Elephant graph

US terms



Finished size
About 17¾ × 15¼ in (45 × 39 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 17¼ × 14¾ in (44 × 37 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet throughout, 3 yarns, a graph of 56 by 55 units, at most 8 color changes in a row, 8 ends to weave in

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Also
Yarn needle, scissors and tape measure

What you need

Medium (4) yarn, 3 colors: about 170 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

A: indigo, background	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
B: turmeric, cross on the graph	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
C: ivory, dot on the graph	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

Before you start

- This pattern makes the front of a pillow only: the back and the seam are not written here.

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, with the idle yarn carried.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it. Work it as the piece is worked: in yarn A, with one of the other yarns carried along the row and worked over.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 23	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)

The same graph in other yarn weights

Light (3): 15 single crochet to 4 in (10 cm), hook 4.5 to 5.5 mm, about 15 × 12¾ in (38 × 32 cm).
Bulky (5): 10 single crochet to 4 in (10 cm), hook 6.5 to 9 mm, about 22½ × 19 in (57 × 48 cm).
These sizes are the panel alone, without its border. No yarn amount has been worked out for these weights.

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Graph, sheet 1 of 4

56 squares wide and 55 tall. One square is 1 single crochet in 1 row. Row 1 is the bottom row. Right-side rows are read right to left, wrong-side rows left to right: each row's number stands at the end it begins from. This sheet: columns 1 to 29 counted from the right, rows 1 to 28. Sheet 1 is the corner row 1 begins in; the sheets are in the order the rows are worked. A heavy row number stands at the end that row begins from; a light one marks a row that begins on the sheet beside this one. The shaded squares are on the next sheet as well, beside this one or above it.

A indigo, no symbol, 1,310 squares B turmeric, cross, 924 squares C ivory, dot, 846 squares

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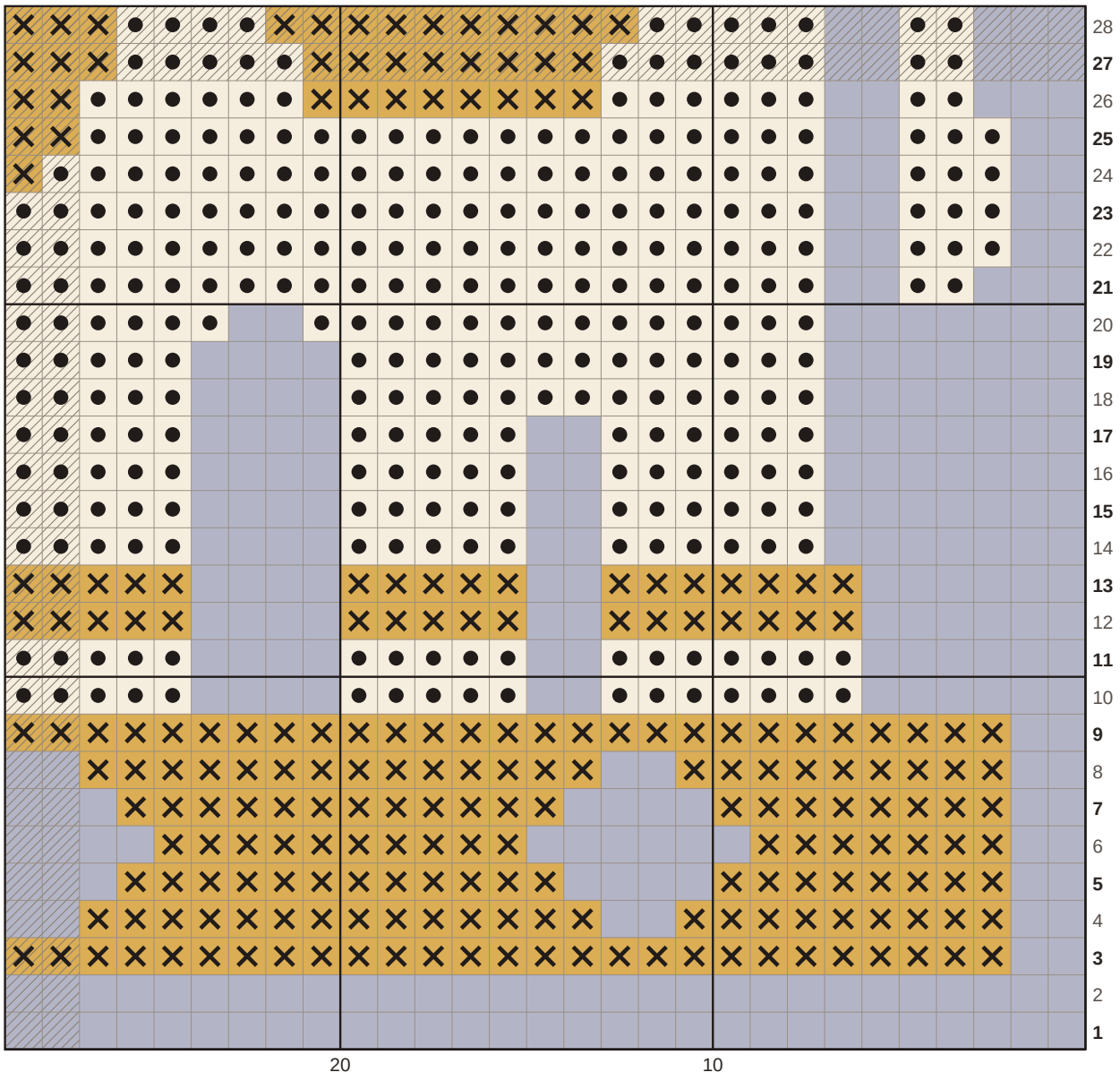

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Graph, sheet 2 of 4

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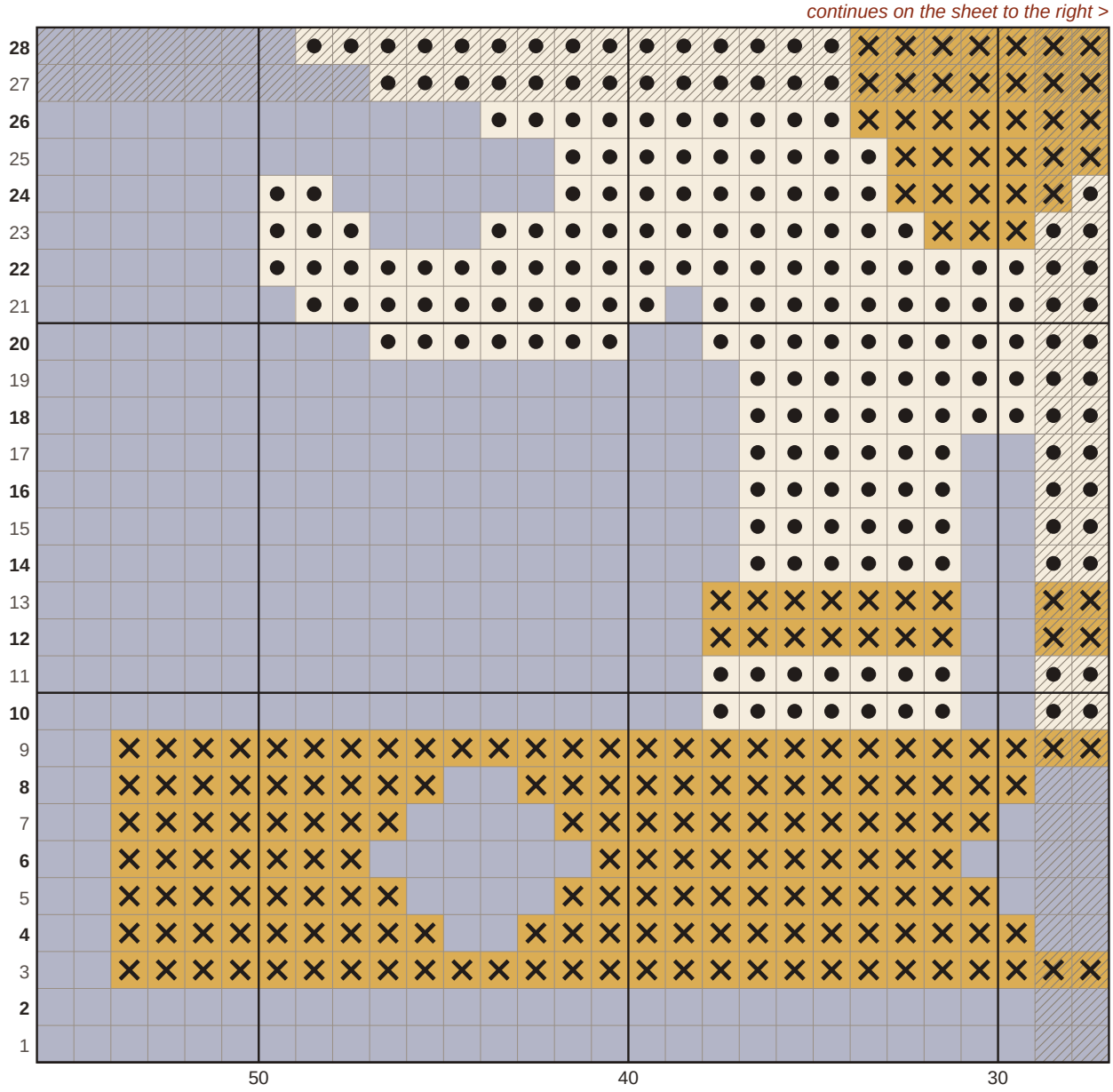

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Graph, sheet 3 of 4

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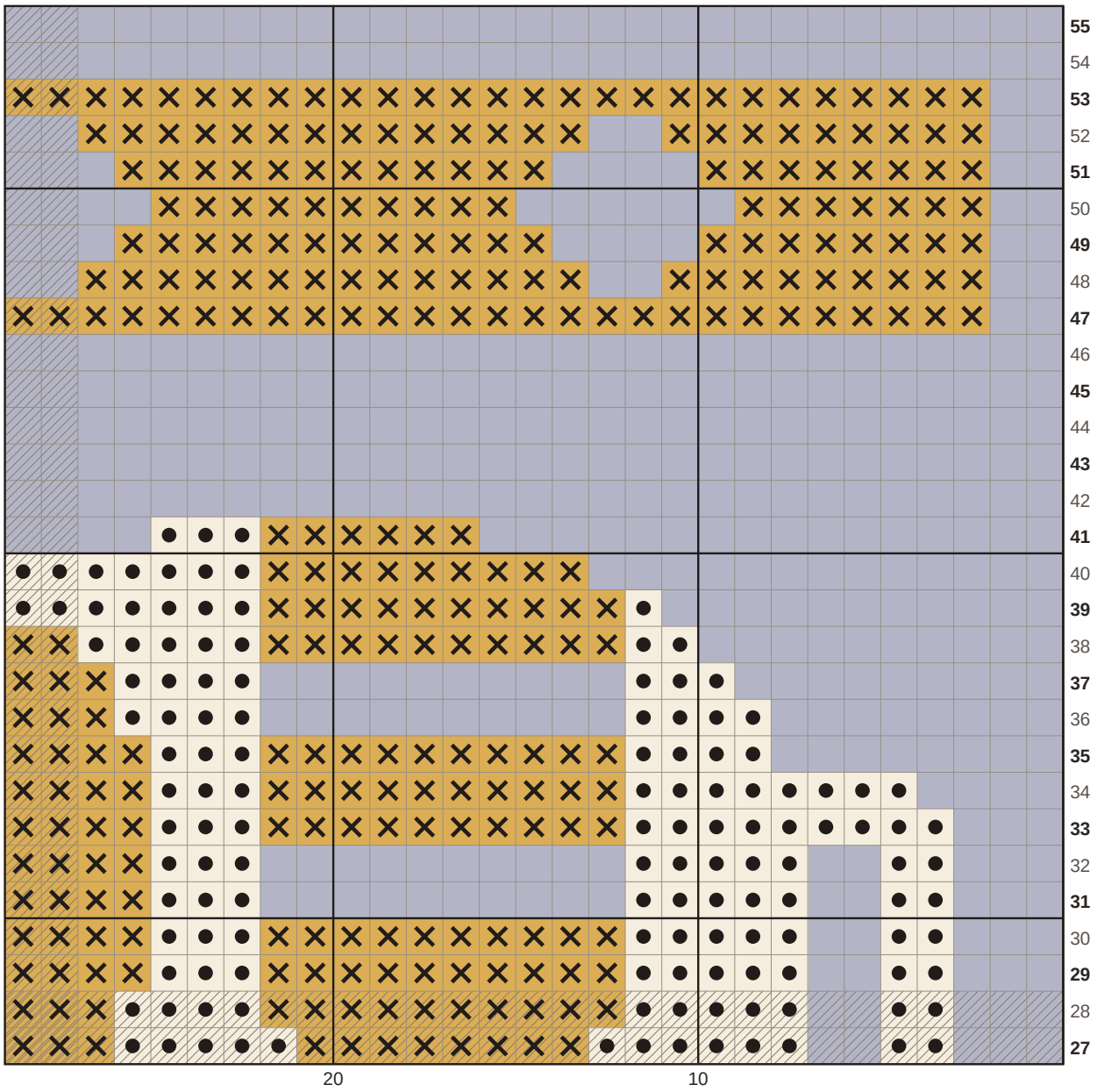

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Graph, sheet 4 of 4

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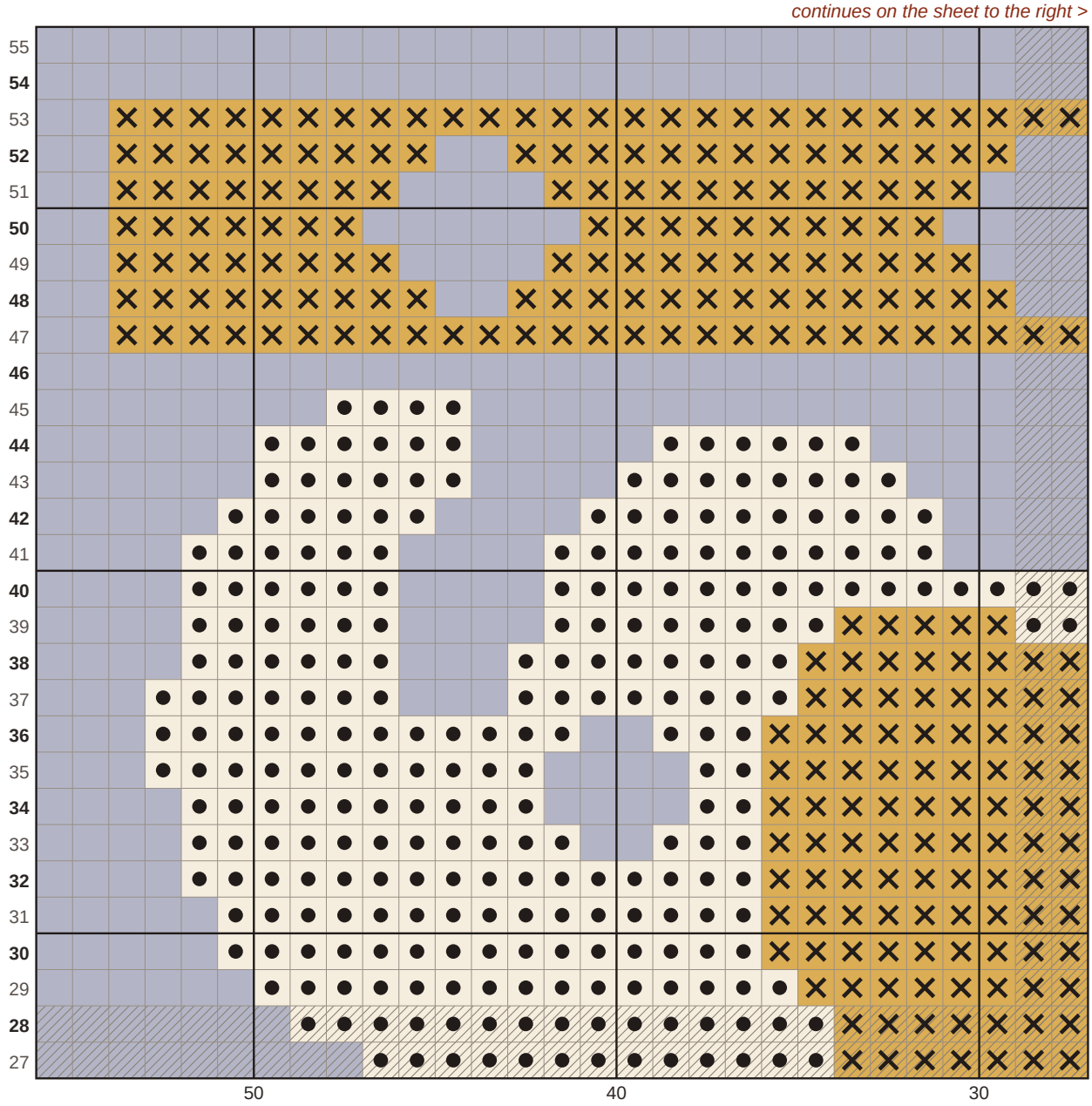

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc).
56 A: one **single crochet** in each of the next 56 stitches, in yarn A. Every row is 56.
After every row: ch 1 (**not a stitch**), turn.
New color: in the **last pull of the stitch before**.
The other yarns lie along the row: **work over them**, edge to edge.
Rows are written in the order you work them. **How to read a graph**
Also: ch chain stitch, sl st slip stitch, st stitch, RS right side, WS wrong side, sk skip.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Panel

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 57. Work row 1 beginning in the 2nd ch from hook.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	56 A
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	56 A
☐ **Row 3**	2 A, 52 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 4**	2 A, 9 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 9 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 5**	2 A, 8 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 8 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 6**	2 A, 7 B, 6 A, 10 B, 6 A, 10 B, 6 A, 7 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 7**	2 A, 8 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 8 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 8**	2 A, 9 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 9 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 9**	2 A, 52 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 10**	18 A, 7 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 7 C, 6 A
☐ **Row 11**	6 A, 7 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 7 C, 18 A
☐ **Row 12**	18 A, 7 B, 2 A, 5 B, 4 A, 5 B, 2 A, 7 B, 6 A

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** The width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 17¼ in (44 cm). If it is wider, the whole picture will be larger: start again with a smaller hook, or keep going and expect a larger piece. If it is narrower, a larger hook. If the chain edge pulls in tighter than the rows, make the foundation chain with a larger hook. The height of the 12 rows worked: about 3¼ in (8 cm). If the rows are taller or shorter than this, the finished piece will be taller or shorter than the size given, in the same proportion.

☐ **Row 13**	6 A, 7 B, 2 A, 5 B, 4 A, 5 B, 2 A, 7 B, 18 A
☐ **Row 14**	19 A, 6 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 6 C, 7 A
☐ **Row 15**	7 A, 6 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 6 C, 19 A
☐ **Row 16**	19 A, 6 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 6 C, 7 A
☐ **Row 17**	7 A, 6 C, 2 A, 5 C, 4 A, 5 C, 2 A, 6 C, 19 A
☐ **Row 18**	19 A, 13 C, 4 A, 13 C, 7 A
☐ **Row 19**	7 A, 13 C, 4 A, 13 C, 19 A
☐ **Row 20**	9 A, 7 C, 2 A, 15 C, 2 A, 14 C, 7 A
☐ **Row 21**	3 A, 2 C, 2 A, 31 C, 1 A, 10 C, 7 A

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☐ **Row 22**	6 A, 43 C, 2 A, 3 C, 2 A
☐ **Row 23**	2 A, 3 C, 2 A, 22 C, 3 B, 12 C, 3 A, 3 C, 6 A
☐ **Row 24**	6 A, 2 C, 6 A, 9 C, 5 B, 21 C, 2 A, 3 C, 2 A
☐ **Row 25**	2 A, 3 C, 2 A, 20 C, 6 B, 9 C, 14 A
☐ **Row 26**	12 A, 10 C, 7 B, 6 C, 8 B, 6 C, 2 A, 2 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 27**	3 A, 2 C, 2 A, 6 C, 8 B, 5 C, 8 B, 13 C, 9 A
☐ **Row 28**	7 A, 15 C, 8 B, 4 C, 10 B, 5 C, 2 A, 2 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 29**	3 A, 2 C, 2 A, 5 C, 10 B, 3 C, 10 B, 15 C, 6 A
☐ **Row 30**	5 A, 15 C, 11 B, 3 C, 10 B, 5 C, 2 A, 2 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 31**	3 A, 2 C, 2 A, 5 C, 10 A, 3 C, 11 B, 15 C, 5 A
☐ **Row 32**	4 A, 16 C, 11 B, 3 C, 10 A, 5 C, 2 A, 2 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 33**	3 A, 9 C, 10 B, 3 C, 11 B, 3 C, 2 A, 11 C, 4 A
☐ **Row 34**	4 A, 10 C, 4 A, 2 C, 11 B, 3 C, 10 B, 8 C, 4 A
☐ **Row 35**	8 A, 4 C, 10 B, 3 C, 11 B, 2 C, 4 A, 11 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 36**	3 A, 12 C, 2 A, 3 C, 10 B, 4 C, 10 A, 4 C, 8 A
☐ **Row 37**	9 A, 3 C, 10 A, 4 C, 9 B, 8 C, 3 A, 7 C, 3 A
☐ **Row 38**	4 A, 6 C, 3 A, 8 C, 8 B, 5 C, 10 B, 2 C, 10 A
☐ **Row 39**	11 A, 1 C, 10 B, 7 C, 5 B, 8 C, 4 A, 6 C, 4 A
☐ **Row 40**	4 A, 6 C, 4 A, 20 C, 9 B, 13 A
☐ **Row 41**	16 A, 6 B, 3 C, 6 A, 11 C, 4 A, 6 C, 4 A
☐ **Row 42**	5 A, 6 C, 4 A, 10 C, 31 A
☐ **Row 43**	32 A, 8 C, 4 A, 6 C, 6 A
☐ **Row 44**	6 A, 6 C, 5 A, 6 C, 33 A
☐ **Row 45**	44 A, 4 C, 8 A
☐ **Row 46**	56 A
☐ **Row 47**	2 A, 52 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 48**	2 A, 9 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 9 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 49**	2 A, 8 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 8 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 50**	2 A, 7 B, 6 A, 10 B, 6 A, 10 B, 6 A, 7 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 51**	2 A, 8 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 12 B, 4 A, 8 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 52**	2 A, 9 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 14 B, 2 A, 9 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 53**	2 A, 52 B, 2 A
☐ **Row 54**	56 A
☐ **Row 55**	56 A
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Border

With the right side facing, the round begins in the corner stitch at the start of the top edge and goes along the last row, down the side, along the foundation edge and up the other side. Row 55 is a right-side row, so that corner stitch is the first stitch you worked in row 55: it is the "first st" of Round 1. The ch 1 does not count as a stitch. A stitch in the end of a row goes into the side of the stitch that ends that row.

The border is one round of 212 single crochet. Each corner is 3 single crochet worked into one place (the first and the last stitch of the last row, the first and the last chain of the foundation edge that hold a stitch of row 1: the turning chain is not counted), and those 3 are the only stitches of that corner: the row end beside each corner is skipped. A row of single crochet is shorter than a stitch is wide, so each side takes 46 stitches in its 53 other row ends and 7 of them are skipped, as Round 1 says: with the row end beside each corner, that is 9 row ends skipped on each side. So: 12 in the four corners, 54 along the top, 54 along the foundation edge and 46 up each side (12 + 54 + 54 + 46 + 46 = 212).

☐ **Start**	A finished panel of 56 sc and 55 rows, RS facing.
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 54 sts, 3 sc in last st, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sk next row end, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 54 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row end, sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sk next row end, sl st in first sc to join. To join A, put a slip knot of it on the hook and work that slip stitch. (212 sc)

> **Stop here, after round 1.** If a side ruffles, work it again with fewer stitches along it; if it pulls in, with more.

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in every end along stitches of its own color.

In all: 55 rows; 3,292 stitches (3,080 in the panel, 212 in the border); 336 color changes, at most 8 in a row; 8 ends to weave in.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns B and C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

Notes

- Each square of the graph is one single crochet. Every row is 56 stitches.
- Row 1 is the bottom row of the graph and is a right-side row. The colors of every row are written in the order you work them. The direction in a row's label says where that row lies on the graph: a right-side row lies on the graph from right to left, a wrong-side row from left to right.
- Ch 1 and turn at the end of every row but the last. The chain 1 does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, work the last yarn-over of the stitch before in the new color.

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- Carry the yarn you are not using along the top of the row below and work over it, so that it is hidden inside the stitches. Carry each yarn across every whole row, edge to edge, from the first row it appears in to the last row it appears in: join it at the start of that first row, and cut it at the end of that last row.
- Work firmly. A carried yarn can show between loose stitches, a dark yarn inside light stitches most of all. If it shows in your swatch, change to a smaller hook and measure again: the piece will then be smaller than the size given.
- Rows 1 to 2 and 54 to 55 have nothing carried inside, so they are a little thinner than the rows between.
- Worked flat only. In joined or spiral rounds the picture slants.
- In a row, "2 A" is 1 single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches with yarn A.
- The border is part of the piece: the first size given is with the border, the second is the panel alone.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin a yarn, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- Left-handed. Worked left-handed, these rows give a mirror image of the picture. To get the picture as drawn, read each row's runs in reverse order.

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