



Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Heartland
Earth Mama Afghan
Pattern Number: L40038



SKILL LEVEL – Easy+

SIZE

About 32 x 46 in. (81.5 x 117 cm)

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand® Heartland (Art. #136)
 - 098 Acadia 1 ball (A)
 - 122 Grand Canyon 1 ball (B)
 - 125 Mammoth Cave 2 balls (C)
 - 149 Great Smoky Mountains 1 ball (D)
 - or colors of your choice
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size J-10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



GAUGE

14 dc + 6 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm).

One Mitered Square = about 7 x 7 in. (18 x 18 cm).

Center Square (before Stripes added) = about 18 x 18 in. (45.5 x 45.5 cm).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Adjustable Ring Method

Wrap yarn around index finger. Insert hook into ring on finger, yarn over and draw up a loop. Carefully slip ring from finger and work the stitches of Rnd 1 (in pattern, below) into the ring. When Rnd 1 is complete pull gently, but firmly, on yarn tail to tighten center of ring.

STITCH EXPLANATION

rev sc (reverse single crochet) Single crochet worked from left to right (right to left, if left-handed). Insert hook into next stitch to the right (left), under loop on hook, and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

NOTES

1. A large Center Square is made first in joined rnds with RS always facing.
2. Rows of stripes are worked along edges of Center Square, with more rows on the top and lower sections than on the sides.
3. 8 Mitered Squares are made separately, then sewn into corners following an Assembly Diagram.
4. Mitered Squares beg with joined rnds, then rows are worked across only 2 edges to create the mitered look.
5. 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 the st. Fasten off old color.

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CENTER SQUARE

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 1, work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on beg tail to close center ring.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc in this rnd and all following rnds), *(dc, tr, dc) in next st, dc in next st; rep from * to last st, (dc, tr, dc) in last st; join with sl st in top of beg ch. Change to B in last st – 16 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 3: With B, ch 3, dc in next dc, *(2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, dc in each dc to next tr; rep from * twice more, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, dc in last dc; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 32 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each dc to first tr, *(2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in tr, dc in each st to next tr; rep from * twice more, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in tr, dc in each dc to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of beg ch. Change to C in last st – 48 sts,

Rnds 5-16: Rep Rnd 4 working 2 rnds each with C, D, A, C, B, and D – 240 sts at the end of Rnd 16.

Fasten off.

Top and Lower Stripes

Row 1: Join A with sl st in any corner tr of Center Square, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 in this row and all following rows), *sk 3 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1; rep from * to last 3 sts before next corner tr, sk 3 sts, dc in corner tr – 15 ch-1 sps.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc in this and all following rows), turn, 2 dc in first ch-1 sp, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; rep from * to end of row.

Change to C.

Row 3: With C, ch 4, *3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; rep from * to last 3 dc, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch.

Row 4: With C, rep Row 2.

Rows 5-12: Rep Rows 3 and 4, working 2 rows each with B, D, B, and C.

Rows 13 and 14: With B, rep Rows 3 and 4.

Rows 15-23: With C, rep Rows 3 and 4.

Fasten off.

Rep Rows 1-23 across opposite edge of Center Square.

Side Stripes

Rep Rows 1-12 of Top and Lower Stripes across rem 2 side edges of Center Square.

MITERED SQUARE I (make 2)

Work Rnds 1-5 same as Center Square, working Rnds 1 and 2 with A, Rnd 3 with B, Rnd 4 with C and Rnd 5 with A. Fasten off.

Note: Continue in rows through Row 9, then end with a final rnd.

Row 6: From RS, join D with a sl st in corner tr, ch 3 (counts as first dc in this row and all following rows), dc in each dc to next tr, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in tr, dc in each dc to next tr, dc in tr – 37 sts. Fasten off.

Row 7: From RS, join B with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 of last row, ch 3, dc in each

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dc to next tr, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in tr, dc in each dc to next tr, dc in tr – 41 sts. Fasten off.

Rows 8: With C, rep Row 7– 45 sts.

Row 9: With A, rep Row 7 – 49 sts. Do not fasten off.

Rnd 10: With A, ch 1, sc evenly spaced all the way around, working (sc, hdc, sc) in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

MITERED SQUARE II (make 2)

Work same as Square I, working Rnds 1 and 2 with D, Rnd 3 with B, Rnd 4 with C, Rnd 5 with A, Row 6 with D, Row 7 with B, Row 8 with C and Row 9 and Rnd 10 with A.

MITERED SQUARE III (make 2)

Work same as Square I, working Rnds 1 and 2 with C, Rnd 3 with B, Rnd 4 with A, Rnd 5 with C, Row 6 with D, Row 7 with B, Row 8 with A, Row 9 and Rnd 10 with C.

MITERED SQUARE IV (make 2)

Work same as Square I, working Rnds 1 and 2 with D, Rnd 3 with B, Rnd 4 with A, Rnd 5 with C, Row 6 with D, Row 7 with B, Row 8 with A, Row 9 and Rnd 10 with C.

FINISHING

Following Assembly Diagram, sew Mitered Squares together in pairs, then sew a pair into each corner of Afghan.

Edging

Rnd 1 (RS): From RS, join C with sl st anywhere on outside edge of Afghan, ch 1, work rev sc evenly spaced around entire outer edge; join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

ch = chain

ch-sp(s) = chain space(s) previously made

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

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sp(s) = space(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)
tr = treble (triple) crochet

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