



Popcorn Squares Afghan

Designed by Nazanin Fard.

Afghan measures approximately 40" x 50".

RED HEART® "Collage™": 11 balls 2350 Blue Wave.

Crochet Hook: 6 mm [US J-10].
6½" square piece of cardboard.
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: Block = 10" square. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Pc (popcorn): Work 5 dc in indicated st, drop loop from hook, insert hook in top of first dc of 5 dc group, replace loop on hook and draw through dc.

Rev sc (reverse sc): Working from left to right, insert hook in next st to right of last st, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook.

BLOCK (make 20): Ch 6, join with a slip st to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (Right Side): Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring; join to top of beginning ch-3 – 16 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, [dc in next 3 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc] 3 times, dc in next 3 dc, dc in same ch as joining; join with ch 2, sc in top of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 space here and throughout) – 20 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next dc, * pc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc**, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3-space, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 2, sc in top of beginning ch-3 – 4 pc, 24 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, * pc in next dc, dc in next 3 sts, pc in next dc, dc in next dc**, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 space, dc in next dc; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 space here and throughout) – 8 pc, 28 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Note First popcorn of Rounds 5–8 is worked into the base of the beginning chain-3 (same stitch as join).

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, *[pc in next dc, dc in next 3 sts] twice, pc in next dc**, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3-space; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 2 dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 – 12 pc, 40 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, *[pc in next dc, dc in next 3 sts] 3 times, pc in next dc**, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3-space; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 2 dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 – 16 pc, 52 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, *[pc in next dc, dc in next 3 sts] 4 times, pc in next dc**, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3-space; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 2 dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 – 20 pc, 64 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, *[pc in next dc, dc in next 3 sts] 5 times, pc in next dc**, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3-space; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 2 dc in last ch-3 space; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 – 24 pc, 76 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.



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Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, dc in same st as join, *dc in each st across to next ch-3 space**, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3-space; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 2 dc in last ch-3 space, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 116 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

FINISHING:

Join blocks into 4 rows with 5 blocks in each row as follows: With right sides of 2 blocks together, working through both thicknesses, join with sc in ch-3 space, sc in each dc across side to next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-3 space. Fasten off. Join remaining blocks together, then join rows together in same manner, working across all blocks of row before fastening off.

Border-Rnd 1: With right side facing, join with sc in ch-3 space in any corner, sc in each st around edge, working 3 sc in each of 4 corner ch-3 spaces, sc in each joined ch-3 space and sc in each block joining; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, work rev sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Tassels (make 4): Wrap yarn around cardboard 20 times. Cut end of yarn. Insert a piece of yarn under wraps at top edge of cardboard and make a knot. Cut bottom edge of wraps and remove from cardboard. Wrap a piece of yarn around wrapped yarn about 1" from top edge. Tie a knot and secure ends. Trim bottom edge evenly. Attach 1 tassel to each corner of afghan.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **ch(s)** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; () = work directions in parentheses into the specified st or space.