



How to Crochet, Volume 1

Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Beginner Crochet Patterns

Copyright 2013 by Prime Publishing LLC

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information storage or retrieval system, without written permission from the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews.

Trademarks are property of their respective holders. When used, trademarks are for the benefit of the trademark owner only.

Published by Prime Publishing LLC, 3400 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 –
www.primecp.com



Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

Learning a new skill is always exciting, especially when it's how to crochet. The possibilities are endless once you've mastered the basics of beginner crochet. Whether you want to crochet things for yourself or for others, it's quite rewarding when you complete a project, regardless of the recipient.

There's no better time than today to learn how to crochet. Inside our latest eBook, *How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns*, you will find a wonderful collection of free, easy crochet patterns for beginners to work up. Each one of these patterns assumes you have already learned the basic stitches and you're ready to make your first project.

You can find more illustrated crochet stitches, patterns, tips, tutorials and videos for free at <http://www.allfreecrochet.com>.

Our eBooks, like all our crochet patterns, are absolutely FREE to members of our crochet community. Please feel free to share with family and friends and ask them to sign up at our website for our [free e-mail newsletter](#).

Happy Hooking,

The Editors of All Free Crochet

<http://www.allfreecrochet.com>

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns eBook Table of Contents

Crochet Accessories 5

Hand Chain Sashay Scarf.....	5
Purple Scalloped Scarf.....	7
Beginner Appliqued Handbag.....	9
Scalloped Hat and Wrap Around Cowl.....	11
Beginner Mitts for All.....	13

DIY Home Décor Patterns to Crochet 16

Colorful Ringed Rug.....	16
Crochet Coffee Cozy.....	19

Easy Crochet Afghan Patterns ... 21

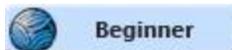
Beginner Crochet Baby Afghan.....	21
Baby Blocks Blanket.....	24
Beginner Squares Afghan.....	27

Crochet Accessories

[Hand Chain Sashay Scarf](#)

By: [Red Heart Yarn](#)

This Hand Chain Sashay Scarf is one of the fastest patterns ever to work up. You can complete this in just a few minutes, and you don't even need to use a crochet hook! Grab your favorite color of Red Heart Swerve yarn to create a chain with your hands. You will have a pretty, homemade scarf in no time. This easy scarf pattern is also a great way to introduce yarn crafts to kids.



Materials:

- RED HEART® Boutique Sashay Team Spirit™:
1 ball 1922 Red/Grey or 1901 Navy/Gold

Gauge: Gauge is not necessary for this project.

Finished Size:

Scarf measures 110" (279cm) long in circumference

Notes:

- The finished measurement of the scarf will vary depending on the tension of each chain.
- You can adjust the chains by using two or three fingers as a guide. The chains can be the same size throughout or the size of the chain may vary for a unique look.
- The scarf can be left long allowing it to be worn as desired or wrap ends around an assembled scarf and tie off as described below.

SCARF:

Start with a slip knot leaving a 5" (13 cm) tail.

Using two or three fingers (depending on size desired) pull through the loop making your first chain. Continue to pull through each chain loop until reach 5" (13 cm) from the end. Tie off to secure.

FINISHING

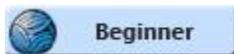
Option 1: Tie ends of scarf together to form a long circle allowing for versatility each time it is worn.

Option 2: Assemble the scarf to desired shape. Using the two ends, tie a knot around the scarf in what will be the back neck area. Wrap the remaining yarn around the first knot a few times and tie off. Weave in the ends under the wraps.

[Purple Scalloped Scarf](#)

By: [Red Heart Yarn](#)

Bring some cheer to the dullness of winter with a bright Purple Scalloped Scarf. This beginner crochet pattern will pop when worked up in purple and turquoise colors. Stand out amidst the gray winter with this fun scarf.



Materials:

- RED HEART® Shimmer™ 1 skein each:
 - 1536 Purple A
 - 1503 Turquoise B
- Crochet hook: 6.00mm [J-10]
- Yarn Needle

Gauge: 12 sts = 4"; 12 rows = 4" in half double crochet. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain; hdc = half double crochet;

sh = shell; mm = millimeters

Instructions:

Notes:

- Chain 2 at the beginning or end of a row, does not count as a stitch.
- To change colors in half double crochet, yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over with the new yarn and pull through both loop on hook. Continue working with the new yarn. When fastening off old yarn, leave tail 3" tail to weave in.

With A, ch 202.

Row 1: In 3rd ch from hook, work hdc, work hdc in each ch across, changing to B in last st, ch 2; turn— 200 hdc. Fasten off A.

Row 2: Hdc each in st across, changing to A in last st, ch 2; turn— 200 hdc. Fasten off B.

Row 3: Hdc in each st across, changing to B in last st, ch 2; turn.

Rows 4-11: Repeat last 2 rows alternating B and A until 11 rows have been worked, ending with A. Ch 1; turn, slip st in back loop of each st along long edge, ch 2; turn.

Shell Edging: Continuing with A, 4 hdc in first st, *skip 1 st, slip st in next st, sh in next st; repeat from * around entire scarf; join with slip st in first sh. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Beginner Appliqued Handbag

By: [AnneMarie from AnneMarie's Crochet Blog](#)

The pattern for this Beginner Appliqued Handbag is easy to make and can be embellished with an applique of your choice. This size of this basic bag is just the right size to carry your wallet, cell phone, and lipstick. An apple applique would be cute for fall.



Materials:

- G/6 or 4 mm hook
- (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Crochet pattern bag

1. Chain 28.

2. Do 1 double crochet in the third chain from the hook. Finish the row with double crochet. In total you do 26 double crochet.

3. Chain 2 and turn your work.

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

4. Make 20 rows of 26 double crochet in every stitch. Don't forget to chain 2 at the end of each row. Turn your work. If you like you can change colour at the last row. If you don't know how to change colour, click here for a tutorial.
5. When you're finished, fasten off.
6. Fold your work in half and close both sides with yarn and a sewing needle.

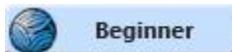
Crochet pattern handles (make 2)

1. Chain 5.
2. Do 1 double crochet in the third chain from the hook. Do one double crochet in each of the next two stitches. So in total you do 3 double crochet.
3. Chain 2 and turn your work.
4. Now make 17 rows of 3 single crochet. Don't forget to chain 2 at the end of each row.
5. Fasten off when you're finished.
6. Sew the handles to the bag.

[Scalloped Hat and Wrap Around Cowl](#)

By: [Heidi Hengel from Speckless](#)

The Scalloped Hat and Wrap Around Cowl is a great pattern to have around for the winter season. This is an easy crochet pattern perfect for beginners. This set would make a great gift for the holidays, too.



Materials

- thick/bulky weight/chunky yarn; I used Lion Brand Thick & Quick (wool/acrylic blend) in 149 Charcoal (each skein is 108 yards, and I used about 1.5 skeins)
- crochet hook N/13 (10 mm)
- large, blunt needle for weaving in yarn ends

For the Cowl:

Chain a multiple of 6 (I did 96 chains). Join chain ends together with a slip stitch, being careful not to twist the chain.

Chain 2 (counts as first half-double crochet now and throughout). Hdc into each chain around. Join with sl st to top of first ch 2. (96 hdc)

Ch 2. Hdc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of first ch 2. (96 hdc)

Ch 3 (counts as first dc). 2 dc in same st (3 dc). Skip 2 stitches, sc in next st. *skip 2 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 st, sc in next st.* Repeat * to * around to last sc. Skip next 2 st, 2 dc in same st as first 3 dc. Join with sl st or invisible join into top of first ch 3. Cut yarn. (16 shells)

With right side facing you, join yarn into the other side of the chain (Think of the chain as the center of

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

the cowl. You have completed one half, and now you will be working the second half in the opposite direction, making a mirror image of the first half). Join the yarn where the chain was originally joined together (there should be a yarn end hanging there), or if you can't see it clearly, join new yarn as close as you can to where the center of a shell will match the other side.

Repeat rows 1 through 3. Weave in ends.

Done! Your cowl should have a total of 4 rows of hdc and 2 rows of shells that are mirror image (or very close) to each other.

For the Hat:

Make a magic circle.

Chain 2 (counts as first hdc now and throughout). 5 hdc in circle (6hdc). Pull yarn end tight to close circle. Join with sl st to top of first ch 2.

Ch 2. Hdc in same chain as joining. 2 hdc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. (12 hdc)

Ch 2. 2 hdc in next st. *1 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st.* Repeat * to * around. Join as before. (18 hdc)

Ch 2. Hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. * 1 hdc in next 2 st, 2 hdc in next st.* Repeat * to * around. Join. (24 hdc)

Ch 2. Hdc in next 2 st. 2 hdc in next st. *1 hdc in next 3 st, 2 hdc in next st.* Repeat * to * around. Join (30 hdc)

Ch 2. 1 hdc in next 3 st. 2 hdc in next st. *1 hdc in next 4 st, 2 hdc in next st.* Repeat * to * around. Join. (36 hdc)

to 11. Ch 2. 1 hdc in each st around. Join. (36 hdc); *Go ahead and add more rounds of hdc in this manner if you'd like your hat longer.*

Row 12 (or final row): Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2dc in same st (3dc). Skip 2 st. Sc in next st. *Skip 2 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 st, sc in next st.* Repeat * to * around to last sc. Skip last 2 st, 2 dc in same st as beginning 3 dc. Join with sl st or invisible join to top of first ch 3. Cut yarn and weave in ends.



[Beginner Mitts for All](#)

By: [Nancy Anderson for Red Heart Yarn](#)

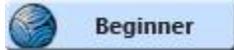
Give the entire family new mittens with the Beginner Mitts for All pattern! Work up this free crochet mitten pattern for all sizes using a worsted weight yarn. Create different styles with colors and stripes for each pattern so you can easily tell them apart. This free crochet pattern is definitely fun to make because you won't be leaving anyone out.



Materials

- Child's Version - RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 skein each 387 Soft Navy B and 984 Shaded Dusk C
- Women's Version - RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 skein each 624 Tea Leaf A and 387 Soft Navy B
- Men's Version - RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 skein 624 Tea Leaf A
- Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Gauge: 16 sc = 4"; 17 rows = 4". CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



Special Abbreviation: Sc2tog = [insert hook in next st, yo, draw yarn through st] twice, yo, draw yarn through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes:

- These simple mittens are designed without a definite left or right hand and are worked in joined rounds.
- Cuffs are done in ribbed stitch rows by working sc in the back loops only. They are extra long for added warmth or can be folded at the wrist.
- Men's mittens are worked in a solid color, Child's and Women's in stripe patterns as follows:
- Work in 2 row stripes for Child's mittens, ending with 5 rounds of C at fingertips.
- Work in 1 row stripes for Women's mittens, ending with 7 rounds of A at fingertips

Instructions:

Directions are for Child's size 4/5 yrs. Changes for sizes Women's and Men's are in parentheses. Child size measures 6" around x 7½" long. Women's size measures 7½" around x 11½" long. Men's size measures 9½" around x 12" long.

Cuff:

Using C (B, A), ch 15 (21, 24).

Row 1: Working in back loops only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, ch 1, turn.

Repeat Row 1 for a total of 18 (22, 24) rows.

Fold cuff in half and join ends with slip st to form cuff. Do not fasten off.

Hand:

Round 1: Working along row ends on cuff, slip st evenly around for 18 (22, 26) sts, join round with slip st.

Round 2: Ch 1, place marker, [sc in next 8 (10, 12) sts, 2 sc in next st] twice. Join with slip st [20 (24, 28) sts].

Round 3: Ch 1, [sc in next 9 (11, 13) sts, 2 sc in next st] twice. Join with slip st [22 (26, 30) sts].

Round 4: Ch 1, [sc in next 10 (12, 14) sts, 2 sc in next st] twice. Join with slip st [24 (28, 32) sts].

Child's size: Proceed to next step.

Women's size: Ch 1, [sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice. Join with slip st (30 sts).

Men's size: Ch 1, [sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice. Join with slip st (34 sts).

Repeat as established, working 1 more sc before increasing each round, for 2 more rounds (38 sts).

Next Step: Continuing with stripe/solid pattern as set, ch 1, sc in each sc around, join with slip st. Repeat for a total of 1 (3, 3) rounds.

Thumb Opening:

Next round: Ch 1, [sc in next 20 (26, 32) sts, ch 4 (5, 6), skip remaining sts and join with slip st to first st.

Upper Hand:

Sc in each st around for 8 (10, 12) rounds [24 (31, 38) sts], decreasing 1 st on last round for Women's size only [24 (30, 38) sts].

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

Round 1: [Sc 10 (13, 17), sc2tog] twice [22 (28, 36) sts].

Round 2: [Sc 9 (12, 16), sc2tog] twice [20 (26, 34) sts].

Round 3: [Sc 8 (11, 15), sc2tog] twice [18 (24, 32) sts].

Round 4: [Sc 7 (10, 14), sc2tog] twice [16 (22, 30) sts].

Child's size only: Sc2tog around (8 sts), fasten off. Continue with thumb.

Round 5: Sc in each st around.

Round 6: [Sc 9 (13), sc2tog] twice [20 (28) sts].

Next 2 rounds: Sc2tog around [5 (7) sts]. Fasten off at end of last round.

Thumb:

Round 1: Join yarn to thumb opening at st closest to upper hand, ch 1, sc in each st around, joining with slip st [8 (9, 12) sts]. Sc in each st around for 4 (7, 8) rounds.

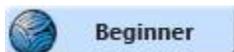
Next round: Sc2tog, sc to 3 sts from last st, sc last 2 sts tog [6 (7, 10) sts]. Sc2tog around, working last st as sc on Women's size [3 (4, 5) sts]. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

DIY Home Décor Patterns to Crochet

[Colorful Ringed Rug](#)

By: [Barbara de Bruin-Karnekamp from Busy Fingers, Busy Life](#)

Adding an area rug is a fantastic way to add color and warmth to a room, especially if the rug is made of multiple colors. This Colorful Ringed Rug is the perfect beginner crochet pattern to learn how to make a rug for your room. Since the rings all increase in a consistent way in the pattern, you can make this rug as big as you need to fit your space. Use a solid color to match a room's theme, or choose multiple colors to add some flair.



Materials:

- Phildar Cotton no. 3
- Crochet hook 3.00 mm

Size:

32 cm or 12.5 inches across

Abbreviations:

Ch: Chain
Sl st: slip stitch
Sc: single crochet
Dc: double crochet
Sk: skip
Sp: space

Special Stitches:

SSc: standing single crochet, make a slipknot on your hook, insert hook in space, make a normal sc (yoh, pull through (two loops on hook), yoh, pull through both loops). The ssc counts as a sc throughout the pattern.

Notes

You can make this circle as big as you want. The increases are made in an consistent way. The first time you increase in each chain space, the second time you make one normal dc group, one increase group, and after that you make 2 normal dc groups, one increase etc. Just keep in mind you alternate the increase groups to keep the circular shape.

It isn't described in the pattern but I joined a new colour for every round and fastened off after finishing the round.

Starting a single crochet round, attach yarn in a ch1 space.

Starting a double crochet round, attach yarn in a ch2 or ch3 space.

Pattern:

Circle

The work is never turned at the end of a round. You will get a right side and a wrong side.

Ch 3, sl st to close ring.

Round 1: Ch3, dc in circle, ch1, *dc 2 times in circle, ch1*, repeat between ** four more times, sl st to 3rd ch of ch3.

Round 2: SSc, ch2, sc in first ch sp, (sc, ch2, sc) in each ch sp, sl st to first sc.

Round 3: (Ch2 (does not count as a dc), dc, ch1, dc2tog) in first ch sp, ch1, dc between two sc from previous round, ch1 *dc2tog, ch1, dc2tog, ch1, dc between two sc from previous round, ch1* in each ch sp, sl st to first dc.

Round 4: (SSc, ch2) in first ch sp, (sc, ch2) in each ch sp, sl st to first sc.

Round 5: Ch3, dc 2 times into ch2 sp, ch1, (dc 3 times, ch1) in each ch2 sp, sl st to 3rd ch of ch3.

Round 6: (SSc, ch3) in first ch sp, (sc, ch3) in each ch sp, sl st to first sc.

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

Round 7: Ch3, dc 5 times into ch3 sp, dc 6 times into each ch3 sp, sl st to 3rd ch of ch3.

Round 8: Ssc in between two 6dc groups, ch2, *sc once between 3rd and 4th dc of 6dc group, ch2, sc once between two 6dc groups, ch2* repeat between ** until end of round, sl st in first sc.

Round 9: repeat round 5

Round 10: repeat round 4

Round 11: repeat round 5

Round 12 (prepare for increase round): Ssc, ch2, *sc in ch sp, ch3, sc in next ch sp, ch2*, repeat between ** until last ch sp before end of round, sc in last ch sp, ch3, sl st to first sc.

Round 13: Ch3, dc 2 times in ch2 sp, *dc 6 times in ch3 sp, dc 3 times in ch2 sp* repeat between ** until last ch sp before end of round, dc 6 times in last ch3 sp, sl st to 3rd ch of ch3

Round 14: Ssc in between a 3dc and a 6 dc group, ch2, * sc once between 3rd and 4th dc of 6dc group, ch2, sc once between 6dc and 3dc group, ch2, sc once between 3dc and next 6 dc group, ch2* repeat between** until end of round, sl st to first sc.

Round 15: Repeat round 5

Round 16: Repeat round 4

Round 17: Repeat round 5

You can now either go on and increase and making the circle bigger in the next rounds by repeating round 12- 17.

For round 18 follow the instructions for round 12 but add an extra (sc, ch2) group before your (sc, ch3) group.

For round 19 follow the instructions for round 13 but add an extra 3dc group before your 6dc group. Just keep in mind a dc3 group is always placed in a ch2 sp and a dc6 group in a ch3 sp. Keep working the pattern instructions for round 14 to 17 for subsequent rounds.

Or stop after round 17 and finish off your Rosetta with the border sequence.

To finish off the Rosetta after round 17 repeat round 4 once more and start the border pattern.

Border

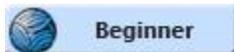
Sl st to ch2 sp, ch1, sc two times into ch2 sp, *make a (sc, ch1,dc,ch1,sc) group in next sc, sc two times into ch2 sp*, repeat between ** until first sc of previous round, make the last (sc, ch1, dc, ch1, sc) group into that stitch. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

[Crochet Coffee Cozy](#)

By: [Amy from One Artsy Mama](#)

We all flock to Starbucks once the temperature starts dropping to get our daily dose of warm, sweet caffeine. Next time, bring this Crochet Coffee Cozy with you and ditch the coffee sleeve they provide. This free crochet pattern produces a soft yarn wrap for your hot beverage that keep your coffee a little warmer and your hands a little cooler. If you're looking for perfect crochet ideas to use as gifts for your friends, pick up your hook and give this pattern a try.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn {your choice of color}
- Crochet hook, size I/6
- 25-28mm button
- Thread, scissors, needle

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

Instructions:

Foundation: Ch 10

Row 1: sc in second chain from hook and each chain across, turn {9 sc}

Row 2: ch 1, sc in first sc and in each across, turn {9 sc} *Repeat Row 2 until your piece reaches approximately 8 3/4".

This length will comfortably fit a Starbucks cup. I recommend having an empty cup on hand that's the size you want to use your cozy for so that you can determine how long it needs to be to wrap the cup completely with just a bit of overlap.

Buttonhole: ss in first four sc, chain 6, skip fifth sc and ss in last four sc

This will accommodate a 25-28mm button. If your button is smaller or larger than that, adjust the number of chains that form your loop.

Border: 2 sc in corner stitch, sc along long edge evenly until you reach the corner.

2 sc in corner stitch, sc along short edge,

1 sc in bottom corner and evenly in every stitch until you reach the final corner,

sc once in corner and in first 3 ss, ss in 4th sc,

ss in each ch of the button loop,

ss in next ss, sc in final 3 stitches

Join, cut, and tuck ends.

Sew your button in place. I recommend wrapping your cozy around a cup to see where the button needs to go.

Ta-da! You made a coffee cozy!



You can change the look of your cozy by using different colors and a variety of fun buttons!

Easy Crochet Afghan Patterns

[Beginner Crochet Baby Afghan](#)

By: [Lion Brand Design Team](#)

Baby blankets always make an excellent baby shower gift because they are sentimental and treasured for years to come. This Beginner Crochet Baby Afghan is especially great because of how easy it is to crochet. If you've been wondering how to crochet a blanket, this free crocheted afghan is a great pattern to start with. Four squares of each color are needed and it measures approximately 26 by 33.5 inches when complete.



Materials:

- LION BRAND® JAMIE (Art. #881):
 - #108 Blue Bonnet 2 balls (A)
 - #157 Sunshine 2 balls (B)
 - #133 Peachy 2 balls (C)
 - #106 Little Boy Blue 2 balls (D)

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

#100 Angel White 2 balls (E)

or colors of your choice

- LION BRAND® crochet hook size H/8 (5 mm)
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle
- Assembly Chart

Gauge: 14 half double crochet + 8 rows = 4 in. (10 cm).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

Size: About 26 x 33 1/2 in. (65 x 85.5 cm)

Note: When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

SQUARES (make 4 in each color)

Chain 24.

Row 1: Half double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain across – 22 stitches.

Rows 2-13: Chain 2, turn, half double crochet in each stitch across.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Following diagram, sew Squares together. Weave in ends.

C →	D ↑	B →	E ↑
D ↑	B →	E ↑	A →
B →	E ↑	A →	C ↑
E ↑	A →	C ↑	D →
A →	C ↑	D →	B ↑

Note: Arrows indicate direction of Squares; arrows point from Row 1 to final row of each Square.

[Baby Blocks Blanket](#)

By: [Bernat](#)

Babies will love snuggling up with this adorable Baby Blocks Blanket. Make this crocheted afghan for your own baby, or give it as a gift to an expectant mom-to-be. Use any color sport weight yarn to complete this free crochet pattern. Make it classic blue or pink, or use colors that coordinate with the nursery. There are three different layout options for arranging the blocks, so there is plenty of opportunity for this pattern to be customized to your liking.



Materials:

- Bernat® Baby Coordinates (140 g/5 oz)
Contrast A (09412 Sweet Pink) 2 balls
Contrast B (09402 Pinky Pink) 1 ball
Contrast C (01000 White) 1 ball
Size 4 mm (U.S. G or 6) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.
Chart

Gauge: One Motif = 5¾ ins [14.5 cm] square.

Instructions: (All Versions)

MOTIF (make 36).

Note: Ch 3 at beg of row counts as dc throughout.

With B, ch 6.

1st row: 1 dc in 4th ch from hook. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. Turn.

2nd row: Ch 3. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc. 4 dc in loop made by turning ch of previous row. Turn. 7 dc.

3rd row: Ch 3. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc. (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in next dc. 1 dc in each of last 3 dc. Join A. Turn.

4th row: With A, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1). Miss next dc. 3 dc in next dc. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. Ch 1. Miss next 2 dc. 3 dc in next dc. Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn.

5th row: Ch 3. 1 dc in first ch-1 sp. Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1. 1 dc in 4th ch of turning ch. 1 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Turn.

6th row: Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1). (3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1) twice. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice. Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Join C. Turn.

7th row: With C, ch 3. 1 dc in first ch-1 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice. Ch 1. 1 dc in 4th ch of turning ch. 1 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Join B. Turn.

8th row: With B, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1). (3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1) 3 times. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Join C. Turn.

9th row: With C, ch 3. 1 dc in first ch-1 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times. Ch 1. 1 dc in 4th ch of turning ch. 1 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Join A. Turn.

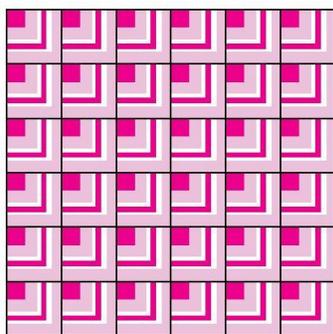
10th row: With A, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1). (3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1) 4 times. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times. Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn.

11th row: Ch 3. 1 dc in first ch-1 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 2. 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times. Ch 1. 1 dc in 4th ch of turning ch. 1 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch.

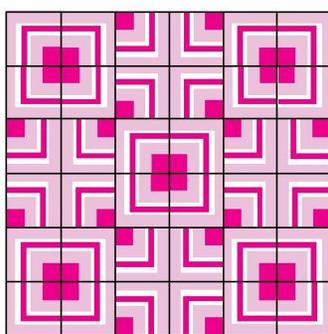
Fasten off.

FINISHING

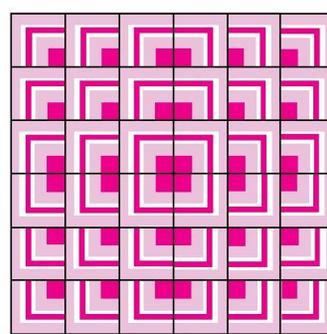
Following diagram for Version I, II or III, assemble Motifs as desired.



Version 1



Version 2



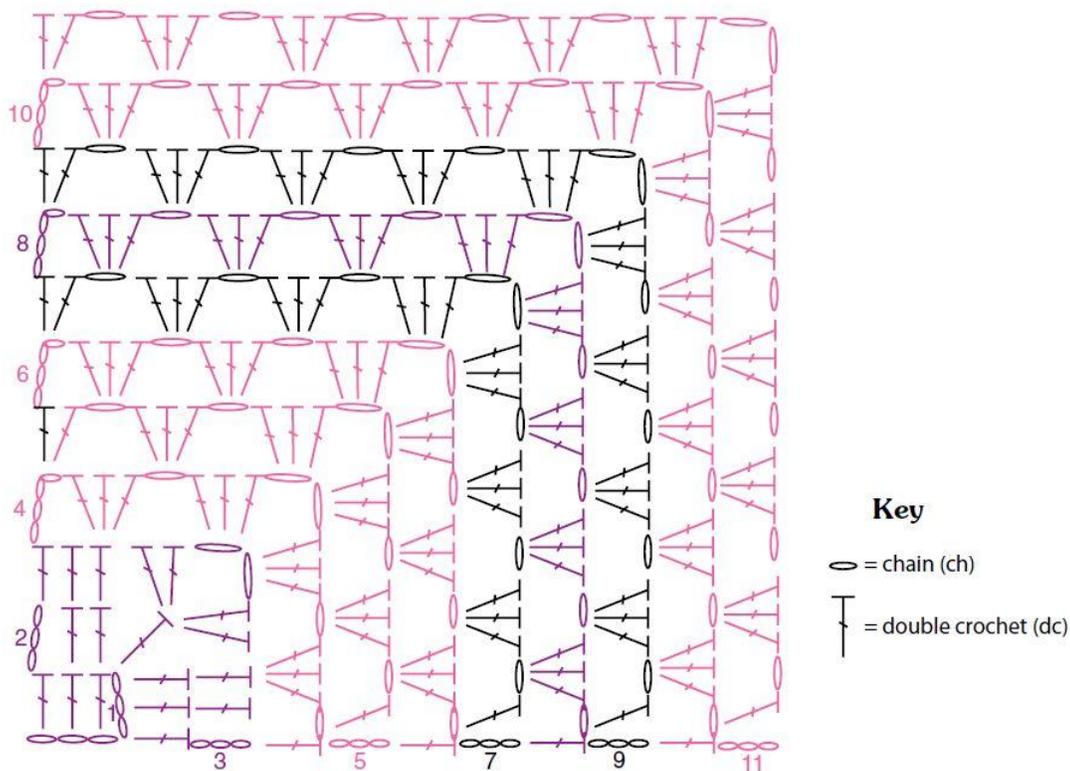
Version 3

Edging: 1st rnd: (RS). Join C with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp of Blanket. Ch 1. 3 sc in same sp. (Work 22 sc across side of next 6 Motifs. 3 sc in next corner) 3 times. Work 22 sc across side of next 6 Motifs. Join with sl st to first sc. 540 sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 3. 1 dc in same sc as last sl st. *Miss next 2 sc. (1 sc. Ch 3. 1 dc) in next sc.

Rep from * around, ending with miss last 2 sc. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Chart



[Beginner Squares Afghan](#)

By: [Lion Brand Design Team](#)

There is nothing better than the feeling of finishing a crocheted afghan. Now everyone (including beginners!) can experience that same level of accomplishment with this Beginner Squares Afghan. This free crochet afghan pattern is super simple to crochet. Plus, it's quick to work up using any color Lion Brand Homespun yarn of your choice. This afghan will keep you warm and toasty on the couch as you snuggle up to watch TV or read a book.



Materials:

- LION BRAND® HOMESPUN® (Art. #790)
 - #417 Great Plains 2 skeins (A)
 - #419 Tumbleweed 2 skeins (B)
 - #398 Plum 2 skeins (C)
 - #414 Amethyst 2 skeins (D)
 - or colors of your choice
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size K-10.5 (6.5 mm)
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle

Gauge: 11 half double crochet = 4 in. (10 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

How to Crochet, Volume 1: Free Beginner Crochet Patterns

Size: About 45 x 54 in. (114 x 137 cm)

Instructions:

STRIPS 1 and 5

With A, chain 25.

Row 1: Half double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and each chain across – 24 stitches.

Rows 2-16: Chain 2, turn, half double crochet in each stitch across.

Change to B, and work 16 rows in half double crochet.

Change to C and work 16 rows in half double crochet.

Change to D and work 16 rows in half double crochet.

Change to A and work 16 rows in half double crochet.

Change to B and work 16 rows in half double crochet.

Fasten off.

STRIP 2

Work as for Strip 1, first working 16 rows with B, then 16 rows with C, 16 rows with D, 16 rows with A, 16 rows with B, and 16 rows with C. Fasten off.

STRIP 3

Work as for Strip 1, first working 16 rows with C, then 16 rows with D, 16 rows with A, 16 rows with B, 16 rows with C, and 16 rows with D. Fasten off.

STRIP 4

Work as for Strip 1, first working 16 rows with D, then 16 rows with A, 16 rows with B, 16 rows with C, 16 rows with D, and 16 rows with A. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Arrange strips in numerical order from left to right and sew together along long edges, matching rows. Weave in ends.



We'd like to extend special thanks to the independent bloggers for allowing us to reprint their patterns in full as part of this free eBook.

Special Thanks To:

- AnneMarie from [AnneMarie's Crochet Blog](#)
 - Heidi Hengel from [Speckless](#)
- Barbara de Bruin-Karnekamp from [Busy Fingers, Busy Life](#)
 - Amy from [One Artsy Mama](#)

