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## Random Squares Throw



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# SIMPLY SOFT

designed by Kim Biddix

**TECHNIQUE USED:** Crochet

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*assembly diagram*



EASY

Afghan measures approximately 50"/127 cm wide by 66"/168 cm long

### MATERIALS

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic): 18 oz each in 3 colors

**Shown in:** #9742 Grey Heather (A); #9721 Victorian Rose (B); 9709 Lt. Country Blue (C)

Caron International's Simply Soft Heather (100% acrylic): 22 oz

**Shown in:** #9503Woodland Heather (D)

One size US M/N-13 (9 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

### GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project; squares shown measure 8"/20 cm

### STITCHES USED



**Chain (ch):** Begin by making a slip knot on your hook. \* Wrap the yarn around the hook (yarn over) and pull up a loop, [draw the yarn through the loop on the hook to form the first chain]. Repeat from \* for number of chains required. Note: The loop on the hook is not included when counting the number of chains.

**Double Crochet (dc):** Yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through two loops on hook] twice.

**Half Double Crochet (hdc):** Yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook.

**Single Crochet (sc):** Insert hook in stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

**Slip Stitch (slip st):** Insert hook in the stitch indicated, yarn over and draw through both the stitch and the loop on the hook.

**Shell:** Work [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] all in same space.

## NOTES

Afghan is worked using 2 strands of yarn throughout.

Join rounds with a slip st in stitch indicated.

Assemble squares as shown on diagram, or as desired.

## SQUARE (make 48 – 12 in each color)

Using a double strand of appropriate color, chain 4; join with a slip st to form a ring.

**Round 1 (RS):** Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 15 dc in ring, join in top of beginning ch—16 dc.

**Round 2:** Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1) \* dc in next dc, ch 1; repeat from \* around, join in third ch of beginning ch-4.

**Round 3:** Slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 3, work [dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in same space (first corner shell made), ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, \* work shell in next ch-1 space, ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from \* around, join to first dc.

**Round 4:** Slip st in next dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 3, work [dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in same space (first corner shell), ch 2, [hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 2] 4 times, \* work shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 2, [hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 2] 4 times; repeat from \* around, join to first dc.

**Round 5:** Slip st in next dc and in first ch-2 space, ch 3, work [dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in same space (first corner shell), [work 2 dc in next ch-2 space] 5 times, \* work shell in ch-2 space of next shell, [work 2 dc in next ch-2 space] 5 times; repeat from \* around, join to first dc.

Fasten off; using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

## ASSEMBLY

Referring to diagram, lay squares on a flat surface. Using yarn needle

and a double strand of yarn, join completed squares into 6 strips of 8 squares each, then join strips together as follows:

With RS's together, working in back loops only, join pieces using whipstitch.

**Border:** With RS facing, join a double strand of D with a slip st in any corner ch-2 space.

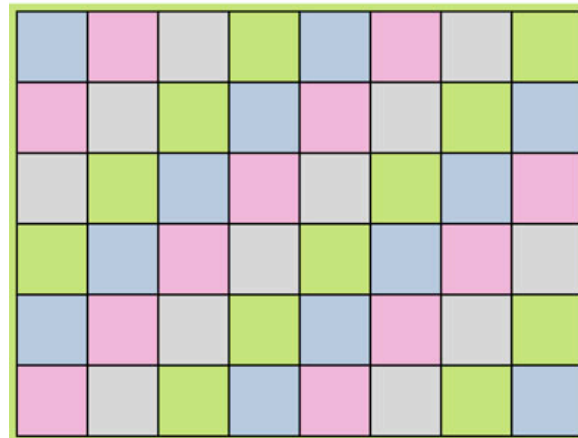
**Round1:** Ch 1, work 3 sc in same st, \* sc in next 14 sts, [sc between squares, sc in next 14 sts] across to next corner, work 3 sc in corner; repeat from \* 2 times, sc in next 14 sts [sc between squares, sc in next 14 sts] to beginning, join to first sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 2, working in back loops only, hdc in each sc around, join in second ch of beginning ch-2.

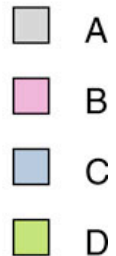
Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in remaining ends.

## Layout Diagram



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