

HERMIT 9”/12” Afghan Block—designed by Margaret MacInnis c. 2012

Colors A (15/30 g), B (20/35 g), C (20/35 g), D optional, 5 or 5.5 mm hook, yarn needle



Shown in Vanna's Choice lamb, chocolate, aqua

Stitches

CL/Cluster: Work each of 3 dc in stitches indicated, partially to their last loop only, yo, draw through all 4 loops, ch 1 to close (note that each dc is worked in a different stitch)

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, ch 1 to close (note that each dc is worked in a different st)

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

bpsc--work around indicated stitch from the back.

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)

This next round is confusing. You need 10 clusters, and 10 ch-5 sp (each ch sp is a ch-4 plus the closing ch of the cluster). Clusters run from the trc (which is used twice) to the ch-2 sp, to the next trc. Then the next cluster starts in that same trc.

RND 2: Beg Cluster started in same st as join, with second dc worked in next ch-2 sp, and third dc worked in next trc, ch 4, (Cluster from: same trc first cluster ended in, to ch-2 sp, to next trc; close cluster, and then ch 4) 9 times. Each cluster goes from trc to ch-2, to trc; final is sl st in top of Beg Cl (in the closing chain). Last cluster ends in same trc first one began. Fasten off Color A (I use Invisible Join here to the closing chain of the first cluster). (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 bpsc in top of any cluster (around the top of the point of the cluster, from the back), (ch 3, bpsc around top of next cluster) x 9, ch 3, sl st in beg bpsc. (10 bpsc, 10 ch-3 sp)

RND 5: NOTE: All bpsc are skipped. Sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 2 as hdc, 3 hdc in same sp, (5 hdc in next ch-3 sp) x 4, (4 hdc in next ch-3 sp) x 1, (5 hdc in next ch-3 sp) x 4, sl st in top of beg ch-2, fasten off Color C. (48 hdc)

RND 6: Join Color D (or continue with Color C) with a sc (ch 1, sc if using same color) in any hdc, [hdc in next two st, dc in next 2 st, corner as (2 trc, ch 2, 2 trc) in next st, dc in next 2 st, hdc in next 2 st*, sc in next 3 st] x 4, working to * only on last rep, sc in next 2 st, sl st in beg sc. Fasten off either Color C or D. (68 st, 4 ch-2 sp).

RND 7: Join Color A with a Beg V-st in any ch-2 corner sp, ch 2, V-st in same sp, [sk st, (V-st in next st, sk 2 st) x 4, V-st in next st, sk st, corner as (V-st, ch 2, V-st) in next ch-2 sp] x 4, omit corner on last rep, sl st in 3rd ch of beg V-st. Fasten off Color A. (28 V-st, 4 ch-2 sp)

RND 8: Join Color B with a [sc in a ch-2 corner sp, (sk st, ch 2, sc in ch-1 sp of next V-st) x 8, ch 2] x 4, sl st in beg sc. (32 ch-2 sp, 32 sc)

RND 9A: Note: skip all sc as you work. Continue with Color B, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, [(3 sc in next ch-1 sp) x 8, ch 2 as corner sp] x 4, sl st in beg sc, fasten off Color B. (96 sc, 4 ch-2 sp)

NINE INCH VERSION--Hermit 9”

RND 10A-9”: Join Color C with a sc in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1 (the sc/ch-1 act as hdc), hdc in next 24 sc, 3 hdc in corner ch-2 sp] x 4, work only 2 hdc in last corner rep, sl st in beg ch-1, fasten off Color C. (108 hdc)

RND 11A-9”: Using Color B, sl st in each st loosely, fasten off Invisible Join. (108 sl st)

Refer to slipped stitch tutorial for sl st instructions

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/slip-stitch-edge-tutorial>

RND 12A-9”: If needed for size, work a round of sc or hdc/dc with whichever color you like, in BLO of RND 10.

TWELVE INCH VERSION--Hermit 12”

RND 10A-12”: (BLO including each BLO of 2 corner chains) Join Color C with a sc st before a corner, ch 1 (the sc and ch-1 act as hdc), [corner as (hdc in BLO of first ch, ch 2, hdc in BLO of second ch)*, hdc

in next 24 st] x 4, working 4th rep to * only, hdc in next 23 st, sl st in ch-1 of beg hdc. Fasten off Color C. (104 hdc, 4 ch-2 sp)

RND 11A-12”: Join Color A with a Beg V-st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, V-st in same sp, [(sk 2 st, V st in next st) x 8, sk 2 st, corner as (V-st, ch 3, V-st) in next ch-2 sp] x 4, omit corner on last rep, sl st in 3rd ch of Beg V-st. Fasten off Color A. (40 V-st, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 12A-12”: Join Color B with a sc in ch-1 sp of first V-st in any corner, ch 3, [sc in corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, (sc in ch-1 sp of next V-st, ch 2) x 9*, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] x 4, working to * only on last rep, sl st in beg sc. (36 ch-2 sp, 8 ch-3 sp, 44 sc)

RND 13A-12”: Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2 as hdc, 2 hdc in same sp, [ch 3 over corner sc, 3 hdc in each ch-2 and in each ch-3] x 4, omit last 3 hdc, sl st in ch-2, fasten off Color B. (132 hdc, 4 ch-3 sp)

RND 14A-12”: NOTE: Work corner chains loosely, as you will be using them again. (I work this round with Air Crochet joins). Join Color C with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3 as dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in same sp, [dc in next 33 hdc, corner as (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp] x 4, omit corner on last rep, sl st in top of beg ch-3, fasten off Color C. (148 dc, 4 ch-2 sp)

RND 15A-12”: Join Color A with a pull through st in any st, loosely sl st in all sts around (including in both loops of each corner chain), fasten off with Invisible Join.

RND 16: Sizing round, if needed, can be worked in BLO of RND 14. If you need to do this round, you need to be careful not to weave your ends into those loops, or you won't be able to pick them up. 1



Lamb, Rust, Colonial Blue