

Tropical Delight

Featuring a basic granny-square design embellished with a unique popcorn stitch, this colorful afghan will warm your heart and your home. Cuddle up with it on a chilly winter afternoon and dream about a tropical-island getaway.

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Materials

- 3-ply sport weight yarn
 - White (21 oz, 1,782 yds)
 - Light Yellow (14 oz, 1,188 yds)
 - Mint (14 oz, 1,188 yds)
 - Pink (14 oz, 1,188 yds)
 - Sky Blue (14 oz, 1,188 yds)
- Crochet hook, size F-5 (3.75 mm) or size to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

Afghan Finished Size

Approx 39" x 53"

Afghan Gauge

One square = 7" x 7"

Note: Be sure to check the size of the finished square. The square is worked tightly. If the square is too large, it will spoil the desired look and you will have insufficient yarn.

Stitch Guide

Tr tr (triple treble): Yo hook 4 times, insert hook into st, yo and pull up lp, yo and draw through 2 lps at a time until only 1 lp remains on hook.

FPSlst (front post slip stitch): Sl st around top of pc.

FPsc (front post single crochet): Sc around top of pc.

FPdc (front post double crochet): Dc around top of pc or around post of specified st (Fig. 1).

FPtr (front post treble crochet): Tr around post of specified st.

Shaped Popcorns Note: Work multiple sts in first sc, as in Fig. 2 or into base of first tr, as in Fig. 3. Then remove hook and insert into both lps of specified st. Catch lp of last st worked and pull through. Pc made.

beg-sh-pc (beginning shaped popcorn): Sc, ch 3 into st or rig specified. 3 dc into sc, as in Fig. 3. Remove hook, insert into third ch worked, finish pc.

sh-pc-A (shaped popcorn A): Tr into st or ring specified. 3 dc into base of tr, as in Fig 3. Remove hook, insert into both lps of first tr worked (Fig. 4), finish pc.

sh-pc-B (shaped popcorn B): Tr into st specified. 2 dc, ch 1 into base of tr, as shown in Fig. 3. Remove hook, insert hook into both lps of first tr worked (Fig. 4), finish pc.

sh-pc-C (shaped popcorn C): Tr into st specified. 2 dc into base of tr as shown in Fig. 3. Remove hook, insert hook into both lps of first tr worked (Fig. 4), finish pc.

Note: Around beg sc: ch 1, or ch 1, sc; the ch-1 always counts as a dc. These sts mimic the post of a double crochet. When the end of a rnd is joined, always join as specified for that rnd into the next (second) dc for invisible joining.

hdc (half double crochet): Yo and insert hook where indicated, catch yarn and draw a lp through the ch (3 lps on hook), yo and draw a lp through all 3 lps to complete st.

Fig. 5: Work in front of petal in the same dc as two previous rnds. Insert hook behind st, come to front in center of st. Yo, pull through lp on hook, Sl st made. Insert hook back through center of st again. Come to front, left of st. Yo, pull through lp on hook, Sl st made.

Directions

Square (Make 35)

With Light Yellow, ch 4, join with Sl st to first ch to form a ring.

- **Rnd 1:** Work beg-sh-pc in ring, ch 3, (sh-pc-A in ring, ch 3) 7 times. Join with Sl st in third ch of beg pc. (8 pc) Fasten off leaving a 4" tail for weaving.
- **Rnd 2:** *Note: Rnd 2 contains 8 overlapping petals, each worked across 3 sps.*
 - **Petal 1:** With White, join with Sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 5, turn work to WS. (Sl st, ch 3) in the next ch-3 sp (*note: ch 3 doesn't count as dc*). Turn work to RS. Work 10 dc in ch-5 sp, ch 1. Sl st in next ch-3 sp.
 - **Petals 2-6:** Ch 5, turn work to WS, Sl st to the left of previous Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, turn work to RS. Work 10 dc in ch-5 sp, ch 1, Sl st in next ch-3 sp.
 - **Petal 7:** Ch 5, turn work to WS. Sl st to the left of previous Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, turn work to RS. Work 10 dc in ch-5 sp, ch 1. Working in front of first petal made, Sl st to the left of Sl st in next ch-3 sp.
 - **Petal 8:** Ch 5, turn work to WS, Sl st to the left of Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, turn work to RS. Work 10 dc in ch-5 sp, ch 1. Working in front of first petal made, Sl st into post of first Sl st of second petal made.
- **Rnd 3:** Pull eighth petal forward. Working to the right (backward), ch 3, Sl st around base of ch-3 of first petal made. Ch 3, return petal to normal position, Sl st in BLO of sixth dc (fifth from the left) of eighth petal made.
 - *Note: The ch-3 at beg of each petal doesn't count as a dc. (Ch 7, Sl st in the first dc of same petal. Ch 5, Sl st in BLO of sixth dc in next petal) 7 times, ch 7, Sl st in first dc of same petal, ch 5, Sl st in beg Sl st of Petal 8*
- **Rnd 4:** Sc over joining Sl st. Work in front of and sk ch-7 lps between petals. [(Sc, 9 dc, sc) in next ch-5 sp] 8 times. Join with Sl st in first sc made.
- **Rnd 5:** Sl st in sp between the 2 sc, sk sc, Sl st in each 9 dc, and in each sc around. Join with Sl st in first Sl st made as in Fig. 6. Fasten off.
- **Rnd 6:** *Note: Ignore all Sl sts of Rnd 5. Only work into middle (fifth) dc of each Rnd-4 petal and into center (fourth) ch of skipped ch-7 lps (same sts are used on Rnds 7 and 8).* With Mint, (Sl st in BLO of middle dc of petal, ch 2, sh-pc-B in center ch of ch-7 lp. Ch 3, Sl st in same center ch of ch-7 lp. Ch 4, sh-pc-C in same center ch of ch-7 lp, ch 2) 8 times. Join with Sl st in first Sl st made. Fasten off.
- **Rnd 7:** *Note: Work over Sl sts of Rnd 6.* With Pink and slipknot on hook, (sc in center dc of petal, ch 2, FPSlst tightly around the top of next pc, ch 2, sh-pc-A into center ch of ch-7 lp, ch 3, sh-pc-A into same center ch of ch-7 lp, ch 2, FPSlst tightly around top of next pc, ch 2) 8 times. Join with Sl st in first sc made. Fasten off.
- **Rnd 8:** With White and slipknot on hook [work 2 Sl sts into center dc of Rnd-4 petal, as in Fig. 5. Ch 1, FPdc around top of next pc in front of and hiding Rnd-7 FPSlst, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, FPsc around top of next pc, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp (center shell made), Fpsc around next pc, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, FPdc around next pc, ch 1] 8 times. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in first Sl st made, as in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 9:** *Note: Work behind Rnd 8 down into Rnd 7. Use sp between sts to work around the ch-2 sps in Rnd 7.* With Mint and slipknot on hook, [sc into sp between FPsc and dc just after Rnd-8 center shell, ch 2, sk next 5 dc and FPdc, dc in Rnd-7 sc (hidden behind next 2 Sl sts), ch 2, sk ch-1, FPdc and 5 dc, sc in sp before next FPsc, ch 2, dc after next FPsc, ch 2 (3 Tr tr, ch 3, 3 Tr tr, ch 2) in next Rnd-7 sc, dc before next Fpsc, ch 2] around. Join with Sl st in first sc made.
- **Rnd 10:** (Ch 1, sc, ch 1) in same st as joining, [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, (dc in next st, dc in next sp) twice, (FPtr around next Tr tr, dc in sp between Tr tr) twice, FPtr around next Tr tr,

(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner sp, (FPtr around next Tr tr, dc in next sp) 3 times, dc in next dc, dc in next sp, dc in next sc] around but omit dc at end of last rep. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in first st, as in Fig. 6. (27 sts along each side, not counting corner chs)

- **Rnd 11:** With Sky Blue and slipknot on hook, sc in last dc of any side of square (just before corner chs), ch 1, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner sp, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc, dc in next tr, FPdc around same tr, dc in next dc, (FPdc around next tr, dc in next dc) twice. The next dc is worked through 2 sts at once. Yo and slip hook through BLO of ch and in Rnd-8 center shell and then through BLO of next dc, pull lp through both sts and finish dc. Dc in next 9 dc. Dc through both sts as before (Dc in next dc, FPdc around next tr) 3 times, dc in next 2 dc; rep from * around, omitting dc at end of last rep. Join with Sl st to second dc made (1 sts along each side)
- **Rnd 12:** Sl st in each st around, working 2 Sl sts inside sps at corners. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in first Sl st made, as in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 13:** *Note: Ignore all Rnd-12 Sl sts. Work in Rnd-11 dcs.* With Pink and slipknot on hook, sc in next-to-last dc of any side (counts as hdc). Hdc in next dc, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc over both chs of corner, sk first dc of next side, hdc in each dc across to corner) rep around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in second hdc made, as in Fig. 6. (34 hdc along each side)
- **Rnd 14:** With Light Yellow and slipknot on hook, sc in next-to-last hdc of any side (counts as hdc), * (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in corner sp, sk first hdc of next side, working in BLO, hdc in each hdc across to corner, rep from * around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in second hdc made, as in Fig. 6. (37 hdc along each side)

Joining Squares

Lay 2 squares side by side with RS facing up. Always begin in the right square and end in the left square, keeping the yarn between both squares. Always work sts with the hook going from the front to the back through both lps of hdc and through corner ch-sps from front to back. With slipknot on hook, Sl st in corner sp of right square, Sl st in corner sp of left square, ch 3, 3 dc in first ch of ch-3, remove hook, insert hook into third ch, catch lp of last st worked and pull through (joining pc made). Sl st in right square corner sp, Sl st in left square corner sp. Do not cut yarn. Add 2 more squares and rep same joining process until 2 rows of 5 squares and rep same joining process until 2 rows of 5 squares are joined. Add squares until 7 rows are attached. Rep joining process to join the rest of the squares. Work in front of existing join at corners. Fasten off.

Sl st Rnd: With Light Yellow, join with Sl st in last hdc before any corner of afghan, (Sl st into next 2 corner chs, * Sl st in each hdc of next side across to square joining, sc in next sp, FPsc around top of next pc, sc in next sp; rep from * across to next corner) rep around.

Border

- **Rnd 1:** *Note: Ignore last Sl st Rnd of afghan. Work in top of hdc from Rnd 14 of each square. There should be a Sl st worked in the last hdc before and in the second hdc after each square joining and each corner sp.* With White, beg at left of afghan corner, Sl st in the last hdc to the right of first square joining, ch 5, (* sk next 4 sts, Sl st in next hdc, ch 5; rep from * across to corner. Sk next 2 corner chs and first hds. Sl st in second hdc of next side) rep around.
- **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc, ch 1, 9 dc in next ch-5 sp. Sk next ch-5, keeping skipped ch-5 behind work. Sl st down into third hdc of last hdc rnd of afghan. (* 11 dc in next ch-5 sp, sk next ch-5 sp, sl st down into third hdc; rep from * across to corner, 13 dc in corner sp, sk next ch-5 sp, Sl st down in third hdc) rep around to first petal made. Finish first petal with dc worked over beg ch-1. Sk next sc and ch-1, join with Sl st to next dc.
- **Rnd 3:** (Sl st in each dc of petal, Sl st over next Sl st down into same hdc Sl st was worked into from previous rnd) rep around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join, as in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 4:** *Note: Ignore all Sl sts of Rnd 3. Work only in center dc of each petal and center ch of skipped ch-5 lp. Also only work into designated dcs of corner 13 dc.* With Mint and slipknot on hook, [(Sl st in BLO of middle (sixth) dc of petal, ch 2, * sh-pc-B in center ch of skipped ch-5 lp. Ch 3 Sl st in same center ch of ch-

5 lp. Ch 4, sh-pc-C in same center ch of ch-5 lp, ch 2 **) across to corner. Sl st in fourth dc of corner petal, ch 2. Work from * to ** one time in center (seventh) dc of corner petal instead of ch-5 lp. Sl st in tenth dc of corner, ch 2. Rep from * to ** in center ch of next ch-5 lp] rep around.

- **Rnd 5:** With Pink and slipknot on hook, work over Sl sts of Rnd 4. [* Sc in center (sixth) dc of petal, ch 2, FPSlst tightly around top of next pc. Ch 2, sh-pc-A in center (third) ch of ch-5 lp, ch 3, sh-pc-A into same center ch of ch-5 lp, ch 2. FPSlst tightly around top of next pc, ch 2; rep from * across to next corner. Work same pattern into center dc of corner petal instead of ch-5 lp] rep around. Join with Sl st in first sc made. Fasten off.
- **Rnd 6:** With White and slipknot on hook, [work 2 Sl sts to center dc of White petal, as in Fig. 5. Ch 1, FPdc around top of next pc, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, FPsc around top of next pc. (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, center shell made, FPsc around top of next pc, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, FPdc around top of next pc] rep around. Join with Sl st to first Sl st made. Fasten off.
- **Rnd 7:** *Note: Work behind Rnd 6 down into Rnd 5. Use same methods as used on Rnd of square.* With Mint and slipknot on hook, [sc into sp between FPsc and dc (just after RND-6 center shell), ch 2, sk next 5 dc and FPdc, dc in Rnd-5 sc (hidden behind next 2 Sl sts), ch 2. Sk ch 1, FPdc, and 5 dc. Sc in sp before next FPsc, ch 2 across to corner, ch 4 instead of ch 2 behind corner center shell] rep around. Join with Sl st in first sc made.
- **Rnd 8:** (Ch 1, sc, ch 1) in same sc as joining [* (2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next sc**), 3 dc in next ch-2 sp behind center shell, dc in next sc] rep across to corner ending with * to ** before corner center petal, work 9 dc in corner center petal ch-4 sp, dc in next sc] rep around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 9:** Working behind any center shell of side, with Sky Blue and slipknot on hook, sc in last dc before the 3 dc, behind center shell, ch-1, dc in next dc, (* work in BLO through 2 sts at once in center ch-1 of center shell and through BLO of next dc, dc in next 9 dc **; rep from * to ** across to corner 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, work dc through BLO of ch-1 of center shell and BLO of next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc across to next center dc of 3 dc behind next center shell) rep around. Sk first sc and first ch-1 made, Sl st in next dc.
- **Rnd 10:** Sl st in each dc around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join as in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 11:** *Note: Ignore all Rnd-10 sts. Work into Rnd-9 dcs.* With Pink and slipknot on hook, sc in any dc (counts as hdc), hdc in each dc around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join as in Fig. 6.
- **Rnd 12:** With Light Yellow and slipknot on hook, and working into BLO of each hdc, (Sl st, ch 2, hdc) in center hdc of a corner, [sk next hdc (Sl st, ch 2, hdc) in next hdc] rep around. Cut yarn. Fasten off and join as in Fig. 6.

Tip

Are you left-handed? Patterns for projects most often appear with instructions for right-handers only, so it may be worthwhile to learn these techniques. Since yarn work is shared between the hands, you may find it surprisingly easy for you to use the accompanying diagrams. If working in this way is not comfortable, use a mirror to reverse the diagrams or reverse them on a photocopier.