



Free Crochet Pattern

America the Beautiful Blanket



Pattern #-

M22025 WE

Yarn-

Lion Brand® Wool-Ease®

In collaboration with-

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SKILL LEVEL: EASY

SIZES

About 56 x 66 in. (1 2 x 167.5 cm)

60 x 70 squares



MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® WOOL-EASE® (Art. #620)
 - #138 Cranberry 7 balls (A)
 - #098 Natural Heather 7 balls (B)
 - #111 Navy 2 balls (C)
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size I-9 (5.5 mm)
LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



GAUGE

8 sc + 9 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.



TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION

C2C The Corner-to-Corner (C2C) technique of crocheting is made by starting in one corner of a Chart (typically the lower right corner) and following the Chart row by row diagonally to the other corner (typically the top left corner).

How to start your C2C Blanket

Row 1: Starting in the lower right corner of the Chart. Chain 6. DC in 4th chain from hook. DC in last two chains. You now have a chain-3 space and a total of 3 DC stitches. This completes your first square and Row 1.

Row 2: Chain 6. DC in 4th chain from hook. DC in last two chains. Turn your work. At this point turning consists of just flipping over the first square. Slip stitch in the chain-3 space of the first square. Chain 3. Make 3 DC in the same chain-3 space. This completes your second two squares and Row 2.

Continue by chaining 6, DC in 4th chain from hook and in last two chains, turn and join with slip stitch in the chain-3 space of the last square made in previous row

Increase Rows The first part of the Chart is worked by making increases on both edges. You will start each row by chaining 6, making a DC in the 4th chain from hook and then a DC in each of the remaining 2 chains.

Increase and Decrease Rows The second part of the Chart is worked by making increases on one edge and making decreases on the other edge.

How to Decrease at the Beginning of a Row Slip stitch in the 3 double crochet stitches of last square made. Slip stitch in the chain-3 space of last square made. Chain 3. Make 3 DC in the same chain-3 space. Continue making squares as you have been doing (Slip stitch in chain-3 space then chain 3 and work 3 DC in the same chain-3 space).

How to Decrease at the End of a Row Make squares as you have been doing up to the last chain-3 space. Slip stitch in the last chain-3 space but do not work chain 3 and 3 DC in that last chain-3 space. Turn and proceed with the next row.

How to Decrease at the End of a Row Make squares as you have been doing up to the last chain-3 space. Slip stitch in the last chain-3 space but do not work chain 3 and 3 DC in that last chain-3 space. Turn and proceed with the next row.

Decrease Rows The third part of the Chart is worked by making decreases on both edges. At the beginning of each row, instead of chaining 6 like you would when increasing, you will turn your work and slip stitch across the 3 DC's of the last square made. Slip stitch in the chain-3 space then chain 3 and work 3 DC in the same chain-3 space. At the end of the row, end with a slip stitch in the last chain-3 space, do not work chain 3 and 3 DC in that last chain-3 space.

How to Change Colors To attach a new color you will pull the new color yarn through as you make your slip stitch in the chain-3 space. Do not fasten off the old color. Leave the strand hanging and still attached to the skein.

By not cutting your yarn each time you change colors, you will have fewer loose ends to weave in later. Just keep the skeins not being used on the wrong side of your work. You can easily carry your yarn strand up from the previous row. Take the yarn strand and pull it up to your hook when you need to join that color back into your project.

When you start to have a lot of color changes, it helps to split up your skeins by winding your yarn around multiple bobbins, spools, large clothespins or even chip clips so the yarn doesn't get tangled.

How to Read the Chart

Print out the Chart. Start in the lower right corner and mark off each square as you go. Each square in this C2C Chart = chain 3 + 3 DC. The first square in the corner is Row 1. You will work diagonally back and forth (down one row and back up the next). So, Row 2 of the Chart will be read diagonally from left to right and Row 3 from right to left.

BLANKET

Work in C2C technique, changing yarn color following Chart, until all 129 rows of Chart have been completed.

Fasten off.



FINISHING Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATION dc = double crochet

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