

Tattoo's Box Stitch Blankie

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Materials: Wool Ease yarn in green and white, H hook, #16 needle, scissors

Abbreviations

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
hk = hook
sl st = slip stitch
sk = skip

Pattern is a multiple of 4.

Completed square approximately 13" x 15"

Special Stitches: Straight Box Stitch (see tutorial)

Row 1: With **green** Ch 52, 3 dc in 4th chain from hook, * skip 3 chains, (sc in next ch, ch 2, 3dc in same stitch); repeat from * to last 4 chains, sk 3 chs, end 1 sc in last stitch, 12 "boxes" made)

Row 2: ch 3, turn, (3 dc in space between last sc and box of previous row *(if you prefer you can go INTO the sc)*, * insert hook under ch-3, yo and draw through (sl st), ch 3, 3 dc in same space, repeat from * ending with 1 sc in top of ch 3, drop green (do not cut**), pick up white

Rows 3-30: Repeat ROW 2 to desired length, changing color every two rows. When using two colors and changing colors every 2 or less rows, drop color without cutting. This will save you a headache later when you don't have so many ends to sew. *(Note: If you decide to work more than two rows in the same color or to use more than two colors, cut and join new color.)* **Row 30 will be green.**

If you like the look of the jagged edges and do not want a straight edge, then you can stop here. If you want a straight edge so you can put a border round

it more easily, then go on to Row 155.

Row 31: ch 3, turn, * dc in next dc, hdc in next, sc in next, slip stitch under ch 3 (or into top chain of ch-3 if you prefer), rep from * to last 4 sts, dc in last 4 sts (which includes tch)

(Note: This round only straightens the edge. It does not add any height.)

You can now add a border of your choosing.