Stitch Nation BY DEBBIE STOLLER



bLanket Statement

Vibrant colors make this stunning blanket the perfect wrap to welcome baby into the world! The beautiful colors will stimulate baby and make mommy happy.

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Designed by Lucy O'Regan.

Throw is 38" x 38".

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller[™] "Bamboo Ewe[™]" 1 ball each of 5520 Eucalyptus A; 5529 Mermaid B; 5625 Sprout C; 5510 Beach Glass D: 5830 Periwinkle E; 5875 Twilight F; 5560 Grape G; 5910 Lipstick H; 5280 Geranium I; 5705 Snapdragon J; 5230 Buttercup K.

Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8]. Yarn Needle

GAUGE: In (3 dc cluster, ch 1) patt: 20 st = $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", 8 rows = $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog: [Yo, insert hook in next space, yo, draw up a loop, yo, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice, yo, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

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Large Square (make 4 following Color Sequence Chart for colors) With first color, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form ring. Round 1 (right side): Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2 here and throughout), [3 dc, ch 2] 3 times in ring, 2 dc in ring, join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5. Fasten off.

Round 2: With right side facing, join next color in any corner ch-2 space, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 space, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 3: With right side facing, join next color in any corner ch-2 space, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 space, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 4: With right side facing, join next color in any corner ch-2 space, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 space, *(ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5. **Rounds 5-8:** Repeat Round 4. Fasten off.

Small Square (make 33 following Color Sequence Chart for colors)

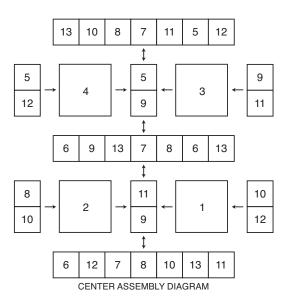
Work same as Large Square through Round 4. Fasten off.

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Assembly

With right sides facing, with yarn needle and A, working through back loops of sts, whip st or sc squares together following Assembly Diagram.



COLOR SEQUENCE CHART

1	Square	# to make	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8
Large Squares	1	1	J	K	H	G	B	D	E	F
	2	1	A	D	ĸ	C	B	H	J	G
	3	1	F	Н	K	C	J	1	G	F
	4	1	ĸ		G	J	Ē	D	C	A
Small Squares	5	3	C	D	E	G				
	6	3	G	Н		B				
	7	3	J	1	G	Α				
	8	4	К	С	Е	Ι				
	9	4	F	E	Н	С				
	10	4	В	I	С	D				
	11	4	E	G	J	Н				
	12	4	D	К	I	J				
	13	4	I	К	D	F				

13	10 8		7	11 5		12			
5		4	5		9				
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6	9	13	7	8 6		13			
8			11		10				
10	2	2	9		12				
6	12	7	8	10 13		11			
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Border

Round 1: With right side facing, join B in any corner ch-2 space, ch 5, work 3 dc in same ch-2 space, ch 1, **(3 dc, ch 1) in each ch-1 space across to next joined ch-2 space, *dc in next ch-2 space, dc2tog over same ch-2 space and next ch-2 space, dc in same ch-2 space as last leg of dc2tog, (3 dc, ch 1) in each ch-1 space across to next ch-2 space; repeat from * across to next corner**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 space, repeat from ** twice; repeat from ** to ** once, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-2 space, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 space, *(ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5. Fasten off **B**.

Round 3: With right side facing, join C in next ch-2 space, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 space, *(ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-1 space across to next corner, ch 1, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Rounds 4-9: Repeat Round 2, working in the following color sequence: 1 more round C; 2 rounds D; 2 rounds E; and 1 round G. **Round 10:** With right side facing, join H in any corner ch-2 space, ch 3, dc in same ch-2 space, *working in back loops only, dc in each st across to next corner ch-2 space**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space; repeat from * twice; repeat from * to ** once, work 2 dc in same space as 5 ch at beginning of round; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off H.

Round 11: With right side facing, join J in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, *(2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in corner ch-2 space, sc in each dc across to next corner ch-2 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off J.

Round 12: With right side facing, join I in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, *(sc, ch 1, sc) in corner ch-1 space, sc in each sc across to next corner ch-1 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off I.

Round 13: Slip st in next sc, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, slip st in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off I. Weave in ends.

FINISHING

The finished blanket will almost certainly need blocking, and the Bamboo Ewe yarn responds beautifully to this finishing technique. Begin from the central square and pin outwards, straightening and



realigning the squares as you go. Finally, pin around the outside edge to achieve a neat, straight finish. Spray with a fine mist of tepid water and leave to dry completely.



STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller[™] "Bamboo Ewe[™]" Art. T101 available in 3.5 oz (100 g); 177 yd (162 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K = color A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch (es); slip st = Slip Stitch; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.