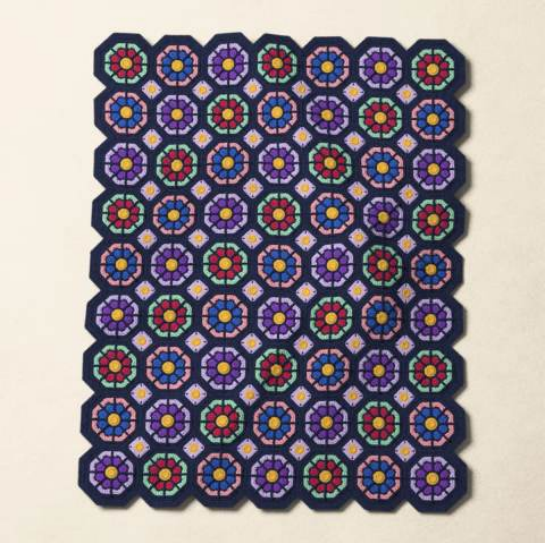
Stained glass flower afghan

US terms



Finished size
About 33½ in (85 cm) wide and about 42¾ in (109 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 111 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Light (3), 8 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: gold, round 1 of the octagons and round 1 of the filler squares	**about 245 yd (224 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ruby, round 3 of the octagons	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: royal blue, some of the octagons	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, some of the octagons	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: mint, round 5 of the octagons	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, some of the octagons	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: lilac, round 2 of the filler squares	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: ink navy, rounds 2, 4, 6 and 7 of the octagons and round 3 of the filler squares	**about 1,485 yd (1,358 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 990 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 4 the octagon measures about 3¼ in (8 cm) across from the middle of a petal to the middle of the petal opposite. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The afghan is 63 octagons and 48 filler squares; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- In Rnd 2 of the octagon the stitches go round in threes: two sc in one dc, then one sc by itself. The two sc carry a petal in Rnd 3; the sc by itself is skipped there and holds the navy line between two petals in Rnd 4.
- An unworked st is a stitch that the round after it skipped. Work a front post stitch in front of the color it crosses, so that it lies on the right side as a raised navy line, and leave the ch-1 sp behind it unworked: the next stitch of the round goes into the next stitch after that space. The FPdtr of Rnd 6 go round the posts of the FPtr of Rnd 4, so that each line runs on from the one between two petals.
- Where a color is joined in the first st, that is the first stitch of the round before: the first sc, or the top of the ch-3 that began it.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 36¾ in (93 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 55 in (140 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 70 in (178 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(16 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPtr (Front post treble crochet; UK FPdtr): Yarn over twice, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times.

FPdtr (Front post double treble crochet; UK FPtrtr): Yarn over 3 times, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 4 times.

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Octagon: make 63

There are three octagons, named for the color of their petals. Rnd 1 is A and Rnds 2, 4, 6 and 7 are H in all of them. The lines say B and E, which is the ruby octagon with mint panes; for the others work Rnd 3 and Rnd 5 in their own colors. Ruby octagon: make 21, Rnd 3 in B (ruby) and Rnd 5 in E (mint). Blue octagon: make 21, Rnd 3 in C (royal blue) and Rnd 5 in F (rose). Violet octagon: make 21, Rnd 3 in D (violet) and Rnd 5 in G (lilac).

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (16 dc) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join H with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (24 sc) Fasten off H.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), tr in same st, (tr, dc) in next st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**(dc, tr) in next st, (tr, dc) in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (16 dc, 16 tr, 8 ch-1 sps) Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join H with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 2, **[**sc in next 4 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (32 sc, 8 FPtr) Fasten off H.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (48 dc, 8 ch-1 sps) Fasten off E.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join H with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, FPdtr around next unworked st of Rnd 4, **[**sc in next 6 sts, FPdtr around next unworked st of Rnd 4**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (48 sc, 8 FPdtr)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (72 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Filler square: make 48

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; G, lilac; H, ink navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (16 dc)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Join G with sl st in any st, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 2, hdc) in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join	(20 hdc, 4 ch-2 sps)

Fasten off G.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join H with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 4 sc in same sp, sc in next 5 sts, **[**4 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Block every octagon to the same size, about 4 5/8 in (11.7 cm) from one flat side to the opposite one, and every filler square to about 2 in (5.1 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every octagon and every filler square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 63 octagons out in 9 rows of 7, right sides up, each with a flat side at the top. Color plan, every row from left to right: Row 1: ruby, blue, violet, ruby, blue, violet, ruby. Row 2: blue, violet, ruby, blue, violet, ruby, blue. Row 3: violet, ruby, blue, violet, ruby, blue, violet. Rows 4 to 6 and rows 7 to 9 are like rows 1 to 3.

4. Corners: round 7 has two stitches with 2 sc in them, side by side, for each corner, and the corner lies between the two. So a side of an octagon is the 9 sc from one corner to the next. A filler square has its corner between the 2nd and the 3rd of the 4 sc in a ch-2 space, and its side is 9 sc too.

5. Join with a single crochet seam in H: hold two octagons that lie side by side with wrong sides together and work 1 sc through both in each of the 9 sc along the side, under both top loops of the stitch on both. Fasten off. The seam stands up as a navy ridge on the right side. Join the octagons of each row side by side first, then join the rows, octagon to octagon.

6. A square hole with four sides of 9 sc is left wherever four octagons meet (48 holes). Set a filler square into each of them, right side up: hold it to one octagon after another with wrong sides together and join its four sides to the four octagons round the hole in the same way, 9 sc to a side, without cutting the yarn between the sides (36 sc). Fasten off.

7. The edge of the afghan has outer corners, where two free sides of one octagon meet, and notches, where the free sides of two octagons meet at a seam.

8. Border, round 1: with H and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the first st after any outer corner and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 2 sc in that st and 1 sc in every st round the afghan, but 2 sc in the first st after every outer corner and, at every notch, the last st before the seam and the first st after it together as one sc2tog; slip stitch in the first sc to join (864 stitches). Do not fasten off.

9. Border, round 2: ch 1, sc in the same sc as the joining, 2 sc in the next sc, then 1 sc in every st, but 2 sc in the second sc of the pair at every outer corner and, at every notch, the st before the sc2tog, the sc2tog and the st after it together as one sc3tog; slip stitch in the first sc to join (872 stitches). Fasten off.

10. sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next st named, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. sc3tog: the same three times, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 111 pieces; 2,840 ends to weave in.

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