Star stitch throw

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 42½ × 51 in (108 × 130 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 37¾ × 46½ in (96 × 118 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Stripes, a special stitch, a border

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
12 mm

Gauge
7 stitches and 5 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In star stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty violet, main **about 650 yd (594 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast **about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Hook: 12 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and 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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece. That is the yarn for all the colors together: divide it among them as the estimates are divided.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**42½ × 51 in (108 × 130 cm)**	**about 1,150 yd (1,052 m)**
Large	50½ × 64 in (128 × 163 cm)	about 1,700 yd (1,554 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 (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)
rnd round

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RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

begstar (beginning star): Insert hook in the 2nd ch from hook, yo, pull up a loop; pull up a loop in the same way in the 3rd ch from hook, in the st the ch stands on, and in each of the next 2 sts (6 loops on hook); yo, pull through all 6 loops, ch 1 to close. This ch is the eye of the star, and the star is 1 st. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

star: Pull up a loop (insert hook, yo, pull through) in each of these 5 places: the eye of the star just made; the side of its last leg, under 2 strands; the st that leg stands in; the next st; the st after it (6 loops on hook); yo, pull through all 6 loops, ch 1 to close. This ch is the eye of the star, and the star is 1 st. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

Gauge

7 stitches and 5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in star stitch.

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 4.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¾ in (17 cm) wide and 6½ in (17 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 14.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(12 hdc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; begstar over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, dc in last st	**(2 dc, 1 begstar, 4 stars)**
Swatch row 4	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in top of turning ch	**(12 hdc)**
Swatch rows 5 to 8	Repeat swatch rows 3 and 4 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 4, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.	

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of the bracketed group, and 2 more stitches to a row that has no brackets. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. It stands on the first st of the row below; the next st is the second. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("2 hdc in next st") are all worked into that one place.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Do not cut a yarn that rests: carry it loosely up the edge to where its next row begins. Cut each yarn when its last row is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).

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- The eye of a star is the small hole its closing ch makes. Work both hdc of the next row into it, under the ch.
- Pull every loop of a star up as tall as the ch 3 at the start of the row, so that the star opens, and keep the 6 loops even.
- In a row of stars the ch 3 counts as a dc, and 2 of its chs hold loops of the beginning star. Its top is the ch nearest the first star, the last of the 3 you made.
- Count the stitches of the gauge along a row of hdc, and the rows over rows of stars and rows of hdc together.
- In UK terms the stars have the same names.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Rnd 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge the 2 chs skipped at the start of row 1 are not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After rnd 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.
- Where a round names a new yarn, change to it in the slip stitch that joins the round before, and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Throw

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty violet; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 68.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(66 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(66 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; begstar over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 31 times**, dc in last st	**(2 dc, 1 begstar, 31 stars)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 32 times**, hdc in top of turning ch	**(66 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after row 4. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 37¾ in (96 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; begstar over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 31 times**, dc in last st	**(2 dc, 1 begstar, 31 stars)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 32 times**, hdc in top of turning ch	**(66 hdc)**

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☐	**Rows 7 to 58**	Repeat rows 3 to 6 in order, over and over. The last row, row 58, is worked as row 6.

A box for each row, 7 to 58: tick them off as you go.

7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58						

☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty violet; B, white.

☐	**Foundation**	Right side facing and row 58 at the top, join A with sl st in the stitch that ends row 58, at the top right corner.
☐	**Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 64 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 2 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 19 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 64 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 2 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 19 times**, sc in end of next row, sl st in first sc to join **(294 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 2 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 66 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 79 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 66 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 78 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(302 hdc)**
☐	**Rnd 3 (RS)**	With B, ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 68 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 81 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 68 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 79 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(310 hdc)**
☐	**Rnd 4 (RS)**	With A, ch 2, hdc in next 3 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 70 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 83 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 70 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 80 sts, sl st in first hdc to join **(318 hdc)**
☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 10 ends to weave in.

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