

PATTERN COLLECTION: HOME

Don't Be a Square Afghan Knitalong

SEAMING

Be sure to check out the Universal Yarn blog (http://blog.universalyarn.com) for two videos on joining your blocks. One video covers the mattress stitch seam, the other focuses on a crochet slipstitch join.

There are benefits to both methods. Mattress stitch tends to take longer than crochet slip-stitch, but it's a nearly invisible seam. Crochet slip-stitch is faster, but the yarn can show somewhat on the right side of the work. This may or may not matter to you. Both are a good and sturdy choice for an afghan that may get lots of use.

First, arrange your blocks how you'd like them in a formation of 4 blocks wide x 5 blocks tall. There is no wrong way to do this! Everyeone's colors are going to be a little bit different. For my sample, I laid them all out on the floor and played around with them until I was satisfied with the look. My goal in arranging them was to disperse all of the colors as evenly as possible throughout the afghan.

Next, join all your squares together with mattress stitch, crochet slip-stitch, or your other favorite method. I prefer to do one column of blocks at a time, and then go back and do the rows.

Once your afghan is assembled, you can move on to the border! We will be covering the edging next week, hopefully giving you plenty of time to finish assembling your afghan.