# Classic mile a minute afghan

Lap · US terms



Finished size
**About 37½ × 45½ in (95 × 116 cm), nine strips, each about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide**

Skill
**Easy**
Rounds along a chain, clusters and shells

Yarn
**Medium (4), 6 colors**

Hook
**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge
**13 stitches and 7¼ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In double crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: ivory, main | **about 660 yd (604 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: ruby, stripe | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: topaz, stripe | **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: peacock, stripe | **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn E: sapphire, stripe | **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn F: amethyst, stripe | **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 2 stitch markers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Lap (this file)** | **37½ × 45½ in (95 × 116 cm), 4¼ in (11 cm) wide** | **about 1,380 yd (1,262 m)** |
| **Throw** | 45¾ × 58¼ in (116 × 148 cm), 4¼ in (11 cm) wide | about 2,180 yd (1,993 m) |


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## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

| | |
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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **sk** | skip (UK miss) |
| **sp** | space |
| **st** | stitch |
| **yo** | yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook) |

### Special stitches

**CL (Cluster):** [yo, insert hook in the st or sp, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 3 times in the same place, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook. In UK terms: 3 trebles drawn together in one place. It leaves 1 stitch for the next round.

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 7¼ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in double crochet.

Check it on the first strip itself when 2 rounds are done, laid flat: 13 dc of round 1, counted along one side, are about 4 in (10 cm), and the strip is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

## Before you start

- Every strip is worked in joined rounds around its foundation chain. The right side faces you all the time: do not turn at the end of a round.
- B stands in the words for the center color of a strip. Work for Lap nine strips: one in B (ruby), two in C (topaz), two in D (peacock), two in E (sapphire), two in F (amethyst); for Throw eleven strips: three in B (ruby), two in C (topaz), two in D (peacock), two in E (sapphire), two in F (amethyst). In a strip of another color than B, take that color wherever the words say B.
- The 2 chains skipped at the beginning of round 1 do not count as a stitch, and neither does the ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round.
- Round 1 goes along one side of the chain and then along the other. The first dc after "working along the other side of the chain" goes into the same ch as the dc before the ch 3, and the last dc of the round into the same ch as the first one. Turn the piece as you go, so that the stitches already worked hang below. The 2 skipped chs stay at the end, behind the last ch 3; no stitch goes into them.
- The first CL of round 2 and the first sc of round 4 go into the st where the joining sl st was made. The joining sl st itself is never worked into.
- In round 3 all stitches go into the spaces, and the tops of the CL are passed over. The sl st at its start leads into the first ch-1 sp, and the first 2 dc go into that same space.
- To change from B to A at the end of round 2, make the joining sl st with A: put the hook in the first CL, take A over the hook and pull it through. Cut B.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one space named after them, and "5 dc in next st" puts all 5 stitches in that one st.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) at the beginning and at the end of every yarn.


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- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge.

## Instructions

Chosen: Lap. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

### Strip: make 9

**Yarns in order of use: B, ruby; A, ivory.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 137. |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 3,<br>working along the other side of the chain, dc in each ch across, ch 3;<br>join with sl st in first dc **(270 dc, 2 ch-3 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 2, CL in same st as join, **[**ch 1, sk next st, CL in next st**] 67 times**, ch 2,<br>(CL, ch 2, CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, CL in next st,<br>**[**ch 1, sk next st, CL in next st**] 67 times**, ch 2,<br>(CL, ch 2, CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2; join with sl st in first CL<br>**(142 CL, 134 ch-1 sps, 8 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 66 times**,<br>**[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 67 times**,<br>**[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc **(300 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 22 times**,<br>**[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**,<br>**[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 22 times**,<br>**[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**;<br>join with sl st in first sc **(50 sc, 262 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in all the ends of the nine strips. Lay the strips side by side, right sides up, in this order from left to right: amethyst, sapphire, peacock, topaz, ruby, topaz, peacock, sapphire, amethyst. Lay every strip with the joins of its rounds at its lower right.

**2.** Each long edge of a strip has 22 shells of 5 dc; the shells of 7 dc are at its ends, 3 at each. Where two strips lie side by side, the 22 shells of 5 dc of one right edge lie against the 22 shells of 5 dc of the next left edge, shell against shell. Mark the two lowest of them with stitch markers.

**3.** Seams: sew each two neighboring strips to each other, 8 seams. For each seam cut two lengths of A, each about 58 in (147 cm) long. Begin with the first at the marked shells and leave a tail. Whip stitch the 3 middle dc of one shell to the 3 middle dc of the shell against it, 3 stitches. Then lead the needle on the wrong side through the backs of the last dc of the shell, the sc and the first dc of the next shell of the same strip, to the 3 middle dc of that shell, and sew these in the same way. Sew 11 pairs of shells with the first length and the other 11 with the second; fasten every length at both ends. Keep


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the yarn between the shells loose, so that the seam does not draw in.

## Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the sewing lengths. Lay the afghan flat, dampen it, pat the shells open and let it dry.

In all: 9 pieces; 36 ends to weave in.

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