



Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Star Mandala Afghan
Pattern Number: L60055
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SKILL LEVEL – Intermediate

SIZE

Finished Circumference About 58 in. (147.5 cm)

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice® (Art. #860)
 - 125 Taupe 3 balls (A)
 - 123 Beige 1 ball (B)
 - 158 Mustard 1 ball (C)
 - 135 Rust 1 ball (D)
 - 176 Peacock 1 ball (E)
 - 108 Dusty Blue 1 ball (F)
 - 109 Colonial Blue 1 ball (G)
 - 105 Silver Blue 1 ball (H)
 - 106 Aquamarine 2 balls (I)
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size I-9 (5.5 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



GAUGE

12 dc and 6 rows/rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm).

1 Large Square = about 6 x 6 in. (15 x 15 cm).

1 Octagon = about 13 1/2 in. (34.5 cm) across.

1 Small Square = about 4 x 4 in. (10 x 10 cm).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

dc2tog (dc 2 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

dc3tog (dc 3 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops) 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook – 2 sts decreased.

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 and draw through all loops on hook.

sc3tog (sc 3 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) 3 times, yarn and draw through all 4 loops on hook – 2 sts decreased.

NOTES

1. Afghan is made from 25 pieces: 1 Star, 8 Large Squares, 8 Octagons, and 8 Small Squares.
2. Star is worked in 2 steps. First, the Center is worked in joined rnds with RS always facing, then 8 points are worked back and forth in rows around the outside edge of the Center.

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3. Large and Small Squares are worked back and forth in rows to make mitered squares.
4. Octagons are worked in joined rnds with RS always facing.
5. Pieces are sewn together following a diagram.

CENTER

Notes:

1. In this section work all rounds with the RS always facing. Do not turn at beginning of rounds.
2. To change yarn color in this section, fasten off old color and join new color as instructed.

With A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as first dc), work 11 more dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beg ch – you will have 12 dc in this rnd. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: From RS, draw up a loop of B in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 24 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: From RS, draw up a loop of E in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next st, *dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 36 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: From RS, draw up a loop of F in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 48 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 5: From RS, draw up a loop of B in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 60 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 6: From RS, draw up a loop of D in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 72 dc. Do not fasten off.

Rnd 7: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 84 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 8: From RS, draw up a loop of C in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 96 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 9: From RS, draw up a loop of F in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 108 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 10: From RS, draw up a loop of B in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 120 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 11: From RS, draw up a loop of D in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, *dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 132 dc. Fasten off.

Rnd 12: From RS, join A with sc in any st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st, *sc in next 32 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in first sc – 136 sc. Fasten off.

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POINTS

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 st. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

Place a marker in any st of last rnd, *skip the next 16 sts, place a marker in the next st; rep from * until a total of 8 markers have been placed, with 16 sts between marked sts. Your work is now divided into 8 sections of 17 sts each. A point will be worked over each of these 8 sections.

Row 1 (WS): From WS, join E with sl st in any marked st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 16 sts; leave remaining sts unworked – 17 dc.

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc2tog, dc in each st to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in top of beg ch and change to F in last st of Row 3 – 13 dc at the end of Row 3.

Rows 4 and 5: With F, rep Rows 2 and 3 and change to B in last st of Row 5 – 9 dc at the end of Row 5.

Row 6: With B, rep Row 2 and change to A in last st – 7 dc.

Row 7: With A, rep Row 2 and change to D in last st – 5 dc.

Row 8: With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc3tog, dc in top of beg ch – 3 dc.

Row 9: With D, ch 1, turn, sc3tog.

Fasten off.

Rep Rows 1-9 beg at each marked st until all 8 points have been completed.

Remove markers.

LARGE SQUARES (make 8)

When working Large Squares, change yarn color same as for points.

With E, make an adjustable ring as follows: 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 sts of Row 1 into ring. When Row 1 is complete, gently but firmly, pull tail to tighten center of ring.

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ring – 4 dc and 1 ch-2 sp (2 dc on each side of ch-2 sp).

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp, dc in next st, dc in top of beg ch – 8 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (4 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp).

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in each st to center ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp, dc in each st to end working last dc in top of beg ch and change to F in last st – 12 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (6 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp).

Rows 4 and 5: With F, rep Row 3 twice and change color to B in last st of Row 5 – 20 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp at the end of Row 5 (10 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp) at the end of Row 5.

Row 6: With B, rep Row 3 and change to A in last st – 24 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (12 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp).

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Row 7: With A, rep Row 3 and change to D in last st – 28 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (14 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp).

Rows 8 and 9: With D, rep Row 3 twice, do not change color – 36 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (18 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp) at the end of Row 9.
Fasten off.

OCTAGONS (make 8)

Work in joined rounds, changing yarn color same as for Center.

With A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnds 1-10: Work same as Rnds 1-10 of Star using the following colors: Work Rnd 1 with G, Rnd 2 with H, Rnd 3 with F, Rnds 4 and 5 with G, Rnd 6 with B, Rnd 7 with C, Rnd 8 with A, Rnd 9 with H, Rnd 10 with I – 120 dc at the end of Rnd 10.

Do NOT fasten off at the end of Rnd 10.

Rnd 11: With I, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 13 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st, *dc in next 14 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 128 dc and 8 ch-2 sps (16 dc between ch-2 sps).

Fasten off.

Rnd 12: From RS, join E with sc in any st, sc in each st around working 3 sc in each ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc – 152 sc.

Fasten off.

Rnd 13: From RS, draw up a loop of A in 3rd sc of any 3-sc group, ch 3 (counts as dc), *dc in each st to center sc of next 3-sc group, (dc, ch 2, dc) in center sc of 3-sc group; rep from * around; join with sl st in top of beg ch – 160 dc and 8 ch-2 sps (20 dc between ch-2 sps).

Fasten off.

SMALL SQUARES (make 8)

Small Squares are all worked with A.

With A, make an adjustable ring as for Large Square.

Rows 1-6: Working with A only, work same as Rows 1-6 of Large Square – 24 dc and 1 center ch-2 sp (12 dc on each side of center ch-2 sp) at the end of Row 6.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Following diagram,

1. Sew 2 sides of each Large Square into the spaces between points.
2. Sew Octagons together into a ring.
3. Sew ring of Octagons to Large Squares.
4. Sew 2 sides of each Small Square into the spaces between Octagons.

Border

From RS, draw up a loop of A in any stitch along outside edge of Afghan.
Ch 1, work rev sc evenly spaced around entire outside edge of Afghan, working 2 rev sc in each ch-2 sp; 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
rep = repeat
rnd(s) = round(s)
RS = right side
sc = single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side

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