

Daisy Farm Crafts

Half Double Crochet Gingham Blanket



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MATERIALS

Patons Canadiana (100% acrylic, 100 g/3.5 oz, 187 m/205 yds)

5 skeins Pale Gray Mix, 2 skeins Black, 2 skeins Aran

Size H/5.00mm hook, size G/4.00mm hook, scissors, tapestry needle

SIZE

Finished size 32 in x 30 in

STITCHES

Half Double Crochet (HDC): Yarn over (YO), insert hook, YO and pull a loop back through, YO and pull through all three loops on the hook.

Double Crochet (DC): YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO, pull through two loops, YO, pull through remaining two loops.

Front and Back Post Double Crochet (FPDC & BPDC): A front post double crochet means you insert your hook from front to back around the post of the next DC and work a DC. A back post double crochet means you insert your hook from back to front around the post of the next DC and work a DC.

PATTERN

Chain 116 in Black. (If you want to make this a larger blanket the pattern repeat is any odd number times 6, plus 2.)

Row 1: HDC in the 3rd chain from the hook. HDC in each of the next 5 chains, joining the pale gray mix on the 6th HDC. (6 HDC made in black). HDC with pale gray mix in each of the next 6 chains, crocheting over the black tail and bringing it along with you laying it flat against the chain, pull through with black on the 6th HDC. Alternate across the row switching between black and pale gray mix every 6 chains. (Always pull through on the last step of the 6th stitch of each color change and always crochet over whichever color you aren't using and carry it along the top of your work.) Chain 2 and turn. (Your last color block should be black.)

Rows 2 - 4: Bringing the pale gray mix around the end on the row, continue crocheting over the tail and HDC in each of the next 6 stitches, then pull through with pale gray. Alternate the colors every 6 stitches as in row 1. Always chain 2 and turn.

Rows 5 - 8: At the end of row 4, pull through with pale gray mix, leave off the black.

(You may choose here to cut and weave the tail in later, or leave attached and carry the yarn up the side. The border will not completely cover the carried yarn up the side, so if that bothers you, it's better if you cut the yarn and weave it in later.)

HDC in each of the first 6 stitches, joining the aran (cream) on the 6th stitch. HDC with aran into each of the next 6 stitches, working over the pale gray mix. Continue the row alternating every six stitches and laying the yarn not being used across the row and working over it. Chain 2 and turn.

For the rest of the blanket, continue alternating colors every 4 rows. You will use the pale gray mix in the entire blanket, the black and aran can be cut after using them for 4 rows, or you may choose to carry up the side.

BORDER

Round 1: Pull up a loop in any corner and chain 1. HDC into each stitch and HDC 3 times into each corner space. On the sides of the blanket work 6 HDC per 4 rows of color. (If it seems that this is fanning the sides of your blanket too much, try switching to a smaller hook size for the sides.)

Round 2: (if you needed to switch to a smaller hook for the first round, switch back to the hook you used to make the blanket.) Continuing in the same direction, ch 2 and work DC into each stitch around, working 3 DC into the corner st. (Middle of the 3 HDC of the row below.) Do not join and do not turn when round is complete.

Rounds 3 - 5: *Work FPDC around each of the next 2 DC, Work BPDC around each of the next 2 DC. Repeat from * to the corner DC. Work 3 regular DC into the corner st. (middle DC from the row below.) Then continue repeating from *.

Tip: If the pairs of FPDC or BPDC end up uneven before you reach the corner DC, it's okay, you'll pick up the extra FPDC or BPDC on the next round.

xo, Tiffany

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