

# Daisy Farm Crafts

## Crochet Block Diamond Blanket



Pattern by Hannah Brown McKay

### MATERIALS

Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170 g/6 oz, 288 m/315 yds)

3 skeins White, 2 skeins Light Country Peach

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

### SIZE

Finished size 28 in x 38 in

### STITCHES

**Half Double Crochet (HDC):** YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through three loops on hook.

### PATTERN

**Chain 98** in White. (If you'd like to make the blanket a different size, chain any multiple of 4, plus 2.)

**Row 1:** Starting in the third chain from the hook, work 1 HDC in the first six stitches. On the 6th stitch, pull through with Peach before you finish the stitch. HDC with Peach in the next four stitches, carrying the White yarn as you work, and pulling through with White on the fourth stitch.

\*Now work HDC in next 12 stitches with White, carrying the Peach yarn as you work, and pull through with Peach on the 12th stitch. Then HDC with Peach in the next 4 stitches, carrying the White yarn as you work, and pulling through with White on the fourth stitch. Repeat from \* to the end of the row, until you end with 6 white HDC's. Chain 2 and turn.

**Row 2:** Making sure you are still carrying the Peach yarn, work 6 HDC's in White, and pull through with Peach on the 6th stitch. HDC in the next four stitches, carrying the White yarn as you work, and pulling through with White on the fourth stitch. \*Now work 12 HDC in White, carrying the Peach yarn as you work, and pull through with Peach on the 12th stitch. Then HDC with Peach in the next four stitches, carrying the White yarn as you work, and pulling through with white on the fourth stitch. Repeat from \* to the end of the row, until you end with 6 white HDC's. Chain 2 and turn.

**Row 3:** Repeat Row 2.

*(From now on, I won't be telling you to carry your yarn - just know that whatever color you aren't using you should be carrying through as you work.)*

**Row 4:** HDC with White in the first 4 stitches and pull through with Peach on the 4th stitch. \*HDC with Peach in the next 8 stitches. Pull through with White on the 8th stitch. HDC with White in the next 8 stitches, and pull through with Peach on the 8th stitch. Repeat from \* to end of row until you end with 4 HDCs in White. Chain 2 and turn.

**Rows 5 and 6:** Repeat Row 4.

**Row 7:** HDC with White in the first 2 stitches and pull through with Peach on the 2nd stitch. \*HDC with Peach in the next 12 stitches. Pull through with White on the 12th stitch. HDC with White in the next 4 stitches, and pull through with Peach on the 4th stitch. Repeat from \* to end of row until you end with 2 HDCs in White. Chain 2 and turn.

**Rows 8 and 9:** Repeat Row 7. On the last stitch of Row 9, pull through with Peach before you chain 2 and turn.

**Rows 10, 11, and 12:** Work 3 rows of HDC in Peach. (Since there are no color transitions on these rows, I chose to not carry the White behind, so I cut the White at the end of Row 9.) On the last stitch of Row 12, pull through with White before you chain 2 and turn.

**Rows 13, 14 and 15:** Repeat Row 7.

**Rows 16, 17, and 18:** Repeat Row 4.

**Rows 19, 20, and 21:** Repeat Row 2.

At this point, you should have your first set of diamonds complete. The last block of your diamond doubles as the first block of your next diamond, so now you will repeat Rows 4 - 21 until you reach your desired length. I stopped when I had five completed diamond rows and I finished with one row of HDC in White to match the White starting chain on the other end.

And that's it! I know that the counting can seem daunting on paper, but once you complete your first set of diamonds, you will simply be repeating the increasing and decreasing rows to form the diamonds.

Something that also helped me was to remember that every time you are increasing or decreasing a color block, you are either increasing by four or decreasing by four, so you will have either two less or two more stitches on each side.

After I finished the blanket, I wove in my ends with a tapestry needle. Then I worked one round of half double crochet around the edge to give the sides a more finished look, working HDC, Chain 1, HDC into each corner.

I also added some simple tassels by cutting several even pieces of yarn and tying them to the ends of my blanket.

xo, Hannah

