Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Unique - Vanna's Choice®
Kaleidoscope Afghan
Pattern Number: L40578

Whether you're waiting in the doctor's office or taking a long train trip, this crochet afghan makes a great portable project. Made with a combination of Unique and Vanna's Choice®, this project simply bubbles with color. *Designed by Teresa Chorzepa.*

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

About 43 x 53 in. (109 x 134.5 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 20, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 755-208 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Mirage
  1 Ball (A)
- 755-204 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Moonshadows
  1 Ball (B)
- 755-201 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Garden
  1 Ball (C)
- 755-202 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Oceania
  1 Ball (D)
- 755-209 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Cornucopia
  1 Ball (E)
- 755-205 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Grapevine
  1 Ball (F)
- 755-200 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Harvest
  1 Ball (G)
- 755-211 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Oasis
  1 Ball (H)
- 755-203 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Passion Fruit
  1 Ball (I)
- 755-207 Lion Brand Unique Yarn: Jewel
  1 Ball (J)
- 860-173 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Dusty Green
  1 Ball (K)
- 860-171 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Fern
  1 Ball (L)
- 860-125 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Taupe
  1 Ball (M)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size K-10.5 (6.5 mm)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

*Unique (Article #755). 100% Acrylic; package size: 3.50oz/100.00 gr. (109yds/100m) pull skeins

*Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic
400, 401, 403: 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon
402: 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)
Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers: 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)
Twists: 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)

GAUGE:

One Small Circle = about 3 1/2 in. (9 cm) diameter.
One Big Circle = about 10 in. (25.5 cm) diameter.

When you match the <u>gauge</u> 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.

<u>Making a Gauge Swatch</u>

NOTES:

1. Afghan is made from 46 individual circles: 20 Big Circles, 12 Small Inner Circles, and 14 Small Edge Circles.
2. Each circle is worked in joined rnds with RS always facing.
3. To change yarn color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the st. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.
4. Circles are crocheted tog following a diagram. The joining is easy and to make it super easy, we've provided stitch diagrams for you to follow.

BIG CIRCLE (make 20)

Make 2 each with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J for Rnds 1-6. Use K for Rnd 7 of all 20 circles.

Ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as first dc in this rnd and in all following rnds), 13 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beg ch – you will have 14 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 28 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next st, *2 dc in next st, dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 42 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next 2 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 56 dc.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next 3 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 70 dc.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next 4 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 84 dc.

Change to K.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, *ch 1, sc in next st, (ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) 13 times; rep from * 2 more times, ch 1, sc in next st, ch 1, sk last st; join with sl st in first sc – 44 sc and 44 ch-1 sps.

Fasten off.

SMALL INNER CIRCLE (make 12)

Make 1 each with A, E, G, and I, 2 with J, and 3 each with D and F for Rnds 1 and 2. Use L for Rnd 3 of all 12 circles.

Ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnds 1 and 2: Work same as Rnds 1 and 2 of Big Circle – you will have 28 dc at the end of Rnd 2.

Change to L.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, (ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) twice, ch 5 (corner made), sc in next st, *(ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) 3 times, ch 5, sc in next st; rep from * 2 more times, ch 1, sk last st; join with sl st in first sc – 16 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, and 4 ch-5 corner sps.

Fasten off.

SMALL EDGE CIRCLE (make 14)

Make 1 each with E, G, I and J, 2 each with A and C, and 3 each with B and H for Rnds 1 and 2.

Use L for Rnd 3 of all 14 circles.

Ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnds 1 and 2: Work same as Rnds 1 and 2 of Big Circle – you will have 28 dcat the end of Rnd 2.

Change to L.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, (ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) twice, ch 5 (corner made), sc in next st, *(ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) 3 times, ch 5, sc in next st; rep from * once more, (ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st) 3 times, ch 1, sc in next st, ch 1, sk last st; join with sl st in first sc – 16 sc, 13 ch-1 sps, and 3 ch-5 corner sps.
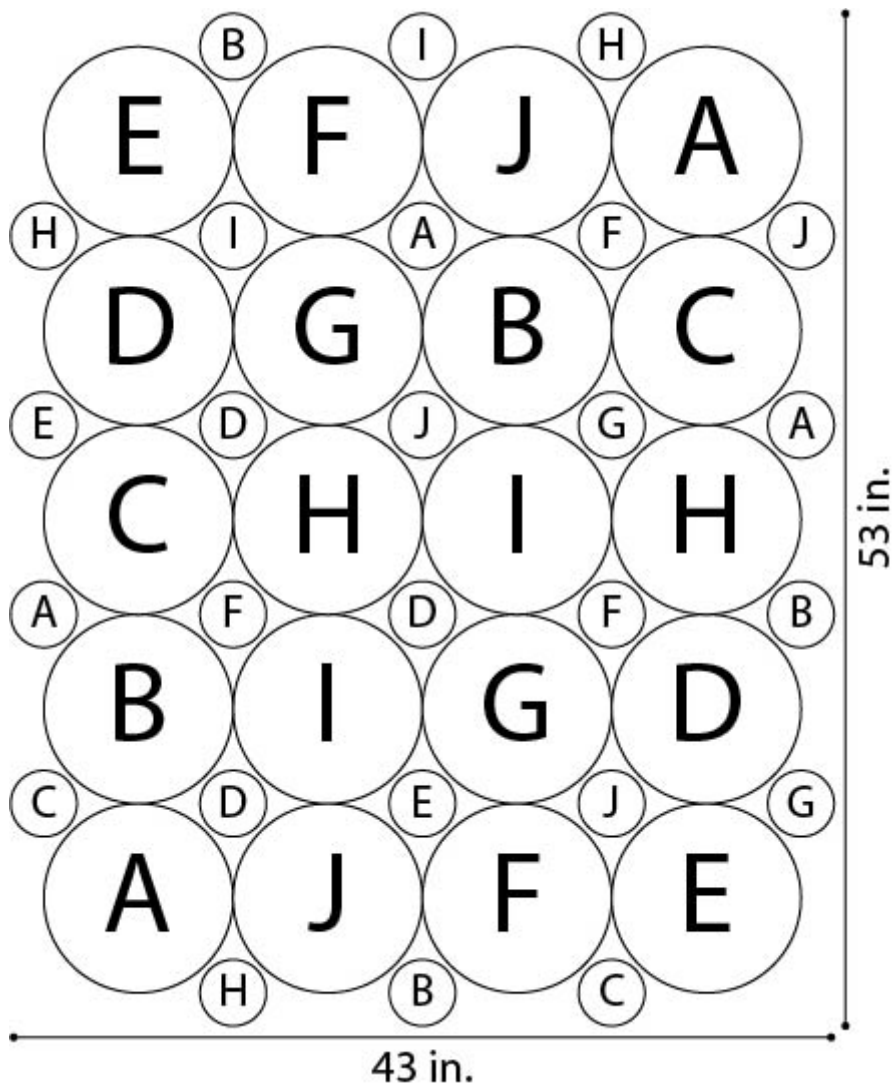
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JOIN CIRCLES

Notes:

1. Circles are joined in 3 steps. First a Small Inner Circle is joined at the center of each group of 4 Big Circles. Then Small Edge Circles are joined into the wedge-shaped openings between 2 Big Circles along the outer edge of the Afghan. Finally, the edges of the Big Circles between the Small Circles are joined.

2. Refer to Assembly Diagram for placement of Small Inner Circles and Big Circle and to stitch diagrams for how to join. 3. "Sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of next Big Circle", means:

a. If the next Big Circle is not yet joined to any other Small Circle, work the sc in any ch-1 sp of the Big Circle.

b. If the next Big Circle is already joined to another Small Circle, make sure there are 4 ch-1 sps left unjoined between the joining of the previous Small Circle then work the sc in the next ch-1 sp.

53 in.

43 in.

A = Unique: #208 Mirage
B = Unique: #204 Moonshadows
C = Unique: #201 Garden
D = Unique: #202 Oceania
E = Unique: #209 Cornucopia
F = Unique: #205 Grapevine
G = Unique: #200 Harvest
H = Unique: #211 Oasis
I = Unique: #203 Passion Fruit
J = Unique: #207 Jewel

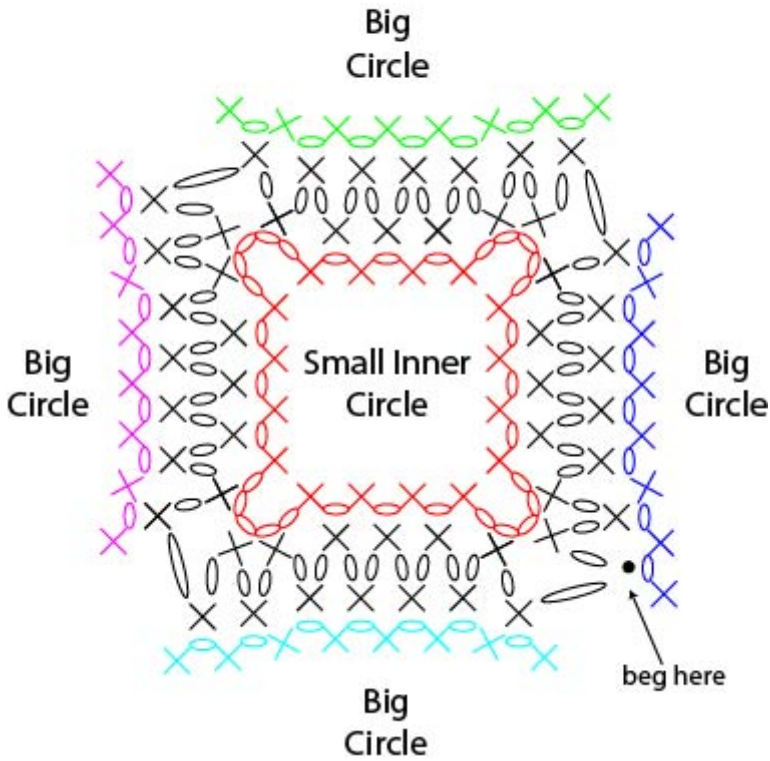**STEP 1: Join Small Inner Circles at Center of 4 Big Circles**
Join First Small Inner Circle: From RS, join M with sl st in any ch-1 sp of any of the 4 Big Circles, ch 1, sc in any ch-5 corner sp of Small Inner Circle, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Small Inner Circle) 3 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle **, ch 1, sc in any ch-1 sp of next Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle; rep from * 3 more times ending last rep at **, ch 1; join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off.
Join Next Small Inner Circle: Sk next 4 ch-1 sps across a joined edge of any of the Big Circles, join M with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in any ch-5 corner sp of Small Inner Circle, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Small Inner Circle) 3 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle **, ch 1, sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of next Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Inner Circle; rep from * 3 more times ending last rep at **, ch 1; join with sl st in first sl st.
Fasten off.

Rep to join rem Small Inner Circles according to Assembly Diagram.

STEP 1: Join Small Inner Circle at Center of 4 Big Circles

Big
Circle

Big
Circle

Small Inner
Circle

Big
Circle

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Big
Circle

Key
- • slip stitch (sl st)
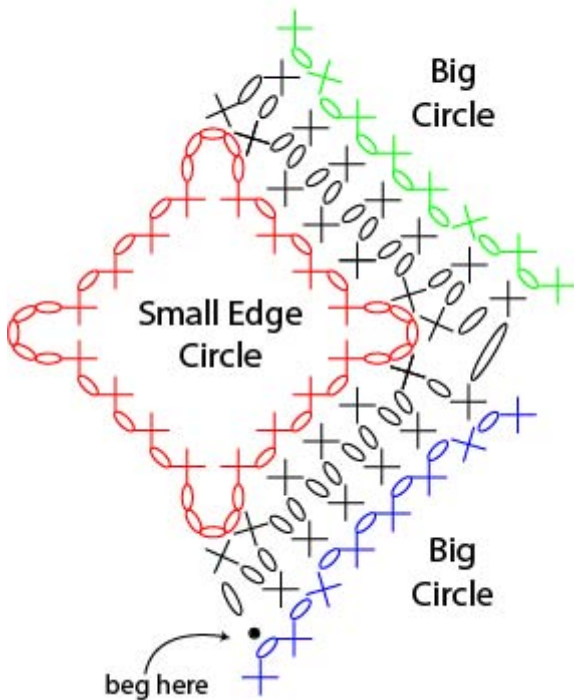- ⌒ chain (ch)
- ✕ single crochet (sc)

STEP 2: Join Small Edge Circles between 2 Big Circles
Join Small Edge Circle: From RS, join M with sl st in ch-1 sp of one of the 2 Big Circles to work across the inner wedge-shaped edge, ch 1, sc in first ch-5 corner sp of Small Edge Circle, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Edge Circle, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Small Edge Circle) 3 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next corner ch-5 sp of Small Edge Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of Big Circle **, ch 1, sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of next Big Circle, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Edge Circle; rep from * once more ending rep at **, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-5 sp of Small Edge Circle.
Fasten off.
Rep to join rem Small Edge Circles according to Assembly Diagram.

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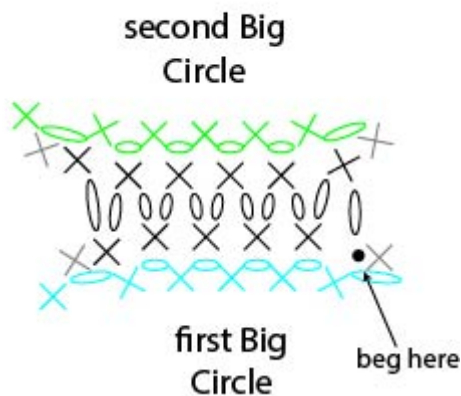
Big Circle

Small Edge Circle

Big Circle

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STEP 3: Join Edges of Big Circles
From RS, join L with sl st in same ch-1 sp as Small Circle joining of either of the 2 Big Circles, ch 1, sc in same ch-1 sp as Small Circle joining of second Big Circle, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of first Big Circle, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of second Big Circle) 5 times working last sc sts in same ch-1 sps as next Small Circle joining.
Fasten off.
Rep to join rem edges between Big Circles.

STEP 3: Join Edges of Big Circles

second Big Circle

first Big Circle   beg here

FINISHING
Border
Rnd 1 (RS): From RS, join M with an sc in any ch-1 sp on outside edge of Afghan, *ch 1, sc in next ch-sp; rep from * around; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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ch(s) = chain(s)	ch-space = space previously made

dc = double crochet	rem = remain(s)(ing)
rep = repeat(s)(ing)	RS = right side
sc = single crochet	sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch	sp(s) = space(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)	

Learn to crochet instructions: ***http://www.lionbrand.com/learn/how-to-crochet***