



BRAIDED STRIPE BLANKET

Pattern: M23271 RNBB

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- LION BRAND® RE-SPUN BONUS BUNDLE® (Art. #126)
- #102 Blush 2 balls (A)
- #099 Parchment 2 balls (B)
- #110 Deep Denim 2 balls (C)
- #158 Cornsilk 2 balls (D)
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle
- Crochet hook size M-13 (9 mm)

SIZING:

About 42 x 54 in. (106.5 x 137 cm), not including fringe

ABBREVIATIONS:

ch = chain
hdc = half double crochet
rep = rep
rnd(s) = round(s)
RS = right side
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side

GAUGE:

22 sts + 16 rows = about 7 in. (18 cm) over pattern in Rows 2 and 3 and with 2 strands of yarn held together.
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

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NOTES:

1. Blanket is worked back and forth in rows, with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.
2. Yarn color is changed at the end of every row, following Stripe Sequence. Only 1 strand of the 2 strand color combination is changed at a time. To change yarn color, work to last yarn over of old color combination. Drop the 1 strand of old yarn color combination. Leaving a long tail to weave in later, hold the strand of new color together with the remaining strand and yarn over. Draw new color combination through loop on hook to complete st. Cut the strand of old yarn color.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

bkwd-sc (backwards single crochet)

Holding working yarn to front, insert hook from *back* to *front* in indicated st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Fsc (Foundation single crochet)

1. Ch 2 (counts as first Fsc), insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").
2. * Insert hook into the "chain" of the stitch just made and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"); repeat from * the total number of times indicated.

Hsc (Herringbone single crochet)

Herringbone single crochet (Hsc) stitches are worked slightly differently on RS rows than on WS rows. This creates a strong Herringbone look on the RS while the WS looks similar to rows of standard sc or hdc.

Worked on RS Keep working yarn at back of work when inserting hook. Insert hook from right to left in vertical strand at leading

edge of st just made, insert hook from front to back into next st or ch and pull up a loop to height of previous st, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Worked on WS Keep working yarn at front of work when inserting hook. Take hook to back of work and insert hook from right to left in vertical strand at leading edge of st just made, insert hook from back to front into next st and pull up a loop to height of previous st, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

Work 1 row each holding 1 strand of each of 2 yarn colors together: * A and A, A and B, A and C, A and D, B and A, B and B, B and C, B and D, C and A, C and B, C and C, C and D, D and A, D and B, D and C, D and D; rep from * for Stripe Sequence.

TIP

You'll have a lot of yarn ends to weave in on this project! We suggest that you weave the ends in as you work.

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Row 1: With 2 strands of A held together, Fsc 130.

Row 2 (RS): With 1 strand each of A and B held together, ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, Hsc in each st across.

Row 3 (WS): With 1 strand each of A and C held together, ch 1, turn, bkwd-sc in first st, Hsc in each st across.

Rows 4-128: Rep Rows 2 and 3 and continue to change yarn colors following Stripe Sequence until a total of 128 rows have been worked (a total of 8 repeats of the 16-row Stripe Sequence).

At the end of Row 128, fasten off.

Border

From RS, join 1 strand each of B and C held together with a sl st anywhere along outside edge of Blanket.

Rnd 1 (RS): With 1 strand each of B and C held together, work Hsc evenly spaced all the way around outside edge of Blanket, working 2 Hsc in each corner. Change to 1 strand each A and C in last st; join with sl st in first st.

NOTE

Take care to work the same number of sts along each long edge and the same number of sts along each short edge. We worked 135 Hsc along each long edge and 130 Hsc along each short edge.

Rnd 2: With 1 strand each of A and C held together, ch 1, Hsc in same st as joining, Hsc in each st around, working 2 Hsc in space between 2 Hsc at each corner; join with sl st in first st.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Fringe

For each fringe, cut 2 strands of each yarn color, about 8 in. (20.5 cm) long for 8 strands total.

Hold the 8 strands together and fold in half. With hook, draw fold through sts of Blanket, forming a loop. Pull ends of fringe through this loop. Pull to tighten.

Working along one long edge of Blanket, make a fringe in every other st and in the space between the 2 Hsc at each corner. Rep along other long edge of Blanket. Trim fringe ends evenly.

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