Irish chain quilt afghan

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 43¼ × 60¾ in (110 × 154 cm) with the border: 18 chain blocks and 17 wreath blocks, 5 across by 7 down, each 7¾ in (20 cm) wide and 8 in (20 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Color changes inside the rows, bobbles and sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: white, main color	**about 1,580 yd (1,445 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chain moss, stripe	**about 680 yd (622 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: soft celery, stripe	**about 960 yd (878 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,600 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
Throw (this file)	**43¼ × 60¾ in (110 × 154 cm), 7¾ in (20 cm) wide**	**about 3,220 yd (2,944 m)**
Twin	74 × 92¾ in (188 × 236 cm), 7¾ in (20 cm) wide	about 8,530 yd (7,800 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the first chain block, laid flat: it is 7¾ in (20 cm) wide and 8 in (20 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

- Both blocks are worked in rows of 25 sc. Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row. A patch is 5 stitches wide and 6 rows tall; a block is 5 patches wide and 5 patches tall.
- Chain blocks and wreath blocks: Throw 18 chain blocks and 17 wreath blocks; Twin 50 chain blocks and 49 wreath blocks.
- 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. 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.
- Every yarn runs from edge to edge through the rows that are named for it at the head of a block: lay the yarns not in use along the top of the row below and work over them, so that they lie hidden inside the stitches and are at the edge when the row ends. Do not pull them tight. Join a yarn at the edge of the first row named, with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), laid in under the first stitches (for row 1 along the foundation chain); after the last row named, cut it, leaving a tail of the same length. Yarn A is never cut inside a block.
- The bobbles of a wreath block are worked on wrong side rows and stand out on the right side: push each one through with a fingertip.
- The chart shows the chain block: 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 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.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(25 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. In UK terms: 5 unfinished trebles in one place, drawn together.

Chain block: make 18

Yarns in order of use: B, chain moss; C, soft celery; A, white.

The rows through which each yarn runs: A: rows 1 to 30; B: rows 1 to 30; C: rows 1 to 30.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, with C, sc in next 5 chs, with A, sc in next 5 chs, with C, sc in next 5 chs, with B, sc in next 5 chs	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(25 sc)
	8 9 10 11 12	
☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
	14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(25 sc)
	20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)

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☐ **Rows 26 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
	26 27 28 29 30	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Wreath block: make 17

Yarns in order of use: C, soft celery; A, white.

The rows through which each yarn runs: A: rows 1 to 30; C: rows 1 to 6, rows 25 to 30.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, with A, sc in next 15 chs, with C, sc in next 5 chs	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, bo in next st, sc in next st, bo in next st, sc in next st, bo in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc, 3 bo)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 9 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 11 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 13 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 13 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 13 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 11 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 9 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(23 sc, 2 bo)

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☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, bo in next st, sc in next st, bo in next st, sc in next st, bo in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc, 3 bo)
☐ **Row 25**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 30** 26 27 28 29 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, with C, sc in next 5 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, white; C, soft celery; B, chain moss.

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, 25 sts each: 125 sts. The bottom edge is made of their foundation edges, 25 chs each: 125 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 30 rows of 7 blocks: 210 row ends, along which round 1 works 184 sc. 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 125 sts of the top edge, the 210 row ends of the left edge, the 125 chs of the bottom edge, the 210 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 124 sts, ch 2, **[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row**] 26 times**, sc in end of each of next 2 rows, ch 2, sc in next 125 chs, ch 2, **[**sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sk next row**] 26 times**, sc in end of each of next 2 rows, ch 2; join with sl st in first sc	(618 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 124 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 184 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 125 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 184 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc	(626 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 125 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 186 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 127 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 186 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	(634 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 126 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 188 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 129 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 188 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(642 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 127 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 190 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 131 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 190 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(650 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 128 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 192 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 133 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 192 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(658 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 129 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 194 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 194 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(666 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 130 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 196 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 196 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(674 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 131 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 198 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 198 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(682 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every block.

2. Lay the 35 blocks out, right sides up, every block with row 1 at its lower edge, in 7 rows of 5. Odd rows of blocks begin and end with a chain block; even rows begin and end with a wreath block; in every row the two kinds come in turn. So four rows have 3 chain blocks and 2 wreath blocks, and three rows have 2 chain blocks and 3 wreath blocks.

3. Sew the blocks of each row to each other, 4 seams a row, 28 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, 30 stitches, with a length of A, about 30 in (76 cm) long, for each seam.

4. Sew the 7 rows to each other, 6 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 25 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 30 in (76 cm) long, for each of the 5 pairs of a seam. Fasten every length at both ends.

5. 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: 35 pieces; 216 ends to weave in.

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