

# DOG DAYS AFGHAN 9"/12" BLOCK



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With hexagon interpretation by Megan Speakes (reddoormeg)



## MATERIALS

Vanna's Choice or other heavy worsted/aran weight yarn

As shown A—Sweet Pea 25-27 yd  
B—Blue Bell 25 yd  
C—Purple 15-18 yd  
Crochet Hook—5.5 mm (US I), tapestry needle

## SPECIAL STITCHES

**Beg V-bud**—worked on **WS**, this is the first st of a bud set. Join, ch 4 (acts as hdc and ch-2), work dc in second ch from hook, then hdc in same st as joining

**V-bud**—worked on **WS** all in one st, this is the regular bud, consisting of hdc, ch 2, work a dc in second ch from hook, then hdc in same st as first hdc

**sc join**—make slip knot on hook, and use that loop as part of the sc, working hook directly into indicated st, yo, and pull through the st, yo and pull through both loops. Sc join made.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**RND 1)** Color A, ch 5, sl st join in circle. (*Alternately Adjustable Loop with 12 dc*)

**RND 2)** Ch 3 as dc, work 11 more dc in circle, sl in top of beg ch-3, and TURN to WS. (*12 dc*)

**RND 3)** **WS** Work Beg V-bud in same dc as join (or in the last dc of the previous Rnd), (sk st, V-bud) x 5, sk st and sl in second ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off Color A. TURN. (*6 V-buds*)

**RND 4)** **RS** Sc join with Color B in sp between two V-buds, work sc in same st, then (ch 3, 2 sc in sp between V-buds) x 5, ch 3, sl in first sc. *Finger adjust so buds are popping to RS.* (*6 ch-3 sp, 12 sc*)

**RND 5)** **RS** Ch 3 as dc, dc in next sc, (4 dc in ch-3 sp, dc in next 2 sc) x 5, then 4 dc in ch-3 sp, sl in first ch-3. Fasten off Color B. TURN to WS. (*36 dc*)

**RND 6)** **WS** Join Color A in any dc, work Beg V-bud in same st, (sk st, V-bud) x 17, sk st and sl in second ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off Color A. TURN to RS. (*18 V-buds*)

**RND 7)** **RS** Sc join Color C to any sp between V-buds, (ch 2, sc in sp between V-buds) x 17, ch-2, sl in first sc. *Finger adjust the buds.* (*18 sc, 18 ch-2 sp*)

**RND 8)** Ch 1, sc in same st, [(2 sc in ch-2 sp, sc in sc) x 8, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp\*, sc in sc] x 2—work second repeat to \* only, and sl in first sc. (*56 sc*)

**RND 9)** Corner (2 trc, ch 2, 2 trc) in one st  
Side (2 dc, 2 hdc, 5 sc, 2 hdc\*, 2 dc)

Ch 3 as dc, dc in next st, \*(2 trc, ch 2, 2 trc) in corner sc, dc in next 2 st, hdc in next 2 st, sc in next 5 st, hdc in next 2 st\*\*, dc in next 2 st\*, rep \* to \* 2 more times, then work a 4<sup>th</sup> rep to \*\* only, sl st in top of beg ch-3. (64 st)

**RND 10)** Sc join Color B to any corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, then \*\*[(ch 2, sk 2 st, sc) x 5, ch 2\*, (2 sc, ch-2, 2 sc) in corner sp] x 3, then work \*\* to \*, and sl in beg sc.

**RND 11)** Ch 2 as hdc, hdc in next st, 3 hdc in corner sp, \*\*[hdc in next 2 st, 3 hdc in next 6 ch-2 sp\*, hdc in next 2 st, 3 hdc in corner sp] x 3, then work \*\* to \* and sl in beg ch-2. Fasten off Color B. (100 hdc)

**RND 12)** Join with Color A, and work a sc or hdc or dc rnd, depending on measurements. Fasten off and weave ends. Sample has sc. Hdc and sc rounds have 3 st corners. Dc rounds have (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) corners.

Sample worked in sc.



**Hexagon variation**—as interpreted and written by Megan Speakes (reddoormeg)—thanks!

Work RNDS 1-7 as written.

**RND 8)** corner = dc, ch 1, dc / side = hdc in scs and 2 hdc in ch spaces (10 stitches per side)

**RND 9)** corner = hdc, ch 1, hdc / side = hdc in all hdcs (12 stitches per side)

Weave in ends, etc.