



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® Mandala®**  
**Stained Glass Afghan**  
Pattern Number: L70168  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Easy**

### **SIZE**

About 56 1/2 x 56 1/2 in. (143.5 x 143.5 cm), including borders

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® Mandala® (Art. #525)
  - 209 Gnome 1 ball (A)
  - 213 Wizard 2 balls (B)
  - 204 Chimera 3 balls (C)
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Circular knitting needle size 5 (3.75 mm), 36 in. (91.5 cm) long

### **GAUGE**

18 sts = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Garter st (knit every st on every row).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

### **STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together – 1 st decreased.

### **NOTES**

1. The Afghan is worked in 3 steps. First, a Center Square is worked, then stitches are picked up along the sides of Center Square to make Inner and Outer Triangles.
2. Stitches for the borders are picked up around the outside edge of the Afghan.
3. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work back and forth in rows on the circular needle, just as if working on straight needles.

### **AFGHAN**

#### **Center Square**

With A, cast on 112 sts.

Work in Garter st (k every st on every row) until piece measures about 25 in. (63.5 cm) from beg.

Bind off.

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### **Inner Triangles**

From RS with B, pick up and k112 sts evenly spaced along one outside edge of Center Square.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2 (Decrease – RS):** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – you will have 110 sts in this row.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until only 6 sts rem, end with a Row 1 as the last row you work.

**Next Row (RS):** K1, k2tog, ssk, k1 – 4 sts.

**Next Row:** K1, k2tog, k1 – 3 sts.

**Last Row:** K3tog.

Fasten off rem st.

In same way, pick up sts and make an Inner Triangle on each of the 3 rem sides of the Center Square.

### **Outer Triangles**

From RS with C, pick up and k166 sts evenly spaced along one edge of Center Square/Inner Triangle piece.

Work as for Inner Triangle.

Fasten off rem st.

In same way, pick up sts and make an Outer Triangle on each of the 3 rem sides of the Center Square/Inner Triangle piece.

### **FINISHING**

#### **First Side Border**

From RS with C, pick up and k250 sts evenly spaced along one outside edge of Afghan.

**Row 1 (WS):** Knit.

**Row 2:** K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1 – 252 sts.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 – 254 sts.

Bind off.

Rep along rem 3 sides of Afghan.

Sew side edges of borders together.

Weave in ends.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

k3tog = knit 3 stitches together

rem = remain(ning)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

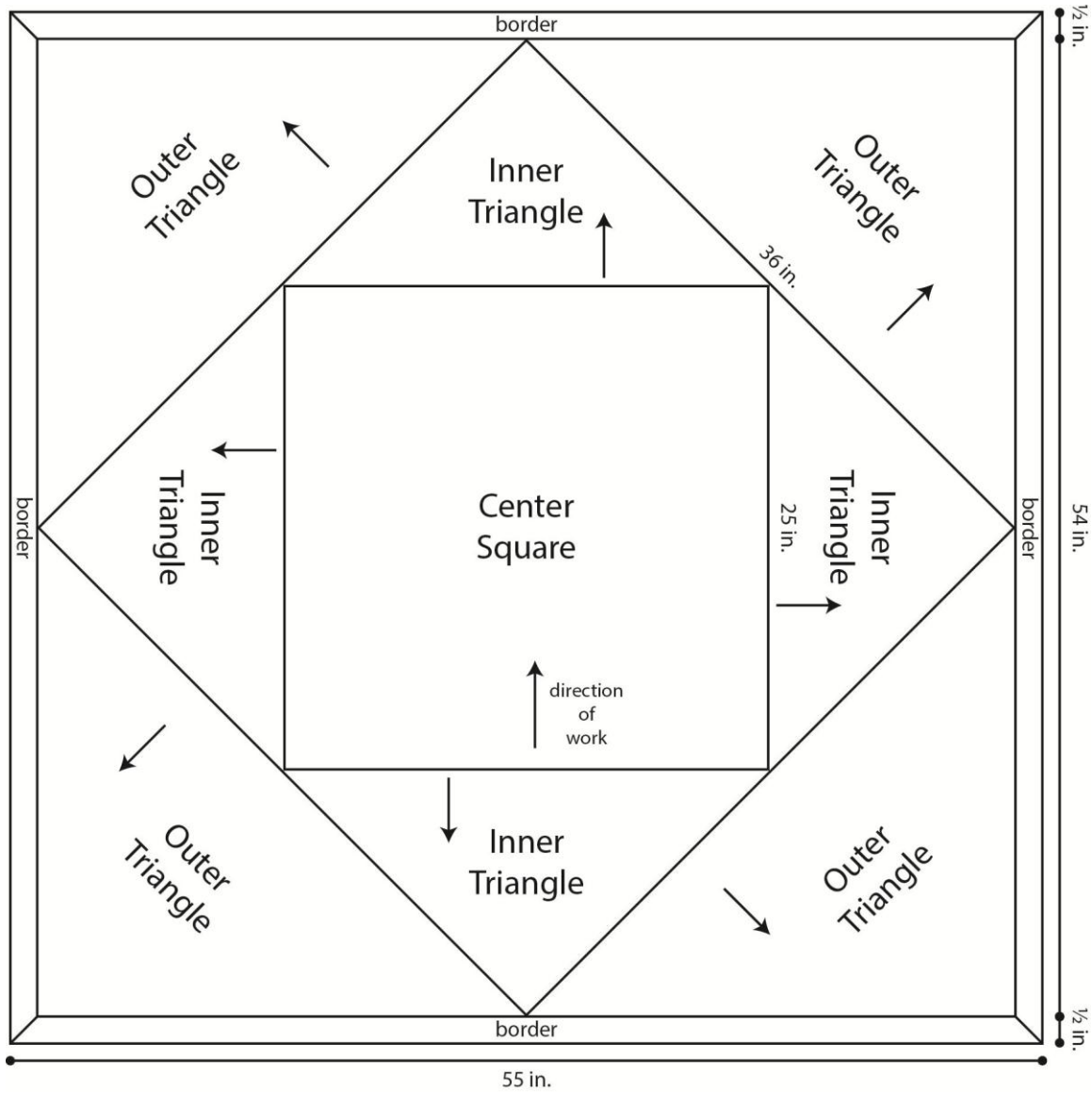
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