

Diagonal Blanket – Makes a Medium-sized Child Blanket or Adult Lap Robe



Start at one corner, increase until you get to the widest point, then decrease to the fourth corner. Using two (or more) colors will give you stripes on the diagonal! There are many similar patterns available for this blanket; therefore, I cannot in good conscience copyright this one – TCBCreatedbyDesign, 2014.

Skill level: Easy

Finished size when made in worsted weight (4) yarn: About 42" X 57"

Materials:

24 ounces worsted weight (4) yarn in colors of your choice

Crochet hook size H-8 (5 mm)

Tapestry needle

(Note: Feel free to use a variety of yarn colors to use up your stash, odds and ends, and leftovers. Change colors as you go along and not necessarily where directed to in the pattern.)

Striping sequence options:

1. Work 4-row stripes. Work 4 rows of each color, changing to a new color at the end of the fourth row.
2. Gradient stripes in 2 colors: Work 2 rows of Color A and 1 row of Color B for 4 repeats; Work 4 rows of Color A and 2 rows of Color B for 4 repeats; Work 6 rows of Color A and 3 rows of Color B for 4 repeats; Work 8 rows of Color A and 4 rows of Color B for 3 repeats; End with 3 rows of Color A.
3. Work 4 row stripe in Color A and 2 row stripe in Color B.

Gauge: 6 squares = 4.5"; 6 rows = 4". **Check your gauge.** If you have fewer squares and rows to make a 4 inch square, try using a smaller size hook; if more squares and rows, try a larger size hook. Use any size hook to obtain the correct gauge.

Abbreviations:

Beg square = ch 6, DC in 4th ch from hook, DC in last 2 chs.

Square = (slip st, ch 3, 3DC) all in ch-3 space

ch = chain

DC = double crochet

SC = single crochet

* = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated

Blanket instructions:

(Begin by making the first corner with Row 1.)

Row 1 (right side): Ch 6, DC in 4th ch from hook, DC in last 2 ch; turn – 1 square made. Mark this side as the right side. This is the first corner.

Row 2: Beg square, skip 3 DC, square in last ch-space; turn – 2 squares made.

Row 3: In top of last DC made; Beg square, *square, repeat from * across; turn – 3 squares.

Row 4: Repeat Row 3 – 4 squares.

Rows 5 - 48: Repeat Row 4, increasing 1 square each row. Beg square, *square; repeat from * across; turn – 48 squares at end of row 48.

Shaping Side Edge:

(Second corner is created at Row 49.)

Row 49: In top of last DC made; Beg square, *square, repeat from * to last ch-3 space; slip stitch in last ch-3 space, turn – 48 squares.

Row 50: Skip first 3 DC, square in first ch-3 space, *square, repeat from * across; turn – 48 squares.

Rows 51-64: Repeat Rows 49 and 50 – 48 squares.

Note: You should now have two corners – one corner created with Row 1; one corner created at row 49. Third corner will be created at Row 65.

Shaping Top Edge:

(Begin decreasing on each row and work toward the fourth corner.)

Row 65: Skip first 3 DC, square in first ch-3 space, *square; repeat from * to last ch-3 space; slip stitch in last space; turn – 47 squares. Decrease made.

Rows 66: – Slip stitch across first 3 DC, square in first ch-3 space, *square; repeat from * to last ch-3 space; slip stitch in last space; turn – 46 squares.

Rows 67-110: Repeat Rows 65 and 66 – 2 squares at end of Row 110.

Row 111: Repeat Row 65 – 1 square. Fasten off. Weave in all loose ends.

Border (optional):

Round 1: With right side facing, join color B in any stitch; ch 1, work SC around entire outer edge: SC in each stitch, 2 SC in end of each DC row, and 3 SC in each corner stitch; join with a slip stitch in first SC. Do not turn.

Round 2: Ch 3, DC in next SC, (ch 3, slip stitch) in last DC made, *DC in next 2 SC, (ch 3, slip stitch) in last DC made; repeat from * around; join in top of ch-3. Fasten off. Weave in loose ends.