

perfect beginner afghan

This throw is so lush and cozy it looks and feels like a luxury item. No one would guess it's so quick and easy.

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what you'll need

YARN

RED HEART *Plush*, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 278yd/254m (acrylic/nylon)

- 6 skeins in #9908 Light Berry (MC)
- 1 skein in #9627 Light Sage (CC)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

THE YARN



Plush in Light Berry.



SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements

Approx 45" x 60"/114.5 x 152.5cm

gauge

12 sts and 7 rows to 4"/10cm over dc using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

With MC, ch 27.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across—24 sts. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2 Skip first dc, dc in each st across, end dc in top of turning ch of row below. Ch 3, turn.

Repeat row 2 12 times more. Swatch should measure 8" x 8"/20.5 x 20.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

AFGHAN

With MC, ch 134.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across—132 sts. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2 Sk first dc, dc in each st across, end dc in top of turning ch of row below. Ch 3, turn.

Repeat row 2 until piece measures approx 59"/150cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

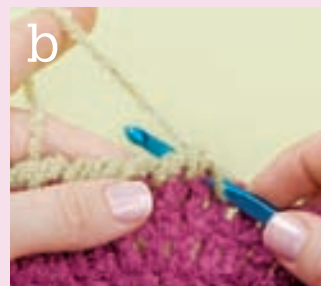
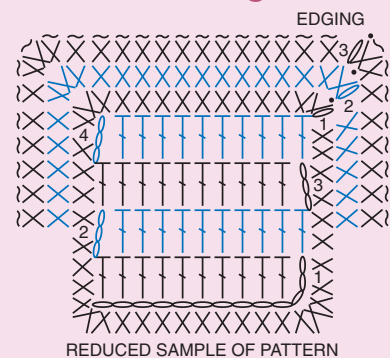
edging

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 2 sc in same sp as last dc, making sure that work lies flat, sc evenly around entire edge, working 3 sc in each corner, join round with a sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Round 2 With right side facing, join CC with a sl st in center sc of any corner, ch 1, work 2 sc in same sp as joining, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in center sc of each remaining corner, join round with a sl st in first st.

Round 3 Ch 1, working from left to right, rev sc in each st around, join round with a sl st in first st. Fasten off. Weave in all loose ends. ■

stitch diagram



Abbreviations used in this pattern

- CC contrasting color
- ch chain(s)
- dc double crochet
- MC main color
- rev sc reverse single crochet
- sc single crochet
- sl st slip stitch
- sp(s) space(s)
- st(s) stitch(es)

Creating a reverse single crochet border

Sometimes called crab stitch, reverse single crochet makes tiny scallop-like raised bumps—it's great for adding a subtle flair to the edges of afghans, scarves, or just about anything!

a Reverse single crochet is worked from left to right. Always pull up a slightly larger loop to make this stitch easier to work.

c Yarn over and draw through stitch. Yarn over again and draw through 2 loops on hook. The loops will twist during this process, creating a little bump.

b Insert hook in next stitch to the right.



*Simple
stitches are
the secrets of
this comfy
cover-up.*