

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Checkerboard Blanket with a Rocky Ridge Border



MATERIALS

Bernat Softee Cotton (60% Cotton, 40% Acrylic, 120 g/ 4.2 oz, 232 m/ 254 yds)
2 skeins Cotton (cream) 3 skeins Feathered Gray
Size G 4.00 mm hook, scissors, tapestry needle

SIZE

Finished size: 36 x 36 inches

STITCHES

Single Crochet (SC): Insert hook, YO and pull a loop back through, YO and pull through loops on hook.

Half Double Crochet (HDC): YO, insert hook, YO and pull a loop back through, YO and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

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 139 in Feathered Gray. (To make this a larger blanket, the pattern repeat is any odd number times 6, plus 1.)

Row 1: HDC in the 2nd chain from the hook. HDC in each of the next 5 chains, joining the cream color on the 6th HDC. (6 HDC made in Feathered Gray). HDC with cream in each of the next 6 chains, crocheting over the feathered gray tail and bringing it along with you, laying it flat against the chain, pull through with feathered gray on the 6th HDC.

Alternate across the row, switching between feathered gray and cream every 6 chains. (Always pull through on the last step of the 6th stitch of each color change, crochet over whichever color you aren't using, and carry it along the top of your work.) Chain 1 and turn. (Your last color block should be feathered gray.)

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

Rows 5 – 8: At the end of row 4, pull through with cream, wrap Feathered Gray around the end of the row. HDC in each of the first 6 stitches, carrying Feathered Gray along the row. HDC with Feathered Gray into each of the next 6 stitches, working over the cream. Continue the row alternating every six stitches and laying the yarn not being used across the row and working over it. Chain 1 and turn.

For the rest of the blanket, continue alternating colors every 4 rows until you have 23 blocks in length. When you have the length, your last row should end with Feathered Gray as the last 6 stitches. Cut cream and continue working with Feathered Gray to start the first round of the border. Do not turn at the end of the row.

BORDER

Round 1: Work 2 more HDC into the final stitch of the blanket (first corner made.) Rotate to work down the first side. *Skip one row, work 3 HDC into the end of the next row. Repeat from * for each side. Work 3 HDC into each corner. *Skip 2 stitches, work 3 HDC into each stitch across the bottom and top. Do not turn at the end of the round.

Round 2: Work [HDC, CH 2, HDC] into the center HDC of the first corner and all remaining corners. Work 1 HDC into each stitch around. Do not turn at the end of the round.

Round 3: FPDC around the first HDC of the corner. [DC, CH 2, DC] around each ch 2 stitches for each corner. *FPDC around the next HDC, BPDC around next HDC. Repeat from * for the sides. Do not turn at the end of the round.

Round 4: BPDC around previous round FPDC, and FPDC around previous round BPDC. Work [DC, CH 2, DC] around each ch 2 stitches for each corner. Do not turn at the end of the round.

Round 5: Work 1 SC into each stitch and 2 SC around each ch 2 stitches for each corner. Join with a SL ST to the first SC of the round. Tie off and weave in all the ends.