

Blue and Gold V Stitch Afghan

Materials: J hook, #16 needle, 24 ozs. each of Red Heart 4-ply, worsted weight yarn, soft navy and gold

Size: 45" x 67"

Special Stitches:

V- stitch = (dc, ch 1, dc)

Multiple: 3 + 1

Side Strips 1 and 3, with gold:

With gold, chain 10

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hk, dc in ea ch across (8 dc)

Row 2-118: ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, sk dc under turning ch, dc in ea of next 6 dc, dc in top ch of beg ch-3 (8 dc)

Side Strip Border: ch 1, turn, sc all around strip, working 2 sc in each dc row along sides. Be sure to work all strips the same. If you work 3 sc in corners on one, do the same on the other strips so you will be able to match them correctly to join

Center strip:

With gold, chain 133. *(Note: If you don't like to chain a large number, just chain until you like the width, keeping in mind the two side strips and work the pattern. You can always undo the leftover chains.)*

Row 1: V-stitch in 5th chain from hook, * sk next 2 chains, work V-stitch in next chain, repeat from * across to last 2 chains, dc in last chain. (43 V's) (right side)

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, work V-stitch in ea ch-1 space across to beg ch, work last v-stitch in top chain of beg ch, dc in 3rd chain of beg chain, finishing stitch with soft navy to change color. DO NOT CUT yarn. You will carry your yarn up without cutting, eliminating all those ends to sew in. Crochet over the loops as you work your border later.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn, work V-stitch in ea ch-1 space across to last st, dc in last st (which is the tch).

Row 4-118: repeat row 3, changing colors every other row. (59 stripes, begin and end with gold) Finish off.

Center Strip Border: With gold, work same as smaller strips. On right side, sc all around, working 2 sc in each dc row along sides. Finish off.

Joining: Place right sides together and whipstitch gold strips to either side of center strip. You can go through back loop only or through both loops, whichever you prefer. You could also use a different joining method if you prefer. The point is to get the three strips together and make sure the right (front) sides of all strips are on the same side.



After joining, do the Full Border below around the entire afghan.

Full Border: This is a little bit tricky. You are going to change color every stitch. Doesn't matter which color you start with. Join in any corner stitch, ch 1, sc in same stitch but finish stitch with new color. Working over old color, insert hk into next stitch, yo and pull through, yo with new color and pull through (finishing the stitch with new color)



Rules of thumb:

If you have one blue loop on hook, then you will insert hk in st, yo with blue, and work over gold.

If you have one gold loop on hook, then you will insert hk in st, yo with gold and work over blue.

If you have two blue loops on your hook then you will yo with gold and pull through.

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You will continue in this manner around afghan, changing color every stitch and working over unused color. Work 3 stitches in each corner.

You should soon see if you've picked up the wrong color to work the stitch as there will be two of the same color side by side. Take note of both the loops and the body of the stitches.

I also suggest putting your skein in a plastic bag or container as the yarns tend to get tangled when switching colors so often.