Easy nine patch quilt afghan

Lap · US terms



Finished size

About 46½ × 47½ in (118 × 121 cm) with the border: 13 nine patch blocks and 12 plain blocks, 5 across by 5 down, each 8¼ in (21 cm) wide and 8½ in (22 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

One stitch in short strips, color changes and straight seams

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 11¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, main color	**about 710 yd (649 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: calico rose, stripe	**about 360 yd (329 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: calico sage, the plain block	**about 780 yd (713 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: calico denim, stripe	**about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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

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
Lap (this file)	**46½ × 47½ in (118 × 121 cm), 8¼ in (21 cm) wide**	**about 2,190 yd (2,003 m)**
Throw	46½ × 64½ in (118 × 164 cm), 8¼ in (21 cm) wide	about 2,980 yd (2,725 m)
Twin	71¼ × 90¼ in (181 × 229 cm), 8¼ in (21 cm) wide	about 6,380 yd (5,834 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the first strip, laid flat and not stretched: it is 2¾ in (7 cm) wide, and when row 8 is done it is 2 7/8 in (7.2 cm) tall, so that the patch is as good as square. A finished strip is 8½ in (22 cm) long. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in rows of one stitch. Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row. A patch is 9 stitches wide and 8 rows tall, and three patches stacked up make a strip.
- How many of each: Lap 18 rose side strips, 9 denim middle strips, 8 denim side strips, 4 rose middle strips and 12 plain blocks; Throw 24 rose side strips, 12 denim middle strips, 12 denim side strips, 6 rose middle strips and 17 plain blocks; Twin 40 rose side strips, 20 denim middle strips, 40 denim side strips, 20 rose middle strips and 40 plain blocks.
- 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.
- To change yarn between two patches, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- 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 single crochet, 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. Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "2 sc in end of next row" puts both stitches in that one row end.
- 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

Lap. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
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.
[ ] 15 times: work what is inside 15 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(9 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Rose side strip: make 18

Yarns in order of use: B, calico rose; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Row 9**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Denim middle strip: make 9

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; D, calico denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Row 9**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Denim side strip: make 8

Yarns in order of use: D, calico denim; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Row 9**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Rose middle strip: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, calico rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Plain block: make 12

Yarn C, calico sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 28.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(27 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(27 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, calico rose; D, calico denim.

Work it when all the blocks are sewn to each other (Putting it together). Hold the afghan with the top row of blocks up. The top edge is made of the last rows of 5 blocks, 27 sts each: 135 sts (a nine patch block shows the 9 sts of each of its 3 strips). The bottom edge is made of their foundation edges, 27 chs each: 135 chs (the turning ch of a foundation, which holds no stitch, is not counted). 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 24 rows of 5 blocks: 120 row ends. The first st is the one at the right-hand end of the top edge.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the joined blocks, right side facing: the 135 sts of the top edge, the 120 row ends of the left edge, the 135 chs of the bottom edge, the 120 row ends of the right edge.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 134 sts, ch 2, **[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 15 times**, ch 2, sc in next 135 chs, ch 2, **[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 15 times**, ch 2; join with sl st in first sc	(540 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 134 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 135 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 135 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 135 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc	(548 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 135 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 137 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 137 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 137 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	(556 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 136 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 139 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 139 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 139 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(564 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 137 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 141 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 141 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 141 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(572 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 138 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 143 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 143 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 143 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(580 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 139 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 145 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 145 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 145 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(588 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 140 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 147 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 147 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 147 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc (596 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 141 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 149 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 149 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 149 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first sc (604 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every strip and block.

2. Nine patch blocks, 13 of them: 9 rose blocks, each of two rose side strips and one denim middle strip, and 4 denim blocks, each of two denim side strips and one rose middle strip. Lay the three strips side by side, right sides up, the middle strip between the others, each with row 1 at its lower end. Seams, two to a block: hold a side strip and the middle strip with right sides together, long edge against long edge, row 1 against row 1, and whip stitch one stitch in the end of each row, 24 stitches, with a length of A, about 32 in (81 cm) long. Sew the other side strip to the other long edge of the middle strip in the same way. A nine patch block is 27 sts wide and 24 rows tall, as a plain block is.

3. Lay the 25 blocks out, right sides up, every block with row 1 at its lower edge, in 5 rows of 5. In the odd rows of blocks, the top one among them, a nine patch block comes first at the left; in the even rows a plain block comes first; in every row nine patch blocks and plain blocks come in turn to the end. The nine patch blocks of the odd rows are the rose ones, those of the even rows the denim ones.

4. Sew the blocks of each row to each other, 4 seams a row, 20 in all: hold two blocks with right sides together, side edge against side edge, row 1 against row 1, and whip stitch one stitch in the end of each row, 24 stitches, with a length of A, about 32 in (81 cm) long, for each seam.

5. Sew the 5 rows to each other, 4 long seams: hold two rows with right sides together, the top edges of the lower blocks against the bottom edges of the upper blocks, block against block, and whip stitch 27 pairs of places for each pair of blocks, a st of the last row against a ch of the foundation, with a length of A, about 32 in (81 cm) long, for each of the 5 pairs of a seam. Fasten every length at both ends.

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: 51 pieces; 21,348 stitches (216 in each rose side strip, 216 in each denim middle strip, 216 in each denim side strip, 216 in each rose middle strip, 648 in each plain block, 5,148 in the border); 264 ends to weave in.

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