm)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)



### GAUGE:

14 hdc + 10 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm).

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:

**hdc2tog (hdc 2 sts together)** (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

### NOTES:

1. Afghan is made from 9 Solid and Striped Squares.
2. To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.
3. A border is worked around the outside edge of the completed Afghan.



## **AFGHAN**

### **SOLID SQUARES (make 4)**

With A, ch 37.

**Row 1 (RS):** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch count as first hdc) and in each ch across – 36 hdc.

**Rows 2-27:** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.

Fasten off.

### **STRIPED SQUARES (make 5)**

With B, ch 37.

**Row 1 (RS):** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch count as first hdc) and in each ch across – 36 hdc.

**Row 2:** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across, changing to A in last st.

**Rows 4 and 5:** With A, ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.

**Row 6:** Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across, changing to B in last st.

**Rows 7 and 8:** With B, ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.

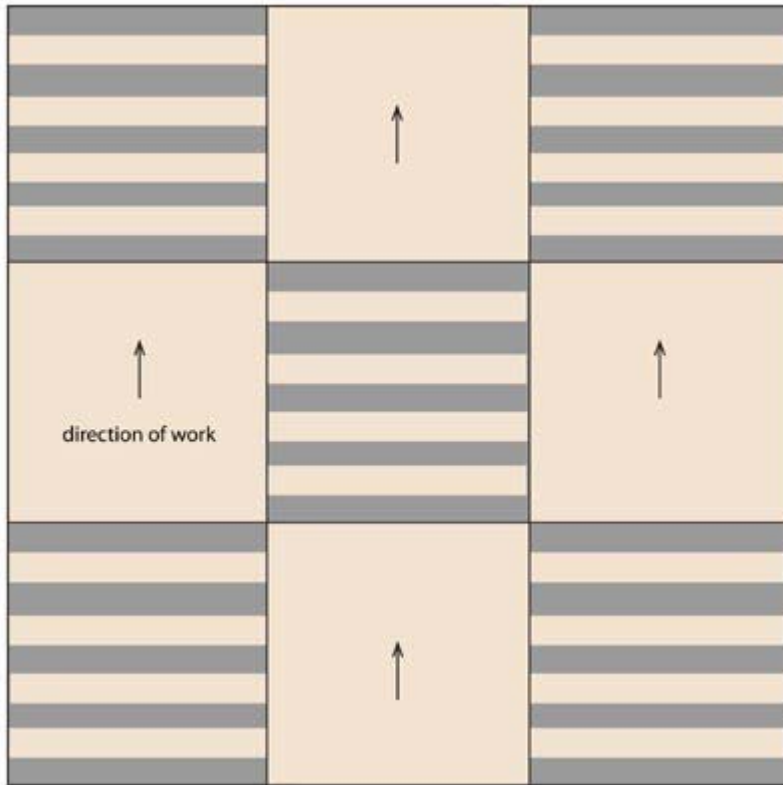
**Row 9:** Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across, changing to A in last st.

**Rows 10-27:** Rep Rows 4-9 three more times.

Fasten off.

## **FINISHING**

Following diagram, sew Squares into 3 strips of 3 Squares each. Sew strips together to make Afghan.



### Border

From RS, join A with sl st in any corner of Afghan.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), work hdc evenly spaced around entire outside edge of Afghan, working 3 hdc in each corner; join with sl st in top of beg ch.

**Rnds 2 and 3:** Ch 2, (counts as first hdc), hdc in next st and in each st around, working 3 hdc in center hdc at each corner; join with sl st in top of beg ch.

Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>ch(s) = chain(s)</u>
<u>hdc = half double crochet</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rnd(s) = round(s)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>sl st = slip stitch</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>

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