Octagon afghan

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 54 in (137 cm) from side to side and 58½ in (149 cm) from corner to corner

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches, puffs and V-stitches in rounds

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7¾ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In dc in rounds.

You will need

Yarn A: denim, main	**about 790 yd (722 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky, stripe	**about 640 yd (585 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**

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)	**54 in (137 cm) from side to side, 58½ in (149 cm)**	**about 1,880 yd (1,719 m)**
Large throw	63¾ in (162 cm) from side to side, 69 in (175 cm)	about 2,620 yd (2,396 m)

Abbreviations

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

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)
FPdc front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times (UK FPtr, front post treble, or raised treble front)

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Rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop to the height of a dc] 4 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 9 loops on hook. In UK terms: a puff stitch to the height of a treble. It leaves 1 stitch for the next round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7¾ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in dc in rounds.

Check it on the afghan itself when 4 rounds are done, laid flat: it is about 4¼ in (11 cm) across from side to side. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. Check again when round 18 is done: it is about 17¼ in (44 cm) across from side to side.

Before you start

- The afghan is worked in joined rounds from the middle outward. The right side faces you all the time; do not turn.
- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round is worked where the joining sl st was made: in round 2 into that st, from round 4 on around the post of that FPdc; only in the last round does the first sc go into the top of it. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- In round 3 every three dc of round 2 become one spoke: 3 FPdc around their posts. The "dc in same st" that follows goes into the top of the third of those dc, the one whose post was worked around last, and is the first stitch between two spokes.
- From round 4 on, every spoke is 3 FPdc, worked around the posts of the 3 FPdc below it. In the rounds of sc, too, the spokes are FPdc: pull them up as tall as a dc. The stitches between two spokes are worked into the tops of the stitches below. Round 4 adds stitches by working 3 dc into the one st between two spokes; every later round that adds stitches works 2 into the first and 2 into the last st between two spokes.
- In the round after the puffs, sc go into the top of each puff and into each ch-1 sp. "sk next st" in the V-stitch rounds is one st on each side of a V; in the second of those rounds the two skipped sts are the 2 dc of the V below.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. Where brackets stand inside brackets, work the inner ones first, as often as their own number says.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.

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Instructions

Chosen: Throw. 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, FPdc is front post treble, or raised treble front, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; C, cream; B, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, 16 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc	**(16 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, dc in same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 8 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 40 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, puff in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, puff in next st**] 2 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 24 puffs, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 56 sc)**

Band in B, sky

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, dc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 3 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 48 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 3 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 48 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 88 dc)**

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Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 14**
With C, ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 104 sc)**

Band in A, denim

☐ **Rnd 15**
With A, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 120 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 16**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 136 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 17**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 152 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 18**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 17 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 168 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 19**
With C, ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, sc in next 21 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 168 sc)

☐ **Rnd 20**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, puff in next st,
[ch 1, sk next st, puff in next st**] 10 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 88 puffs, 80 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 21**
Ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 9 times**,
sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 184 sc)**

Band in B, sky

☐ **Rnd 22**
With B, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 21 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 200 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 23**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 23 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 216 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 24**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 9 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 144 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 25**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts,
[sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 9 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 144 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 26**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st,
[dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next st,
dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 232 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 27**
With C, ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 248 sc)**

Band in A, denim

☐ **Rnd 28**
With A, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 29 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 264 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 29**
Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, dc in next 33 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 264 dc)

☐ **Rnd 30**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 31 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 280 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 31**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 33 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 296 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 32**
With C, ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 312 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 33**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, puff in next st,
[ch 1, sk next st, puff in next st**] 19 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 160 puffs, 152 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 34**
Ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st,
[sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 328 sc)**

Band in B, sky

☐ **Rnd 35**
With B, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 39 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 344 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 36**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 41 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 360 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 37**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 15 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 240 dc, 120 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 38**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts,
[sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 15 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 240 dc, 120 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 39**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st,
[dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st,
dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 376 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 40**
With C, ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, sc in next 47 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 376 sc)

Band in A, denim

☐ **Rnd 41**
With A, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 45 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 392 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 42**
Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, dc in next 49 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 392 dc)

☐ **Rnd 43**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 47 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 408 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 44**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 49 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 424 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 45**
With C, ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, sc in next 53 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 424 sc)

☐ **Rnd 46**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, puff in next st,
[ch 1, sk next st, puff in next st**] 26 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 216 puffs, 208 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 47**
Ch 1,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st,
[sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 25 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 440 sc)**

Band in B, sky

☐ **Rnd 48**
With B, ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 53 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 456 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 49**
Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, dc in next 57 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc
(24 FPdc, 456 dc)

☐ **Rnd 50**
Ch 2,
[FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 19 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first FPdc **(24 FPdc, 304 dc, 152 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 19 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 304 dc, 152 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 17 times**, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 472 dc)**

Band in C, cream

☐ **Rnd 53**	With C, ch 1, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 57 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 488 sc)**

Band in A, denim

☐ **Rnd 54**	With A, ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 59 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 504 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 55**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 61 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 520 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 63 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 536 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 65 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first FPdc	**(24 FPdc, 552 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 58**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 95 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc, 672 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 58 rounds; 34 ends to weave in.

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