

Granny's Log Cabin Afghan



This combination of two classics works up quickly into a snugly favorite you'll enjoy for years to come.

Materials: Around 2000 yards/40 ounces of worsted weight acrylic in your choice of colors and a size H (5.00 mm) crochet hook, or your choice of alternate yarn and appropriate hook (this will affect total yarn needed). Safety pin or scrap of yarn for marking right side. Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. notation):

ch...chain stitch
dc...double crochet
sl st...slip stitch
sp...space

Special Stitches:

2-dc cluster: 2 dc in same stitch or space.

3-dc cluster: 3 dc in same stitch or space.

Notes:

Because most of this blanket is worked in rows rather than rounds, the starting granny square is turned over at the beginning of each round so as to retain a consistent texture with the rest of the piece.

After the starting granny, I use a ch-2 to get up to height on my rows, as I find a ch-3 to be just a bit too tall. Use whichever you find works the best for you.

This piece is shaped by variations in the number of rows in each color block: top and bottom blocks are taller than the side blocks are wide, producing a rectangular afghan.

Finished size (as pictured): 48 by 60 inches (122 by 152 cm)

The Pattern:

Initial Granny Square:

With your first color: ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in ring. Ch 2, *3-dc cluster in ring, ch 2.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then join with a sl st to the top of initial ch-3. (4 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 spaces) Mark this as the right side with a piece of scrap yarn or a safety pin.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3-dc cluster in same ch-2 space, ch 1 (first corner complete). *In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times, join with sl st to top of initial ch-3. (8 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 spaces, 4 ch-1 sp)

Round 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Then 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1, all in next ch-2 sp.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then join with sl st to top of initial ch-3. (12 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 8 ch-1 sp)

Round 4: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, then 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster all in next ch-2 sp, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times. 3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, then join with sl st to top of initial ch-3 and fasten off. (16 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 12 ch-1 sp)

Round 5: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. 3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across, then 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster all in next ch-2 sp, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then 3-dc cluster, ch-1 in next ch-1 sp and join with sl st to top of initial ch-3. (20 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 16 ch-1 sp)

Round 6: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. 3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across, then 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster all in next ch-2 sp, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then then 3-dc cluster, ch-1 in next two ch-1 sp. Join with sl st to top of initial ch-3 and fasten off. (24 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 20 ch-1 sp)

First Block:

Turn your work over so that you'll be starting this set of rows on the right side.

With your next color:

Row 1: Join in any ch-2 sp with a sl st, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp across, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 5 3-dc clusters, 6 ch-1 sp)

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn (this is a ch-2 for the starting dc plus a ch-1 to form the next ch-1 sp), 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 4 3-dc clusters, 7 ch-1 sp).

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 5 3-dc clusters, 6 ch-1 sp)

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 4 3-dc clusters, 7 ch-1 sp).

Rows 5-12: Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 12 rows in this section. Fasten off.

Second Block:

Turn your work over like the page of a book and rotate it 90 degrees to the right. You'll start this and each subsequent set of rows on the right side, beginning in the upper right hand corner, which should be a ch-2 sp made in the last color you used if you're oriented correctly at this point. Like this:



With your next color:

Row 1: Join in specified ch-2 sp with a sl st, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 and ch-2 sp across to last ch-2 sp. 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 11 3-dc clusters, 12 ch-1 sp)

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 10 3-dc clusters, 13 ch-1 sp).

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 11 3-dc clusters, 12 ch-1 sp)

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 10 3-dc clusters, 13 ch-1 sp).

Rows 5-16: Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 16 rows in this section. Fasten off.

Third and Subsequent Blocks:

(You'll alternate 12 and 16 row blocks around, such that each type of block is stacked on top of itself, which will produce the rectangular shape of the finished piece. Continue in this fashion until the piece is a few inches shy of your desired finished size, ending with a 16-row block. Then work the edging.)

12-Row Block:

Turn your work over and rotate it 90 degrees to the right.

Row 1: Join in upper right corner with a sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) across to last ch-2 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp.

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp.

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Rows 5-12: Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 12 rows in this section. Fasten off.

16-Row Block:

Turn your work over and rotate it 90 degrees to the right.

Row 1: Join in upper right corner with a sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) across to last ch-2 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp.

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp.

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Rows 5-16: Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 16 rows in this section. Fasten off.

Continue in this fashion until the blanket measures approximately four inches less than the desired finished length on each side.

Edging:

The edging is worked just like a block, but is only four rows deep.

Turn your work over and rotate it 90 degrees to the right.

Row 1: Join in upper right corner with a sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) across to last ch-2 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp.

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp.

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Repeat this 4-row sequence across each side of the afghan.

Final Round: Work one round of single crochet (with sc, ch-1, sc at the corners) around the entire afghan for a more finished edge

Weave in your ends and enjoy your afghan!