Stitch Nation BY DEBBIE STOLLER



field of dreams

These dreamy colors will stimulate baby and give comfort when needed. The washable wool yarn is the perfect choice for this sure to be handed down crochet blanket.

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Designed by Marianne Forrestal.

Blanket measures 39" x 32".

Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller[™] "Washable Ewe[™]": 1 ball each 3652 Clover A, 3667 Green Apple B, 3582 Lilac C, 3711 Icing D, 3525 Dragonfly E, 3501 Robin's Egg F, 3215 Duckling G, 3706 Zinnia H, and 3101 Cottontail I.

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

GAUGE: Square = $7\frac{1}{2}$ " across. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

COLOR COMBINATIONS OF SQUARES

Square 1: G, H, B. Square 2: E, B, G. Square 3: C, H, E. Square 4: H, F, A. Square 5: F, C, D. Square 6: F, D, H. Square 7: H, G, A. Square 8: G, A, D. Square 9: A, E, G. Square 10: G, F, B. Square 11: A, C, F. Square 12: B, E, C. Square 13: C, D, B. Square 14: D, H, F. Square 15: H, G, E. Square 16: F, B, E. Square 17: B, F, D. Square 18: E, C, A. Square 19: B, G, C. Square 20: D, A, H.

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1	6	11	16
2	7	12	17
3	8	13	18
4	9	14	19
5	10	15	20

BLANKET

Square: Make 20 squares, 1 in each color combination above.

Round 1: With first color, ch 5; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring; ch 1, [sc, 2 dc] 8 times in ring; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2: Join 2nd color in back loop of any sc of Round 1; ch 3, [slip st in back loop of next sc, ch 3] 7 times; join with a slip st in back loop of first sc.

Round 3: [(Sc, dc, tr, dc, sc) in ch-3 space] 8 times; join in first sc. Round 4: Working behind Rounds 2 and 3, in same back loops that Round 2 is worked in, [ch 4, slip st in next back loop] 8 times. Round 5: [(Sc, dc, 3 tr, dc, sc) in ch-4 space] 8 times; join in first sc. Fasten off.



Round 6: Working behind Round 5, join 3rd color with a slip st around (not in) any sc of Round 1 (same sc's that Rounds 2 and 4 were worked in); [ch 4, slip st around next sc of Round 1] 7 times, ch 4, slip st in same st as first slip st.

Round 7: Slip st in next ch-4 space, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same space, * [ch 1, dc] 3 times in next ch-4 space, ch 1 **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-4 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join with a slip st in top of ch-3.

Round 8: Slip st in next dc, ch 4, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next ch-1 space] 4 times, ch 1 **, skip next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1; repeat from * around, end at **; join in 3rd ch of ch-4.

Round 9: Ch 3, dc in next ch-1 space and next 3 dc, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space, dc in each dc and ch-1 space to next corner ch-2 space; repeat from * twice more; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space, dc in each dc and ch-1 space to end of round; join in top of ch-3.

Round 10: Slip st in next dc, ch 4, [skip next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1] twice, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 11 times, ch 1; repeat from * twice more; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 8 times, ch 1; join in 3rd ch of ch-4. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

ASSEMBLY

Holding wrong sides of Squares 1 and 2 together and working in both loops of both squares for each st, with color I, join bottom of Square 1 to top of Square 2 as follows: Slip st in ch st before first dc of edge, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 dc, [sc in next ch, sc in next dc] 11 times, sc in next ch, sc in next 2 dc, sc in next ch – 29 sc. Fasten off. Join Square 3 to Square 2, Square 4 to Square 3, and Square 5 to Square 4 in same manner. This is the first strip of afghan. Repeat with Squares 6-10, Squares 11-15, and Squares 16-20 for the other 3 strips.

Holding wrong sides of Strips 1 and 2 together, working from bottom up, join Square 5 to Square 10 in same manner as above. After last (29th) sc, sc through both joinings (last sc between Squares 4 and 5 and first sc between Squares 9 and 10); repeat to join rest of the 2 strips. There will be 149 sc total. Repeat to join Strip 3 to Strip 2, and Strip 4 to Strip 3.

Border

Round 1: With right side facing, join color I in top right corner ch-2 space; ch 1, 3 sc in same space, * sc in each dc, ch-1 space and joining to next corner, 3 sc in ch-2 space; repeat from * twice more; sc in each dc, ch-1 space and joining to end of round; join in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sc, * skip next 2 sc, (slip st, ch 3, 2 dc) in next sc; repeat from * around; join. Weave in ends.



Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller[™] "Washable Ewe[™]" Art. T103 available in 3.5oz (100g), 183yd (167m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C, etc. = color A, B, C, etc.; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble crochet; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.



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