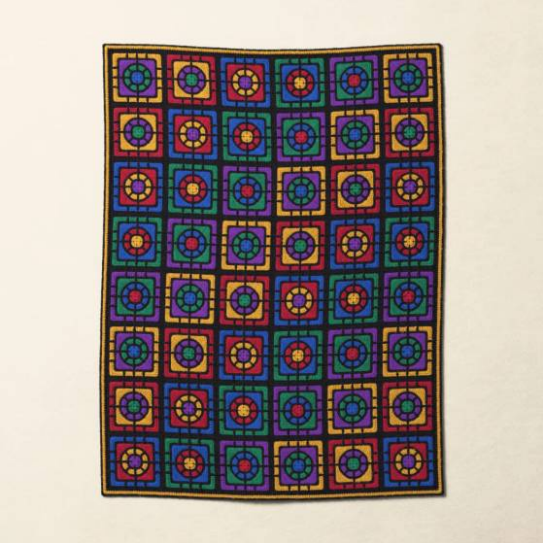
Stained glass blanket

US terms



Finished size
About 41 in (104 cm) wide and about 54 in (137 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 48 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: amber,	**about 305 yd (279 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ruby,	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sapphire,	**about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: emerald,	**about 235 yd (215 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: amethyst,	**about 245 yd (224 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black,	**about 1,120 yd (1,024 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch

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rnd round
RS right side

Special stitches

FPdc (Front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, 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] twice. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next round.

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. It leaves 1 FPtr for the next round.

Gauge

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

After Rnd 4 a square is still round and measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- 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 blanket is 48 squares, 8 rows of 6; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- Each tr of Rnd 2 is worked into the ring in front of a ch-1 sp of Rnd 1, so that it divides two wedges as a black line; leave the space itself unworked.
- 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 black line, and leave the ch-1 sp behind it unworked: the next stitch of the round goes into the next stitch after that space.
- In Rnd 4 the front post stitches go by turns round an sc and round a tr of Rnd 2. In Rnd 5 the corners stand in every second FPtr, those that go round an sc; the FPtr between two corners is skipped, and the FPdc of Rnd 6 goes round its post.
- 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. In Rnd 6 the 3rd st is the middle one of the 5 dtr that begin Rnd 5, and the three other groups of 3 sc fall in the middle dtr of the other corners. In Rnd 7 the 2nd st is the middle one of the 3 sc that begin Rnd 6, and each of the other corners falls in the middle one of its 3 sc.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 36 in (91 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 42 in (107 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 68¾ in (175 cm).

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Instructions

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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Square: make 48

There are five squares, named for the color of their outer jewel round, Rnd 7. The black rounds are F in all of them. The lines say A, B, C and D, which is the emerald square; for the others work the four jewel rounds in these colors. Amber square (make 10): Rnd 1 in C (sapphire), Rnd 3 in D (emerald), Rnd 5 in E (amethyst), Rnd 7 in A (amber). Ruby square (make 10): Rnd 1 in D (emerald), Rnd 3 in E (amethyst), Rnd 5 in A (amber), Rnd 7 in B (ruby). Sapphire square (make 10): Rnd 1 in E (amethyst), Rnd 3 in A (amber), Rnd 5 in B (ruby), Rnd 7 in C (sapphire). Emerald square (make 9): Rnd 1 in A (amber), Rnd 3 in B (ruby), Rnd 5 in C (sapphire), Rnd 7 in D (emerald). Amethyst square (make 9): Rnd 1 in B (ruby), Rnd 3 in C (sapphire), Rnd 5 in D (emerald), Rnd 7 in E (amethyst).

☐ **Foundation**

With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**

Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 1, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(12 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 2**

Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st,
tr in ring, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, tr in ring**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(20 sc, 4 tr)**

Fasten off F.

☐ **Rnd 3**

Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, **[**2 dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 7 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(32 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 4**

Join F 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 F.

☐ **Rnd 5**

Join C with sl st in first FPtr, ch 5 (counts as dtr), 4 dtr in same st, tr in next st,
dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st,
hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st,

> **[**5 dtr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, ch 1,
> sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st**] 3 times**,

sl st in top of ch-5 to join **(20 dtr, 8 tr, 8 dc, 8 hdc, 8 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 6**

Join F with sl st in 3rd st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts,
FPdc around next unworked st of Rnd 4, sc in next 6 sts,

> **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, FPdc around next unworked st of Rnd 4,
> sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**,

sl st in first sc to join **(60 sc, 4 FPdc)**

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Fasten off F.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Join D with sl st in 2nd st, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, tr, 2 dc) in same st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(64 dc, 4 tr, 12 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Join F with sl st in any tr, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 5 sts, **[**3 sc in next tr, sc in next 5 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next unworked st of Rnd 6, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(76 sc, 12 FPtr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

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

3. Lay the 48 squares out in 8 rows of 6, right sides up. Color plan, every row from left to right: Row 1: amber, ruby, sapphire, emerald, amethyst, amber. Row 2: ruby, sapphire, emerald, amethyst, amber, ruby. Row 3: sapphire, emerald, amethyst, amber, ruby, sapphire. Row 4: emerald, amethyst, amber, ruby, sapphire, emerald. Row 5: amethyst, amber, ruby, sapphire, emerald, amethyst. Rows 6, 7 and 8 are like rows 1, 2 and 3. Squares of one color step down from right to left in slanting lines.

4. Join with a single crochet seam in F: hold two squares that lie side by side with wrong sides together. Begin with 1 sc through the middle sc of the 3 sc at the corner of both squares, work 1 sc through both in every stitch along the side (21 sc), under both top loops of the stitch on both squares, and end with 1 sc through the middle sc of the next corner of both (23 sc in all). The seam stands up as a black ridge on the right side. Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

5. Border, round 1: with F and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the middle sc of any corner of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in that stitch and in the middle sc of each of the other three corners of the blanket, 1 sc in every stitch along the edges and 1 sc in each of the two corner stitches that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first sc to join (648 sc). Fasten off.

6. Border, round 2: join A with a slip stitch in the middle sc of any corner, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sc, 1 sc in every sc along the edges and 3 sc in the middle sc of each of the other three corners; slip stitch in the first sc to join (656 sc). Fasten off.

7. Border, round 3: with F, work like round 2 (664 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 48 pieces; 868 ends to weave in.

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