

Diagonal Blanket – Makes a Small-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 36" X 47" without border

Materials:

20 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.)

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; Continue increasing width of stripes ending with 3 rows of the last color.
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: Ch 6, DC in 4th ch from hook, DC in last 2 ch; turn – 1 square made. This is the first corner. Mark this side as the right side.

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.

Rows 4 - 40: Repeat Row 3, increasing 1 square each row and changing colors as needed for the stripes - on Row 40 there are 40 squares. Should measure about 36" across bottom edge.

Shaping Side Edge:

Row 41: Continue in striping pattern. In top of last DC made; Beg square, *square, repeat from * to last ch-3 space; slip stitch in last ch-3 space, turn – 40 squares.

Row 42: Slip stitch across first 3 DC, square in first ch-3 space, *square, repeat from * across; turn – 40 squares.

Rows 43 – 52: Repeat Rows 41 and 42 – 40 squares in each row.

Note: You should now have two corners – one corner created with Row 1, one corner created at row 41. Third corner will be created at Row 53.

Shaping Top Edge:

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

Row 53: 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 – 39 squares. Decrease made.

Row 54: Repeat Row 53 – 38 squares.

Rows 55 - 89: Continue decreasing one square on each row. 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 – ending with 1 square at Row 89. 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.