Squares and stripes throw

US terms



Finished size
About 44½ in (113 cm) wide and about 53¼ in (135 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 41 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: rust, round 1 of the squares and rows 4 and 5 of the strips	**about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, rounds 2 and 4 of the squares and rows 3 and 6 of the strips	**about 665 yd (608 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: teal, round 3 of the squares and rows 2 and 7 of the strips	**about 380 yd (347 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gray, round 5 of the squares and rows 1 and 8 of the strips	**about 665 yd (608 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the square measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- A strip has 181 stitches: 19 for each of the 9 squares of a column, 1 for each of the 8 places where two squares meet, and 1 for each end. For a longer throw add 20 chains to the foundation of every strip for each square you add to a column, and allow yarn in proportion.
- The right side of a strip is the side that faces you while you work Row 1 and every other row with an odd number. Rows 2 to 8 begin in the last stitch of the row before, which is the first st after the turn. In Rows 2 to 7 the ch 3 stands in the place of a dc in that st, so the next dc goes into the second st, and the last stitch of a row goes into the top of the ch-3 that began the row before, where there is one.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 35½ in (90 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 41½ in (105 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 68 in (173 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 and dc is treble.

Square: make 36

Yarns in order of use: A, rust; B, cream; C, teal; D, gray.

Make 18 as the lines say; for the other 18 read C for A and A for C.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Strip: make 5

Yarns in order of use: D, gray; C, teal; B, cream; A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 182.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 180 chs	**(181 sc)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Row 2**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 180 sts	**(181 dc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Row 8**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 180 sts	**(181 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block every square to the same size, 5¾ in (14.6 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Pin every strip out straight, 51¾ in (131.4 cm) long, as long as 9 blocked squares in a line, and 4 in (10 cm) wide, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends of every square and every strip with the yarn needle.
- Lay the pieces out side by side, right sides up: a strip, a column of 9 squares, a strip, and so on, with a strip at each end, 5 strips and 4 columns in all. The strips stand upright, Row 8 on the left and Row 1 on the right. In every column the squares with a rust center and those with a teal center take turns: the first and the third column from the left have a rust center at the top, the second and the fourth a teal center.
- Join the squares of each column with slip stitch seams in D: hold two squares that lie one above the other with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch and chain-1 space along the side (19 slip stitches), and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both; into a stitch, work under both of its top loops on both squares; into a chain-1 space, work into the space itself on both squares. Fasten off at the end of each seam.
- Join the strips and the columns with one long slip stitch seam in D for each pair: hold a strip and a column with right sides together, the long edge of the strip against the side edge of the column. Begin with 1 slip stitch through the corner space at the end of the column and the first stitch of the strip. Go on with 1 slip stitch through each stitch and chain-1 space of the square and the next stitch of the strip (19), then, where two squares meet, 1 slip stitch through both of their corner spaces together and the next stitch of the strip. End with 1 slip stitch through the last corner space and the last stitch of the strip (181 slip stitches). On the Row 8 edge of a strip work under both top loops of the sc; on the Row 1 edge work into the unused loop of each of the 181 chains that Row 1 was worked in. Fasten off.
- Border, round 1: the two long sides of the throw are strips. With D and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the sc of Row 8 at the upper left corner and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; sc in the same sc and in each of the other 180 sc down the left side, ch 2. Along the lower edge work 14 sc over the end of every strip (1 in the end of each sc row, 2 in the end of each dc row) and 21 sc over every square (1 in the corner space, 1 in every stitch and chain-1 space, 1 in the next corner space), ch 2. Work 1 sc in the unused loop of each of the 181 chains of the foundation up the right side, ch 2; work the upper edge like the lower edge, ch 2; slip stitch in the first sc to join (670 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Border, round 2: join B with a slip stitch in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in the same space; 1 sc in every sc along the edges and (sc, ch 2, sc) in each of the other three corner spaces; slip stitch in the first sc to join (678 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Border, round 3: with D, work like round 2 (686 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 41 pieces; 516 ends to weave in.

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