

Petite DS X-Stitch Afghan in Blue

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This is the same pattern as the Double Strand X-Stitch Afghan but worked with color changes and in a smaller size.

Materials: larger: Red Heart 4 ply worsted weight yarn, approx. 8 ozs ea of four shades blue, 24 ozs white, H hook, needle

Size: approx 40" x 65"



Common pattern abbreviations:

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

ea = each

fcs = front cross stitch

hk = hook

rep = repeat

rnd = round

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

sp = space

yo = yarn over

Special Stitches:

Front cross-stitch (fcs) - skip next stitch, work a dc in next stitch, yo, place your hook in front of the stitch you just made and insert it in the stitch you skipped, complete a dc

Notes on multiple: This multiple is a strange duck. I could give you the equation needed, but because I'm a kind person, I'm just going to give you a list of multiples that I believe work. 75, 111, 147, 183, 219, 255

Color changes in this afghan are made at the "repeat", beginning with a hole row.

Pattern is worked holding two strands throughout, one strand of each color

With one strand each color, ch 75

Row 1 (hole row):, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 4 chains, ch 1, skip 1, *dc in next 5 chains, ch 1, sk 1, repeat from * to last 6 stitches, dc in each of last 6 chains, chain 2, turn (note: yes, you can chain 3 if you want)

Row 2: *dc in next 5 dc, dc in space under ch-1, repeat from * to last 6 st, dc in next 5 dc, dc in turning chain, ch 2, turn (73 dc)

Row 3-4: dc in ea st across, ch 2, turn. (You've completed 3 dc rows)

Row 5 (X-stitch row): dc in next dc (not the loop at the bottom of your turning chain which is the top of the last dc, but the next stitch), (sk next dc, dc in next dc, working in front of dc just made, dc in skipped dc - fcs made) 3 times, *dc in next 3 dc, (sk next dc, dc in next dc, working in front of dc just made, dc in skipped dc - fcs made) 3 times, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, dc in next dc, dc in turning chain, ch 2, turn

Row 6: dc in ea st across, ch 2, turn.

Row 7-8: Repeat row 5-6

Row 9: Repeat Row 5 (This is your third X-stitch row)

Row 10-12: dc in ea st across, change color (except on last repeat), ch 2, turn.

Row 13: dc in 5 dc, ch 1, skip 1, *dc in next 5 sts, ch 1, sk 1, repeat from * to last 6 dc, dc in ea of last 6 dc, ch 2, turn

Rows 14 - 109: Repeat rows 2-13 then end with a hole row

Pattern is 12 rows worked in one color (one strand white and one shade blue):

Hole row

DC row

DC row

DC row

x-stitch row

DC row

x-stitch row

DC row

x-stitch row

DC row

DC row

DC row

You work 12 patterns (work the 12 row pattern twelve times) and then end with a hole row.

Border:

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work sc all around, working 3 sc in each corner stitch, do not turn

Rnd 2: ch 1, work reverse sc around, one rsc in each stitch. Do NOT put 3 stitches in corners. Join to first stitch, finish off. Sew in loose ends.