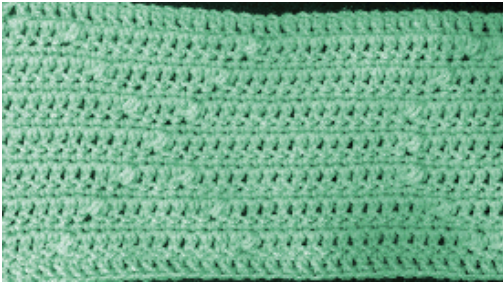


## X and O's Puff Stitch Afghan

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This pattern is worked in one piece. The Puff Stitches will form the letters X, O, X, O, X in each stripe. If you use one color throughout you will have few ends to sew in. The pattern is very subtle. You can see an X and part of an O in the picture. The size is purposely left open so that you can make this into the size you need. You can change size by changing the number of rows done, or by changing the size hook. One stripe makes a warm, beautiful scarf. (*Note: for scarf, use sc border*)

**MATERIALS:** crochet hook size J; each X/O stripe uses about 4 ozs. worsted weight yarn. To make baby afghan, buy at least 32 ozs. For 72" length, at least 48 ozs.

**SIZE:** one stripe is about 6" x 42"

### SPECIAL STITCHES

**Puff Stitch:** YO, insert hk in next st, YO, pull loop through even with st, (YO, insert hk in same st, YO, pull loop through ) twice (7 loops on hook), YO and draw through all loops on hook

**Reverse single crochet:** Working from left to right, insert hk in st to right of hk, YO, draw through st, (2 loops on hk), YO and draw through both loops on hk. (In other words, work a sc but from left to right)

Method:  
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Row 1 (Right side): Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: dc in next 4 dc, \*Puff Stitch, dc in next 11 dc, Puff Stitch, dc in next 14 dc, (Puff Stitch, dc in next dc,) twice, Puff Stitch, dc in next 14 dc\*, rep from \* once, then Puff Stitch, dc in next 11dc, Puff Stitch, dc in next 5 sts, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: sc in each st across, ch 3, turn.

Row 4: dc in next 6 st, \*Puff Stitch, dc in next 7 st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 14 st\*, rep from \* 3 times, (Puff Stitch, dc in next 7 st) twice, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: repeat row 3

Row 6: dc in next 8 st, Puff Stitch, (dc in next 3 st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 14 st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 11st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 14 st, Puff Stitch) twice, dc in next 3 st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 9 st, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: repeat row 3

Row 8: dc in next 10 st, Puff Stitch, (dc in next 16 st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 11st, Puff Stitch, dc in next 16 st, Puff Stitch) repeat once, then dc in next 11 st, ch 1, turn.

Rows 9-14: Repeat rows 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 once

Row 15: dc in each st across.

Repeat rows 2-15 for pattern

### Border

Row 1: Working on right side, work 2 dc in each dc row and 1 dc in each sc row, working 3 dc in each corner.

Row 2: (optional) Work a reverse single crochet around entire afghan, working one rsc in each st. Do NOT work 3 rsc in corners.