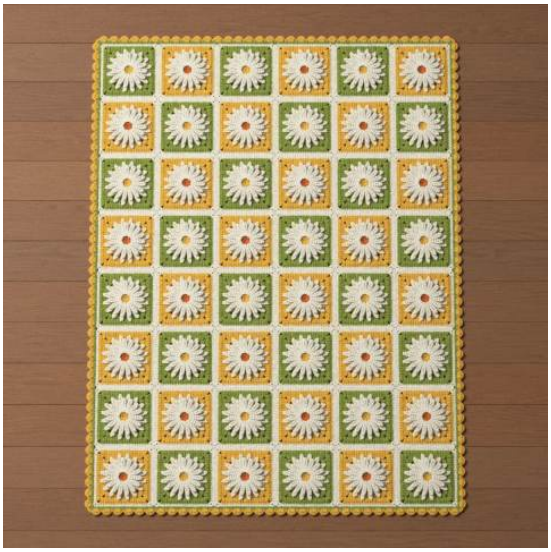
Vintage daisy afghan

US terms



Finished size
About 39½ in (100 cm) wide and about 52 in (132 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 96 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

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: avocado green, rounds 1 to 5 of the squares	**about 760 yd (695 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: harvest gold, round 1 of the daisys	**about 895 yd (818 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 6 of the squares and rounds 2 and 3 of the daisys	**about 1,080 yd (988 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: burnt orange, some of the daisys	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,400 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 round 3 the square measures about 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) across from one side to the opposite side. 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them, and in Rnds 2 and 3 of the daisy the chain loops, each a petal; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- SQUARE. Rnds 2 to 5 begin in a corner space, and so the stitches between the joining and that space are slip stitched across: 2 dc at the start of Rnd 2, 1 dc at the start of Rnds 3, 4 and 5. The last side of a round is worked into those same stitches, over the slip stitches: in Rnd 2 its last 3 dc go into the top of the ch 3 and the 2 dc after it; in Rnds 3 to 5 its last 2 dc go into the top of the ch 3 and the dc after it.
- DAISY. The ch 3 at the start of Rnd 1 only lifts the yarn to the height of the first puff; the round is joined in the top of that puff.
- Rnd 2 is the back layer: 16 long petals, each a loop of 15 chains, two on the top of every puff. A slip stitch from one puff to the next has no chain before it.
- Rnd 3 is the front layer: 16 short petals, each a loop of 11 chains, worked in front of the petals of Rnd 2, which are held to the back. It goes round in the ch-1 sps of Rnd 1, between the puffs: one petal begins and ends in the same ch-1 sp and the next one crosses over a puff to the next ch-1 sp.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted.

Square: make 48

Make 48: 24 with Rnds 1 to 5 in A, as the lines say, and 24 with Rnds 1 to 5 in B. Rnd 6 is in C in all of them.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 7 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 11 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 19 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Daisy: make 48

Make 48: 24 with Rnd 1 in B, as the lines say, and 24 with Rnd 1 in D. Rnds 2 and 3 are in C in all of them.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (does not count as a st), **[**puff in ring, ch 1**] 8 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first puff to join	(8 puffs, 8 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join C with sl st in any puff, ch 15, sl st in same st, ch 15, sl st in same st, **[**sl st in next puff, ch 15, sl st in same st, ch 15, sl st in same st**] 7 times**	(16 ch-15 loops)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp of Rnd 1, ch 11, sl st in same sp, **[**ch 11, sl st in next ch-1 sp of Rnd 1, ch 11, sl st in same sp**] 7 times**, ch 11, sl st in first sl st to join	(16 ch-11 loops)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 50 in (127 cm) tail for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 6¼ in (15.9 cm) from one side to the opposite side: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry. The daisies are not blocked.

2. Weave in the ends with the yarn needle: all the ends of every square; of every daisy, on its back, the ends of Rnds 1 and 2 and the end at the start of Rnd 3. The long tail at the end of Rnd 3 stays for sewing.

3. Daisies: sew one to every square before you join any, the daisies with a center in B to the squares in A, the daisies with a center in D to the squares in B. Lay the daisy on the square, both right sides up, the center of the daisy on the center of the square. With the tail of the daisy, work a ring of backstitch through the daisy and the square round the outside of the center, through the slip stitches at the foot of the petals; then fasten each of the 16 long petals to the

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square with one small stitch over its tip, running the tail along the back of the square from one petal to the next. Fasten off on the back of the square and weave in what is left of the tail there. The short petals are left free.

4. Lay the 48 squares out in 8 rows of 6, right sides up, the two colors by turns like a checkerboard.

5. Join with a slip stitch seam in C: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in each of the 21 sc along the side, under both top loops on both squares, and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both (23 slip stitches a 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.

6. Border, round 1: with A and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the afghan and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 5 sc in each of the four corner spaces of the afghan and, along the edges, 1 sc in each of the 21 sc of every square and 1 sc in every seam, between the two corner spaces that meet there; slip stitch in the first sc to join. Between the corners there are 131 sc on each short edge and 175 sc on each long edge (632 sc in all). Fasten off.

7. Border, round 2 (shells): join B with a slip stitch in the 3rd of the 5 sc at any corner and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; sc in the same sc, * [sk the next sc, 5 dc in the next sc, sk the next sc, sc in the next sc] 33 times on a short edge or 44 times on a long edge, sk the next sc, 5 dc in the next sc, sk the next sc, sc in the 3rd of the 5 sc at the corner; repeat from * for the other three edges, leaving out the last sc; slip stitch in the first sc to join (34 shells on each short edge and 45 on each long edge, 158 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 96 pieces; 584 ends to weave in.

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