# Drunkard's path quilt afghan

Throw · US terms



Finished size
**About 55 × 55 in (140 × 140 cm) with the border: 64 blocks, 8 by 8, each 6½ in (16.5 cm) square**

Skill
**Intermediate**
A color change inside the rows, sewing, and a layout to follow

Yarn
**Light (3), 2 colors**

Hook
**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge
**16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

Yarn A: path indigo, main color **about 1,920 yd (1,756 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe **about 1,950 yd (1,783 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 1,550 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 4 small paper labels, to name the blocks.

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 |
|---|---|---|
| **Baby** | 42 × 42 in (107 × 107 cm), 6½ in (16.5 cm) square | about 2,260 yd (2,067 m) |
| **Throw (this file)** | **55 × 55 in (140 × 140 cm), 6½ in (16.5 cm) square** | **about 3,870 yd (3,539 m)** |
| **Full** | 81 × 80¾ in (206 × 205 cm), 6½ in (16.5 cm) square | about 8,400 yd (7,681 m) |

## Gauge

**16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

Check it on the first block, laid flat: it is 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.


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## Notes

- The blocks are worked in rows of 26 sc. Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row. In row 1 put the hook under the top strand alone of each ch: the two strands below it stay free for the seams and the border. Blocks one and two have the point of the quarter circle, the corner it is drawn about, at their lower left corner, blocks three and four at their lower right corner, as the right side is seen with row 1 at the bottom. Blocks one and three have an indigo quarter circle on cream, blocks two and four a cream one on indigo.
- You need: Throw 16 of each block; Baby 8 of block one, 8 of block two, 10 of block three, 10 of block four; Full 36 of each block.
- Rows 1 to 10 of a block are in the color of the quarter circle alone. In row 11 the other color is joined, with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm); from there on every row has one part in each color. Neither yarn is cut before the block is done, and neither is carried across to the far side of the row: each stays at the line between the two colors, on the wrong side, until the next row comes back to it.
- To change color inside a row, work the last stitch of the old color until its last yarn over, and make that yarn over with the new color, crossing the two strands on the wrong side so that no hole is left. Where a row begins "With" a yarn, make the last yarn over of the row before with it, so that the turning chain is in that yarn too.
- The line between the colors moves by up to 4 sts from row to row, so a yarn may hang a few sts away from the st in which the row needs it. If you come to the yarn before you come to that st, take it along: lay it on top of the sts of the row below and work the sts up to that st over it. If the yarn hangs farther on than that st, bring it back loosely on the wrong side, lay it on top of the sts of the row below and work its own first sts over it. Leave it long enough that the work lies flat.
- The chart shows block one: one square is one stitch, and an odd row is read from right to left, an even row from left to right. The words give every row of every block in the order you work it.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a row goes into the first st, the one the ch 1 rises from.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) whenever a yarn is begun or fastened off, unless a longer one is named. Weave each tail in on the wrong side, through stitches of its own color.
- Whip stitch: thread a yarn needle, hold the two edges together with right sides facing each other, and take the needle through one place of each edge, always from the same side, and over the two edges to the next pair of places. Draw the yarn close, but do not pucker the edge. The places of a seam are: on a foundation edge, the two strands left free below each stitch of row 1; on the edge of a last row, both loops of each st; on a side edge, the two outermost strands at the end of each row.
- The border is worked in the round with the right side facing: do not turn. The ch 2 between two sides turns a corner. From round 2 on the first stitch of a round goes into the same st as the joining sl st. A row end takes less room than a st: the sides would ripple with a sc in every row end. In round 1 "sk next row" passes over the end of one row without working into it. Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them.
- In the border, where a round begins "With" another yarn, make the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn, and cut the old one.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- 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.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.


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# Instructions

Throw. US terms.

**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
**sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
**ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
**[ ] 30 times**: work what is inside 30 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
**(26 sc)**: the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

## Block one: make 16

**Yarns in order of use: A, path indigo; B, cream.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 27. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 11** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 23 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 23 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 22 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 22 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 20 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 21** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 19 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 18 sts, with B, sc in next 8 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 17 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, with B, sc in next 10 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 29** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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## Block two: make 16

**Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, path indigo.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 27. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (26 sc) |
| | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | |
| ☐ **Row 11** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 23 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 23 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 22 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 22 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 20 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 21** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 19 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 18 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 17 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 29** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Block three: make 16

**Yarns in order of use: A, path indigo; B, cream.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 27. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (26 sc) |
| | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | |


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| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 23 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 23 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 22 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 22 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 20 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 21** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 19 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with A, sc in next 18 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 14 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 11 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 29** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 17 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Block four: make 16

**Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, path indigo.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 27. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (26 sc) |

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 24 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 24 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 23 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 23 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 22 sts | (26 sc) |


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| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 22 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 21 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 20 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 21** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 19 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 18 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 16 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 11 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 14 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 29** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 17 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Border

**Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, path indigo.**

Work it when all the blocks are sewn to each other (Putting it together). Hold the afghan with the top row of blocks up. At the top edge and at the bottom edge every block shows 26 places: the 26 sts of its last row, or, where a block stands upside down at the top or right way up at the bottom, the 26 chs of its foundation (the turning ch, which holds no stitch, is not counted). Each place counts as one st: 8 blocks make 208 sts. In a ch put the hook under the two strands left free below row 1. Each side edge is made of the ends of the 30 rows of 8 blocks: 240 row ends, along which round 1 works 210 sc. The first st is the one at the right-hand end of the top edge.

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Work around the edge of the joined blocks, right side facing: the 208 sts of the top edge, the 240 row ends of the left edge, the 208 sts of the bottom edge, the 240 row ends of the right edge. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 207 sts, ch 2,<br>**[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row**] 30 times**, ch 2, sc in next 208 sts, ch 2,<br>**[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row**] 30 times**, ch 2;<br>join with sl st in first sc | (836 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 207 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp,<br>sc in next 210 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 208 sts,<br>(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 210 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp;<br>join with sl st in first sc | (844 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 208 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp,<br>sc in next 212 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 210 sts,<br>(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 212 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp,<br>sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc | (852 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |


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| ☐ **Rnd 4** | With A, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 209 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 214 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 212 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 214 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc | (860 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 210 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 216 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 214 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 216 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc | (868 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 211 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 218 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 216 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 218 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc | (876 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 212 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 220 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 218 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 220 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc | (884 sc, 4 ch-2 sps) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in the ends of every block.

**2.** Lay the 64 blocks out, right sides up, in 8 rows of 8. From left to right, these four twice in each row. Row 1 of blocks, the top row: block three, four, one, two. Row 2: block four, three, two, one. Row 3: block one, two, three, four. Row 4: block two, one, four, three. Rows 5 to 8 are laid as rows 1 to 4.

**3.** Turn the blocks: the first, second, fifth and sixth blocks of every row stand upside down, with row 1 at the top; the others stand right way up, with row 1 at the bottom. Now the curve of every block runs on into a curve of its neighbors.

**4.** Sew with lengths of B, each about 44 in (112 cm) long. Seams down the afghan first, 7 of them, between every column of blocks and the next: hold the two columns with right sides together, block against block, and whip stitch one stitch in the end of each row, 30 stitches a pair of blocks, from the top edge to the bottom edge. Every length sews 2 pairs of blocks, one after the other: 4 lengths a seam. Fasten every length at both ends, and begin the next one at the next pair.

**5.** Then sew the seams across the afghan, 7 of them, between every row of blocks and the next: hold the two rows with right sides together, block against block, and whip stitch 26 stitches a pair of blocks, one in each place: a st of a last row or a ch of a foundation, whichever lies at that edge. Again every length sews 2 pairs, 4 lengths a seam, straight across the seams that are done.

**6.** Weave in the ends of the seams. Then work the border.

## Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the border with the yarn needle.
- Lay the afghan flat, damp it, pat its edges straight and its corners square, and leave it until it is dry.

In all: 64 pieces; 55,940 stitches (780 in each block one, 780 in each block two, 780 in each block three, 780 in each block four, 6,020 in the border); 260 ends to weave in.

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