CURMUDGEON 9" AFGHAN BLOCK

(with 12" block option)

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Supplies

Vanna's Choice or worsted yarn
Color A: toffee 10 g
Color B: purple 10 g
Color C: rust 8 g
Color D: dusty green 8 g

Hook: US H or I (5.0 to 5.5 mm)
Yarn Needle

Stitches

CL/Cluster: Work each of 3 dc in stitches indicated, partially to their last loop only, yo, draw through all 4 loops

Beg CL/Beginning Cluster: Join with a sl st, ch 3, in sts indicated, work 2 dc to their last loops only, yo, draw through all 3 loops

V-st: (dc, ch 1, dc) in same st

Beg V-st: Join with a sl st, ch 4 (acts as dc and ch 1), then dc in same st

Instructions

RND 1: Start with Color A, and make an adjustable loop, ch 6 (as trc and ch 2), (trc, ch-2) 9 times, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-6, tighten adjustable loop. (Alternately, ch 5, sl st to make circle, and follow instructions in adjustable loop, working in circle). (10 trc, 10 ch-2 sp)

RND 2: Beg CL started in same st as join, with its second dc worked in next ch-2 sp, and third dc worked in next trc, ch 5, (CL from same trc that the first CL ended in, to ch-2 sp, to next trc, ch 5) 9 times—(each CL goes from trc to ch-2, to trc); sl st in top of Beg CL. Fasten off Color A. (10 CL, 10 ch-5 sp)

RND 3: Join Color B with a sc in any closing ch of any CL, 7 sc in next ch-5 sp, (sc in next closing ch of a CL, 7 sc in next ch-5 sp) 9 times, sl st in beg sc. Fasten off Color B. (80 sc)

RND 4: Join Color C with a sc in middle sc of any 7 sc group, [ch 3, sk 3 st, hdc in closing ch sc of next CL, ch 3, sk 3 st, sc in middle sc of next 7 sc group] 10 times, ending at * on final rep, sl st in beg sc, or fasten with invisible join. Fasten off Color C. (10 hdc, 10 sc, 20 ch-3 sp)

RND 5: Join Color D with a sc in any ch-3 sp, 3 sc in same sp, 4 sc in each ch-3 sp around, sl st in beg sc. (80 sc)

RND 6: (note: corners are worked over 2 st) Continue with Color D, ch 4 (as trc), [trc in next st, dc in next 2 st, hdc in next 3 st, sc in next 2 st, sc2tog over next 2 st, sc in next 2 st, hdc in next 3 st, dc in next 2 st, trc in next st, 2 trc in next st, ch 3 as corner*, 2 trc in next st] 4 times, working to * only on last rep, trc in same st as join, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off Color D. (84 st, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 7: Join Color C with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, (Beg V-st, ch 3, V-st) in same sp, [sk st, (V-st in next st, sk 2 st) 6 times, V- st in next st, sk st*, corner as (V-st, ch 3, V-st) in ch-3 sp] 4 times, work last rep to * only, sl st in 3rd ch of Beg V-st. Fasten off Color C. (36 V-st, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 8: Join Color A with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, (ch 2 as hdc, hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in same sp, [hdc in first dc of next V-st only, (2 hdc in each ch-1 sp of each V-st) 9 times, hdc in second dc of last side V-st only, corner as (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in ch-3 sp] 4 times, omit corner on last rep, sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off Color A. (96 hdc, 4 ch-2 sp)

RND 9: (BLO if desired) Join Color B with a sc in any ch 2 sp, 2 more sc in same sp, sc in each hdc, 3 sc in each corner ch-3 sp around, sl st in beg sc. Fasten off Color B. (108 sc)

Option for sizing. If your block is big enough, you are done. If you need less than 3/4 of an inch, work a round of sc. If you need an inch or more, work a round of hdc or dc.

Weave in ends and enjoy!

12" Block Option

Work to RND 8 as for 9" Block.

RND 9: Join Color B with a sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, (Beg V-st, ch 3, V-st) in same sp, [sk 2 st, (V-st in next st, sk 1 st) x 11*, corner as (V-st, ch 3, V-st) in ch-3 sp] 4 times, working to * only on last rep, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off Color B. (52 V-st, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 10: Join Color C with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 2 (as hdc), [2 hdc in each V-st ch-1 sp, corner as (2 hdc, ch 2*, 2 hdc) in ch-2 sp] 4 times, working to * only on last rep, 1 hdc in same sp as join, sl st in beg ch-2. Fasten off Color C. (120 hdc, 4 ch-2 sp)

RND 11: Join Color A with a sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, (Beg V-st, ch 3, V-st) in same sp, [sk 2 st, (V st in next st, sk 1 st) x 14*, corner as (V-st, ch 3, V-st) in ch-2 sp] 4 times, working to * only on last rep, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off Color A. (64 V-st, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 12: Join Color C with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 2 (as hdc), [2 hdc in each V-st ch-1 sp, corner as (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in ch-2 sp] 4 times, working to * only on last rep, 1 hdc in same sp as join, sl st in beg ch-2. Fasten off Color C. (144 hdc, 4 ch-2 sp)

Sc a final round if needed for size.