Breezy Beach Blanket

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

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TYPE: Crochet
DESIGNER: Amy Gunderson for Premier Yarns

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:
Length: 52"
Height: 52"

GAUGE:
5½ blocks x 5½ blocks = 4" in stitch pattern
Save time, check your gauge.

HOOKS & NOTIONS:
- **US Size J-10 (6 mm)** *or size needed to obtain gauge*
- **Tapestry needle**

MATERIALS:
Premier® Yarns *Anti-Pilling Everyday® Worsted* (100% Anti-Pilling Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 180yds/165m)

- CC1: 100-48 Quiet Blue – 8 balls
- CC2: 100-30 Glass – 3 balls
- CC3: 100-91 Lake – 4 balls
- CC4: 100-63 Sunshine – 2 balls
- CC5: 100-82 Green Apple – 2 balls
- CC6: 100-64 Bark – 2 balls
- CC7: 100-01 Snow White – 1 ball
- CC8: 100-07 Really Red – 1 ball
- CC9: 100-52 Chinchilla – 4 balls

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SKILLS/TECHNIQUES USED IN THIS PATTERN:
- Chain and double crochet stitch.
- Slip stitch.
- Working Corner to Corner with chart.

PATTERN NOTES
The Corner-to-Corner (C2C) technique of crochet is made by starting in one corner of a pixel graph (the lower right corner) and following the graph row by row diagonally to the other corner (the top left corner).

HOW TO CHANGE COLORS
To join a new color: Pull the new color yarn through as you make your slip stitch to join, or as the final step of a double crochet. For areas of a solid color, do not fasten off the old color. Leave the strand hanging and still attached to the ball, as long as there will not be long floats on the back side of the work.
By not cutting the yarn each time you change colors, you'll have fewer loose ends to weave in later. Just keep the balls not being used on the wrong side of your work. Carry the yarn strand up from the previous row and pull it up to your hook when you need to join that color back into your project.
When you begin to have a lot of color changes, it helps to divide the yarn balls by winding into multiple smaller balls.

How to Read the Graph: Print out the graph. Start in the lower right corner and mark off each square as you go. Each square in the C2C graph = ch 6, + 3 dc. The first square in the corner is Row 1. You will work diagonally back and forth (down one row and back up the next). Row 2 of the graph will be read diagonally from left to right and Row 3 from right to left.

BLANKET
Work in C2C technique, changing yarn color following graph.

INCREASE SIDE
With CC9, ch 6.
Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs, turn – 1 block.
Row 2: Ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs, (sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of first block, turn – 2 blocks.
Row 3: Ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of next block; rep from * to end, turn – 1 block inc'd.
Rows 4-70: Following color graph, Rep Row 3.
Note: At this point, square should measure 60" along each side edge.

DECREASE SIDE
Row 71: Ch 1 turn, sl st in first 3 dc, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of next block; rep from * to end, sl st in ch-3 sp of last block, turn – 1 block dec'd.
Row 72: Sl st in first 3 dc, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of next block; rep from * to end, sl st in ch-3 sp of last block, turn.
Row 73: Sl st in first 3 dc, *(sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp of next block; rep from * to end, sl st in ch-3 sp of last block, turn – 1 block dec'd. Rep Row 73 following graph

DECREASE SIDE CONTINUED

colors until 1 block remains. Fasten off.

FINISHING

EDGING
With RS facing, join CC3 in any corner.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around, at a rate of 3 sc per block, working 3 sc for each corner, join with a sl st in first sc.
Rnd 2: Ch 2, dc in each st around, working 3 dc in each corner, join with a sl st in first dc.
Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each corner, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Block lightly.

MEET THE DESIGNER

Amy Gunderson is a Creative Manager on the Premier Yarns® team. She's been a yarn professional since 2010. Though she learned to crochet years before picking up knitting needles, she loves them both equally and thinks they're both skilled and beautiful in their own wonderful ways. Amy lives in Reno, NV where's she's thrilled to be able to play outdoor tennis nearly year-round.

ABBREVIATIONS	
ch(s)	chain(s)
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dc	double crochet
inc('d)	increase(d)
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
sp	space

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