

## Big Octagon Throw

Start in the center and work your way around and out to create this breathtaking throw.

## Designed by Marianne Forrestal.

## Throw measures 51" x 51".

RED HEART® "Classic ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ ": 2 skeins of 286 Bronze D; 1 skein each of 645 Honey Gold A, 922 Springtime B, 631 Light Sage C, 996 Sedona E, 289 Copper F, 365 Coffee G, 339 Mid Brown H, 992 Shaded Brown I, 336 Warm Brown J, and 622 Pale Sage K.

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

GAUGE: First 3 rounds $=5$ " in diameter. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## Special Stitches

dc2tog: [Yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
dc3tog: [Yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

## Color Sequence

2 rounds $\mathbf{A}$; [1 round each of $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{K}$, A] twice; 1 round each of B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K; 1 row each of A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, A, B, C, D; and 2 rounds $\mathbf{D}$ for border.

## THROW

With A, ch 4 ; join with slip st in first ch to form ring.
Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3-12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each dc around, join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3-24 dc. Fasten off.
Round 3: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{B}$ with slip st in any dc, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 now and throughout) dc in same st, dc in next 2 dc, *(dc, ch 1, dc) in next dc, dc in next 2 dc ; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch $4-4 \mathrm{dc}$ between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off. Round 4: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{C}$ with slip st in any ch-1 space, ch 4, dc in same space, dc in next 4 dc, *(dc, ch 1 , dc) in next ch-1 space, dc in next 4 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4-6 dc between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.
Round 5: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{D}$ with slip st in any ch-1 space, ch 4 , dc in same space, dc in next 6 dc , *(dc, ch $1, \mathrm{dc}$ ) in next ch-1 space, dc in next 6 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4-8 dc between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.
Round 6: With right side facing, join E with slip st in any ch-1 space, ch 4, dc in same space, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space, *(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 space, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space; repeat from * around, join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4 - 10 dc between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.
Round 7: With right side facing, join $F$ with slip st in any ch-1 space, ch 4, dc in same space, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space, *(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 space, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4 - 12 dc between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.

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Round 8: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{G}$ with slip st in any ch-1 space, ch 4, dc in same space, skip next dc, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space *(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 space, skip next dc, dc in each dc to next ch-1 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4 - 13 dc between ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.
Rnds 9-34: Maintaining Color Sequence as established, starting with H, repeat rounds 6-8 (8 times), then repeat rounds 6-7 (once). Each repeat of rnds 6 and 7 increase 2 sts between each ch-1 space ( 16 sts per rnd) and each repeat of Round 8 increases 1 st between each ch- 1 space ( 8 sts per rnd). At the end of Round 34, there will be 57 dc between ch-1 spaces.

## First Corner

Row 1: With right side facing, join A with slip st in first dc after any ch-1 space, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 16 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 16 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 53 sts. Fasten off.
Row 2: With right side facing, join B with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 1, ch 3 , dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 14 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 14 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 49 sts. Fasten off.
Row 3: With right side facing, join C with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 2 , ch 3 , dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 13 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 13 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 13 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 45 sts. Fasten off.
Row 4: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{D}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 3, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn -41 sts. Fasten off.
Row 5: With right side facing, join E with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 4 , ch 3 , dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 37 sts. Fasten off.
Row 6: With right side facing, join $F$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 5 , ch 3 , dc 2 tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 33 sts. Fasten off.
Row 7: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{G}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 6, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 29 sts. Fasten off.
Row 8: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{H}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 7 , ch 3 , dc 2 tog in next 2 sts, dc in
next 6 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 25 sts. Fasten off.
Row 9: With right side facing, join I with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 8 , ch 3 , dc 2 tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 21 sts. Fasten off.
Row 10: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{J}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 9 , ch 3 , dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 17 sts. Fasten off.
Row 11: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{K}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 10, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in next 2sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 13 sts. Fasten off.
Row 12: With right side facing, join A with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 11, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, [dc in next st, dc2tog in next 2 sts] 3 times, dc in last st, do not turn - 9 sts. Fasten off.
Row 13: With right side facing, join B with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 12, ch 3, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc3tog in next 3 sts, dc2tog in next 2 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 5 sts. Fasten off.
Row 14: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{C}$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 13, ch 3, dc3tog in next 3 sts, dc in last st, do not turn - 3 sts. Fasten off.
Row 15: With right side facing, join $D$ with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of row 14, ch 2 (does not count as st), dc2tog in next 2 sts, do not turn - 1 st. Fasten off.

## Second and Successive Corners

*With right side facing, skip 57 dc to the left of last st made ion row 1 of first corner, skip next ch-1 space, join $\mathbf{A}$ in next dc; repeat Rows 1-15 of First Corner; repeat from * twice more (on 5th, and 7th side of octagon). Afghan is now square. Weave in ends.

## Border

Round 1: With right side facing, join $D$ with slip st in top of dc2tog of any Row 15 (corner of afghan), ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *dc in side of dc of row $15,2 \mathrm{dc}$ in side of each dc of rows 14 through 1, dc in dc in Round 34 before ch-1 space, dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 57 dc, dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next dc in Round 34, 2 dc in side of each dc of rows 1 through 14, dc in side of dc of row 15**, 3 dc in dc2tog of row 15 (corner); repeat from * twice; repeat from * to ** once; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 119 dc on each side; four 3-dc corners.

Round 2: Ch 3, 3 dc in next st, *dc in next $121 \mathrm{dc}, 3 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc; repeat from * twice, dc in next 120 dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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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; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{s t}(\mathbf{s})=$ stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times spaceecified; * or ** $=$ repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

