

Diagonal Square

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Common pattern abbreviations:

ch = chain	sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet	sk = skip
ea = each	sp = space
hk = hook	sl st = slip stitch
lp = loop	st = stitch
rep = repeat	tch = turning chain
rnd = round	yo = yarn over

Materials: G crochet hook, small amount of various colors, yarn needle, scissors

Note: Change color every two rows for design, using first color as last color (rows 19-20)

Special Stitches:

3dc decrease: *yo, insert hk in next st, yo, draw through loop, yo, draw through 2 lps, (2 loops on hk now), rep from * again three times. (5 lps on hk), yo, draw through all 5 lps.

2 dc decrease: *yo, insert hk in next st, yo, draw through loop, yo, draw through 2 lps, (2 loops on hk now), rep from * again twice. (4 lps on hk), yo, draw through all 4 lps.

1 dc decrease: *yo, insert hk in next st, yo, draw through loop, yo, draw through 2 lps, (2 loops on hk now), rep from * once, (3 lps on hk), yo, draw through all 3 lps.

Row 1: loosely ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hk, 3 dc in same sp, ch 3, turn. (5dc)

Row 2: sk 1st st (*in this and all following rows*), 2dc in next st, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (7dc)

Row 3: 3dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 3 dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (11dc)

Row 4: 2dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (13dc)

Row 5: 3 dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 9 dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (17dc)

Row 6: 2dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (19dc)

Row 7: 3dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 15 dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (23dc)

Row 8: 2dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 19 dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (25dc)

Row 9: 3dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 21 dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (29dc)

Row 10: 2dc in 2nd dc, dc in next 25 dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (31dc)

Row 11: 2dc dec, dc in next 23 dc, 2dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (27dc)

Row 12: 1dc dec, dc in next 21 dc, 1dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (25dc)

Row 13: 2dc dec, dc in next 17 dc, 2dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (21dc)

Row 14: 1dc dec, dc in next 15 dc, 1dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (19dc)

Row 15: 2dc dec, dc in next 11 dc, 2dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (15dc)

Row 16: 1dc dec, dc in next 9 dc, 1dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (13dc)

Row 17: 2dc dec, dc in next 5 dc, 2dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (9dc)

Row 18: 1dc dec, dc in next 3 dc, 1dc dec, dc in top of tch, ch 3, turn. (7dc)

Row 19: 1dc dec, dc in next dc, dc dec, dc in top of tch, (5 sts), ch 3, turn. (5dc)

Row 20: 3dc dec. Do not finish off.

Ch 1, sc all around pc, using 2 sc in ea dc row, and 3 sc in corners.

An afghan about 49" x 63" would require 63 squares. You could vary the color scheme by using some solid color squares, some variegated, some striped and lay the striped squares at different angles to get a different effect.