Swirl hexagon afghan

US terms



Finished size
About 39 in (99 cm) wide and about 52¼ in (133 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 58 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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: raspberry, round 3 of the hexagons	**about 465 yd (425 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: marigold, rounds 2 and 5 of the hexagons	**about 405 yd (370 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: teal, rounds 1 and 4 of the hexagons	**about 460 yd (421 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: warm cream, round 6 of the hexagons and the half hexagons	**about 670 yd (613 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,000 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, 3 stitch markers 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 each side of the hexagon measures about 2 in (5 cm) from one ch-1 corner to the next. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- 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.
- The half hexagon is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Join with sl st means: insert the hook in the stitch named, pull up a loop of the new yarn and make a slip stitch there; the chain that follows is worked in that same stitch. This is done only in Rnd 6 of the hexagon, with D; how A, B and C begin, and how you change from one to another in Rnds 1 to 5, is told in the notes that follow.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- HEXAGON. All three colors are worked into one ring. A begins it. For B and C make a slip knot of the new yarn on the hook, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and work the first sc straight into the ring.
- Live loops: in Rnds 1 to 4, when a color has worked its part and another comes next, do not cut it: take the hook out, draw the loop up to about 3 in (8 cm) so that it cannot run, and hang a stitch marker in it. In Rnds 2 to 5 the words With C, With A and so on mean: put the hook back in the loop of that color, draw it down to the height of the stitch to come and go on. No chain is worked; the loop itself carries the yarn up. Draw the ring closed after Rnd 1.
- A round goes once over all three colors. Its first color is always the one the round before ended with, so leave the hook in its loop and go straight on with it. In Rnds 2 to 5 every color works on the stitches of the color ahead of it, never on its own: in Rnd 2, C on those of A, A on those of B and B on those of C.
- Rnds 1 to 5 are not joined. Rnd 2 begins with C in the sc of A; the first dc of every color there lies over the sc of the color ahead.
- In Rnd 5 every color begins with tr, which stand beside the last stitches of that color in Rnd 4, and ends with sc, so that its end slopes down and the hexagon has straight sides. When a color has worked its part of Rnd 5, cut its yarn and draw the end through the loop: all three are fastened off in this way, B last.
- Rnd 6 is worked with D alone over all three colors. It begins in the first tr of C in Rnd 5 and takes every stitch and every ch-1 sp of Rnd 5.
- HALF HEXAGON. It is worked in D throughout. The right side is the side that faces you in Row 1. The ch 4 at the start of a row (ch 3 in Row 6) stands for the first stitch and a ch-1 sp; the last stitch of the next row is worked in its 3rd chain, after a ch 1, and the stitch before that ch 1 in its ch-1 sp. In Row 6 the last hdc is worked in the 3rd chain of the ch 4 of Row 5.

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.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(3 sc, 3 hdc, 3 dc, 3 tr): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Hexagon: make 50

Yarns in order of use: A, raspberry; C, teal; B, marigold; D, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, With B, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, With C, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, do not join. Pull the tail to close the ring. (3 sc, 3 hdc, 3 dc, 3 tr)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	With C, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, With A, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, With B, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, do not join (24 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, With C, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, With A, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, do not join (36 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, With B, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, With C, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, do not join (48 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, With A, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, With B, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, do not join (6 tr, 27 dc, 6 ch-1 sps, 18 hdc, 9 sc) Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join D with sl st in first tr, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next 5 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-2 to join (72 hdc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Half hexagon: make 8

Yarn D, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**2 dc in ring, ch 1**] 3 times**, dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. (8 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), turn, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, [(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts] twice, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next st (14 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), turn, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts, [(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 4 sts] twice, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next st (20 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), turn, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts, [(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 6 sts] twice, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next st (26 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), turn, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 8 sts, [(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 8 sts] twice, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next st (32 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as hdc and ch-1), turn, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 10 sts, [(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 10 sts] twice, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, hdc in next st (38 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Block every hexagon to the same size, about 6¼ in (15.9 cm) from one side to the opposite side, and every half hexagon so that its long edge is about 7¼ in (18.4 cm) long and its three other sides about 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) each: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every hexagon and half hexagon with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the pieces out in 9 rows, right sides up, the hexagons with a corner at the top and an upright side at the left and the right. Rows 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 have 6 hexagons. Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8 have 5 hexagons with a half hexagon at each end, its long straight edge on the outside, so that the two side edges of the afghan are straight. The hexagons may be turned any way: the swirl looks alike from three sides.

4. Join with slip stitch seams in D. Hold two pieces that lie side by side with right sides together: begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner ch-1 space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in each of the 12 hdc of the side, under both top loops on both pieces, and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner ch-1 space of both (14 slip stitches a side). The 3 short sides of a half hexagon have 12 hdc each between its 4 ch-1 spaces; the hdc outside its first and last ch-1 space belong to the long edge. First join the pieces of each row by their upright sides (49 seams), and fasten off at the end of each. Then join the rows to each other with one zigzag seam each (8 seams of 12 sides): begin at one end, join one side as before, turn at the corner and go straight on along the next side, beginning it with 1 slip stitch in its own two corner spaces, to the other end. Fasten off.

5. Border, round 1: the edge of the afghan has 34 free sides of 12 hdc and 8 long edges of half hexagons. 16 corners stand out: the 12 points and the 4 outer corners at the ends of rows 1 and 9. There are 10 dips, where the corner spaces of two hexagons meet, and 16 places on the two straight side edges where the corner of a hexagon meets the end of a half hexagon. With D and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the ch-1 space at the top of the first hexagon of row 1 and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work 3 sc in every corner that stands out, 1 sc in each hdc of the free sides and 1 sc in the ch-1 space of the hexagon at each of the 16 places; along the long edge of a half hexagon work 25 sc: 2 in the end of each of 6 rows, 1 in the ring and 2 in the end of each of 6 rows. Draw the two spaces of every dip together: insert the hook in the first space and pull up a loop, insert it in the second space and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops, which counts as 1 sc. Slip stitch in the first sc to join (682 sc). Fasten off.

6. Border, round 2: join C with a slip stitch in the middle sc of the 3 sc at any corner that stands out, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sc; work 3 sc in the middle sc of each of the other 15 corners that stand out and 1 sc in each of the remaining sc, skipping none; at every dip draw 3 sc together, the one before the dip, the one in the dip and the one after it: [insert the hook in the next sc and pull up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops, which counts as 1 sc. Slip stitch in the first sc to join (694 sc). Fasten off.

7. Border, round 3: with A, work as round 2 (706 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 58 pieces; 742 ends to weave in.

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