CD508-06 Popcorn Rectangles

Skill Level: 1 Approximate Time to Make: 52 hours

AFGHAN measures approximately 52" x 71"

RED HEART® "Super Saver®" (economy size), Art.E300 100% acrylic, (8 ounce/452 yard solid; 6 ounce/327 yard multicolor skeins): 5 skeins No. 0633 Dark Sage CA, 2 skeins No. 0632 Med Sage CB, 1 skein No. 0661, Frosty Green CC and 3 skeins No. 0997 Sage Mary CD.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9] Yarn needle

GAUGE: square motif = 6.5" x 6.5", rectangle motif = 6.5" x 9". First 3 rows and Rnd 1 of rectangle = 2.5" x 5"; 13 dcs = 4".

CHECK YOUR GAUGE: Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTES: BEGINNING POPCORN

Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 4 dc in ring, drop loop from hook, insert hook in first dc of 5-dc group, hook dropped loop and draw through.

POPCORN: 5 dc in st or sp indicated, drop loop from hook, insert hook front to back in first dc of 5-dc group, hook dropped loop and draw through.

BEGINNING CLUSTER: Ch 2, *yo, insert hook in sp indicated, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * once **more**, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

CLUSTER (uses one st): *Yo, insert hook in st indicated, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * 2 times more, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

BPdc(Back post double crochet): Yo and insert hook from the back to the front to the back around the *post* of the next stitch, yo and draw yarn through, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

To work **color change**, work the last st to within one step of completion, cut yarn, hook new yarn and draw through all loops on hook.

RECTANGLE (Make 30): With CC, ch 17 loosely. **Row 1:** Dc in the fourth ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 15 sts.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next 4 sts, dc in next st changing to **CD** in top of the 4th dc, DO NOT CUT YARN but carry in back working over it as you go, [popcorn in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc] 2 times, popcorn, change to **CA**, drop **CB** and fasten off, dc in last 5 sts; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in ea st across – 15 sts. Fasten off.

Rnd 1: Join **CA** in upper right corner, sc evenly spaced around working (sc, ch 3, sc) in each corner – 15 sc along top and bottom, 7 sc on each side; join with a sl st to beg sc.

Rnd 2: Join **CB**, with sl st in top right corner, work beg popcorn, ch 4, popcorn in same corner, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next 13 sts, ch 1, skip last sc, (popcorn, ch 4, popcorn) in ch-3 corner, ch 1, dc in each of next 7 sts, ch 1, (popcorn, ch 4, popcorn) in next ch-3 corner, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next 13 sts, ch 1, skip next sc, (popcorn, ch 4, popcorn) in next corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next 6 sts, ch 1, sl st in top of begin popcorn. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join CA with sl st in corner, ch 3, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) all in same corner, 2 dc in popcorn, BPdc around each of the next 13 sts, 2 dc in next popcorn, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) all in next corner, 2 dc in next popcorn, BPdc around post of next 7 sts, 2 dc in next popcorn, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) all in next corner, dc in next 2 sts, BPdc around post of next 13 sts, 2 dc in next popcorn, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next corner, BPdc around post of next 7 sts, 2 dc in popcorn, sl st in top of beg ch- to join. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join **CD** with sl st in any corner, (beg cluster, ch 4, cluster) all in same corner sp, ch 1 *skip 1 st, cluster in next st, ch 1; rep from * across, skip last st (cluster, ch 4, cluster, ch1) all in next corner; rep from * 2 more times; join with a sl st in top of beg cluster. Fasten off.

Rnd 5: Join CA in any corner, ch 1, *5 sc in same corner, sc in each st across; rep from * around; join with a sl st to beg sc -23 sts on long side, 17 on short side, 5 sts each corner.

SQUARE (Make 30): With CD, ch 5 and join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, work beginning Popcorn, [ch 4, popcorn] 3 times **more**, ch 4, join to first popcorn with sl st -4 popcorns and 4 ch-4 corners. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: Join CA with sl st in any corner sp, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in the same sp, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next corner sp; rep from * 2 times **more**, **ch** 1, join with a sl st in top of beginning ch-3.

Rnd 3: Sl st in next 2 dcs and in first ch-3 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. *(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 corner, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; rep from * around; join to beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next 2 dcs and in first ch-3 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same sp, *[ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in corner sp; rep from * around; join to beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next 2 dcs and in first ch-3 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same sp, *[ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in corner sp; rep from * around; join to beg ch-3. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY: With right sides facing, whipstitch the motifs together in the outer loops only. Note: To keep the vertical seams straight, it is helpful to join the motifs in pairs of two first, one rectangle with one square. Then join the pairs together into 3 columns of ten pairs each. Then join the 3 columns.

EDGING: Rnd 1: With RS facing, join CA in any corner, ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in each stitch around working 5 sc in each ch-3 corner. Fasten off CA.

Rnd 2: Join **CD** with sl st in the first sc after the middle sc of the 5-sc corner, ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in the next two sts, *ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in next 3 sts; rep from * to next corner, ch 3, skip the 3^{rd} sc of the 5-sc group, dc in the next 3 sts; rep from * around; join to beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join **CA** in any corner sp, (beg cluster, ch 3, cluster) all in same space, * ch 1, skip 1, cluster in next ch-1 sp; rep from * to next corner, (cluster, ch 3, cluster) all in corner; rep from * around, ch 1; join to beg cluster. Fasten off.

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Abbreviations: approx = approximately; beg = begin(ning); CA, CB, CC, CD = Colors A, B, C, D; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; dec = decrease(s)(d)(ing); hdc = half double crochet; inc = increase(s)(d)(ing); lp(s) = loop(s); mm = millimeters; pat(s) = pattern(s); rem = remaining; rep = repeat; rnd(s) = round(s); sc = single crochet; sl = slip; sl st = slip stitch; sp(s) = space(s); st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; yo = yarn over needle; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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