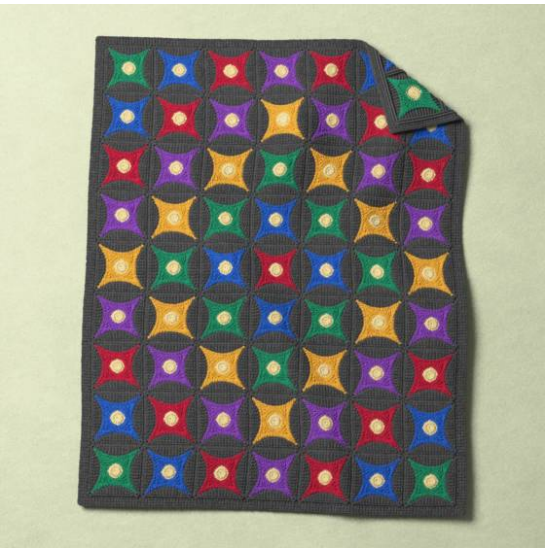
Stained glass window afghan

US terms



Finished size
About 34¾ in (88 cm) wide and about 44 in (112 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 63 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: candlelight, round 1	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ruby, some of the squares	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sapphire, some of the squares	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: emerald, some of the squares	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: amber, some of the squares	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: amethyst, some of the squares	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: charcoal, round 4	**about 850 yd (777 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 940 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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.

Gauge

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

After Rnd 1 a square is still a circle and measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook. After Rnd 2 it has four points: it then measures about 3½ in (9 cm) from the tip of one point to the tip of the opposite point, and about 2 in (5 cm) from the sc in the middle of one side to the sc in the middle of the opposite side.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- 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 squares, 9 rows of 7; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- Rnd 2 begins in what will be a corner, and Rnd 3 begins in the first tr of that corner: the next st is the dtr. In Rnd 4 the 5th st is the middle one of the first 5 dtr of Rnd 3, counting the ch 4 that began Rnd 3 as the 1st st; the other three corners fall in the middle one of their 5 dtr, and 13 stitches lie between two corners.
- Block each square with its four corners pulled out: the sides of Rnd 4 come out straight, and the jewel inside keeps its long points.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 29½ in (75 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 34¼ in (87 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 56¼ in (143 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), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 tr in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 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**.

Square: make 63

There are five squares, named for their jewel color. Rnd 1 is A and Rnd 4 is G in all of them. The lines say B, which is the ruby square; for the others work Rnds 2 and 3 in their own color. Ruby square: make 13, Rnds 2 and 3 in B. Sapphire square: make 12, Rnds 2 and 3 in C. Emerald square: make 12, Rnds 2 and 3 in D. Amber square: make 12, Rnds 2 and 3 in E. Amethyst square: make 14, Rnds 2 and 3 in F.

☐ **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 B with sl st in any st, ch 4 (counts as tr), (dtr, tr) in same st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, **[**(tr, dtr, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join (8 tr, 4 dtr, 8 dc, 8 hdc, 4 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in same st, 5 dtr in next st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next st, **[**2 tr in next st, 5 dtr in next st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join (16 tr, 20 dtr, 8 dc, 12 hdc)
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join G with sl st in 5th st, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 5 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 5 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 hdc, 8 dc, 16 tr, 20 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 4¾ in (12.1 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

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

3. Lay the 63 squares out in 9 rows of 7, right sides up. Color plan, every row from left to right: Row 1: emerald, sapphire, ruby, amethyst, ruby, sapphire, emerald. Row 2: sapphire, ruby, amethyst, amber, amethyst, ruby, sapphire. Row 3: ruby, amethyst, amber, emerald, amber, amethyst, ruby. Row 4: amethyst, amber, emerald, sapphire, emerald, amber, amethyst. Row 5: amber, emerald, sapphire, ruby, sapphire, emerald, amber. Rows 6, 7, 8 and 9 are like rows 4, 3, 2 and 1. The colors make diamonds round the ruby square in the middle.

4. Join with a slip stitch seam in G: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the ch-2 space at the corner of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch along the side (15 slip stitches), under both top loops of the stitch on both squares, and end with 1 slip stitch in the next ch-2 space of both. 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. Wherever two squares meet, their two charcoal arcs make one whole petal.

5. Border, round 1: with G and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the ch-2 space at any corner of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in that space and in the space at 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 ch-2 spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first sc to join (548 sc).

6. Border, rounds 2 and 3: slip stitch in the next sc, which is the middle sc of the 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 (556 sc, then 564 sc). Fasten off after round 3.

Finishing

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

In all: 63 pieces; 504 ends to weave in.

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