MODERN BOHEMIAN CHILDREN'S BLANKET CROCHET PATTERN

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Finished blanket size: **33 x 46 inches** (**84 x 117 cm)** with the recommended border and yarn, not counting fringe.

Any medium, worsted weight yarn will work for this project. The blanket pictured was made with Cascade 220 100% Peruvian Highland Wool and a 5 mm hook.

Lily Sugar 'n' Cream cotton also works well for this pattern. Recommended colors: ecru, robin's egg, mod blue, hot orange, hot pink, black currant, hot green, mod green, and warm brown.

You will need about 2406 yards (2200 meters) of yarn to make the whole blanket including fringe.

If you do not include fringe, you will only need 600 meters of ivory yarn.

Each block of 5 double crochet stitches uses about 27 inches of yarn (about 0.75 yards or 0.7 m of yarn) including tails to weave in.

Recommended color of Cascade 220 Wool	Color		yards	meters	skeins
8010 Natural	ivory		876	800	4
8908 Anis	light turquoise		219	200	1
9421 Blue Hawaii	turquoise		219	200	1
9542 Blaze	orange		219	200	1
9469 Hot Pink	hot pink		109	100	1
9613 Hollyhock	violet		109	100	1
8903 Primavera	lime green		219	200	1
8894 Christmas Green	grass green		219	200	1
8686 Brown	brown		219	200	1

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Hook size: US H hook (5 mm)

Gauge: 8 dc stitches = 2 inches (5 cm). 5 rows in pattern = 2 inches (5 cm)

Terms: ch: chain. Yarn over and pull through loop on hook.
sl st: slip stitch. Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.
sc: single crochet. Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch, yarn over, and pull through both loops on hook.
dc: double crochet. Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch and two loops, yarn over, and pull through both loops on hook.

This blanket is crocheted in 7 pieces and sewn together with a mattress stitch to create a nearly invisible, flat seam. You will create 1 full diamond, 2 wide half diamonds, and 4 narrow half diamonds. Each of these pieces are composed of blocks of 5 double crochet stitches. The pieces are worked in rounds.

Full Diamond (Make 1):
Round 1: With ivory yarn, ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. (the first 3ch counts as a dc).

Round 2: Turn work 180 degrees clockwise, keeping the right side of the work facing you. Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to the top of the ch 3 that formed the first dc of Round 1.
Ch3. dc in next 3 ivory st. Ch3. sl st to next ivory st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc.
Ch3. dc in next 3 st. Ch3. sl st to next st. Fasten off.

Round 3: Attach light turquoise yarn with a sl st to lower right corner of the right-most block (to the bottom of the right "arm" of your cross shape). Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.
Ch3. dc in next 3 st. Ch3. sl st to next st.
dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc.
Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.
Ch3. dc in next 3 st. Ch3. sl st to next st.
 dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st and fasten off.

Round 4: Attach light turquoise yarn with a sl st to lower right corner of the right-most block (to the bottom of the right "arm" of your cross shape). Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
(Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.) 2 times. Ch3. dc in next 3 st. Ch3. sl st to next st.
(dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) 2 times. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc.
(Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.) 2 times.
Ch3. dc in next 3 st. Ch3. sl st to next st.
(dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st) 2 times. Fasten off.

Rounds 5-6: Repeat Round 4 with turquoise yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on each "uphill" side of the round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on each "downhill" sides of the round.

Rounds 7-8: Repeat Round 4 with orange yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Round 9: Repeat Round 4 with hot pink yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Round 10: Repeat Round 4 with violet yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Rounds 11-12: Repeat Round 4 with brown yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Rounds 13-14: Repeat Round 4 with grass green yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Rounds 15-16: Repeat Round 4 with lime green yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round.

Rounds 17-18: Repeat Round 4 with ivory yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" sides of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" sides of each round. Fasten off.

Wide Half Diamond: Make 2

Round 1:   With ivory yarn, ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. Turn work 180 degrees clockwise.

Round 2:   Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block (into the top of the last dc of Round 1).
Ch3. dc in next 3 ivory st. Ch3. sl st to next ivory st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st ivory dc. Fasten off.

Round 3:   Attach light turquoise yarn with a sl st to lower right corner of the right-most block (to the bottom of the right "arm" of your cross shape). Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.
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dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc and fasten off.

Round 4: Attach light turquoise yarn with a sl st to lower right corner of the right-most block (to the bottom of the right "arm" of your cross shape). Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
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dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc and fasten off.

Rounds 5-6: Repeat Round 4 with turquoise yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Rounds 7-8: Repeat Round 4 with orange yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Round 9: Repeat Round 4 with hot pink yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Round 10: Repeat Round 4 with violet yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Rounds 11-12: Repeat Round 4 with brown yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Rounds 13-14: Repeat Round 4 with grass green yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Rounds 15-16: Repeat Round 4 with lime green yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Round 17: Repeat Round 4 with ivory yarn, adding an additional (Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round and an additional (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round.

Round 18: Attach ivory yarn with a sl st to lower right corner of the right-most block (to the bottom of the right "arm" of your cross shape). Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
(Ch3. dc in next 4 st. sl st to next st.) 29 times.
Fasten off without creating an ivory block at the top of your half diamond.
Skip next 4 sts. Reattach ivory yarn to last dc of top block (into the 5th st.).
(dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) 29 times. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to top of 1st dc and fasten off.

Narrow Half Diamond: Make 4
Round 1:   With ivory yarn, ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. Fasten off.

Round 2:   Attach ivory yarn with a sl st to the 1st dc at the upper right corner of block.
Ch 3. dc in next 3 st. Ch 3 and sl st to next ivory st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block (into the top of the ch 3 that formed the first dc).
Ch3. dc in next 4 st and fasten off.

Round 3:   Attach ivory yarn with a sl st to the 1st dc at the upper right corner of the first block of Round 2. Ch 3. dc in next 3 st. Ch 3 and sl st to next st.

dc in next 4 st. Ch 3 and sl st to next st. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
(Ch3. dc in next 4 st, ss to next st) 2 times. Fasten off.

Round 4: Attach lime green yarn with a sl st to the 1st dc at the upper right corner of first block of Round 3. Ch 3. dc in next 3 st. Ch 3 and sl st to next st.
(dc in next 4 st. Ch 3 and sl st to next st.) twice. Turn work clockwise 180 degrees.
Ch 6. dc in 3rd ch from hook. dc in next 3 ch. sl st to 1st st at top of block.
(Ch3. dc in next 4 st, ss to next st) twice. Ch3. dc in next 4st and fasten off.

Round 5: Repeat Round 4 with lime green yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Rounds 6-7: Repeat Round 4 with grass green yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Rounds 8-9: Repeat Round 4 with brown yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Round 10: Repeat Round 4 with violet yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Round 11: Repeat Round 4 with hot pink yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Rounds 12-13: Repeat Round 4 with orange yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Rounds 14-15: Repeat Round 4 with turquoise yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Rounds 16-17: Repeat Round 4 with light turquoise yarn, adding an extra (dc in next 4 st. Ch 3. sl st to next st.) on the "downhill" side of each round and an extra (Ch3. dc in next 4 st, sl st to next st) on the "uphill" side of each round.

Using ivory yarn, sew pieces together through the back loops using the mattress stitch. Line up the dc of the blocks and sew through the back loops only, picking up each loop by inserting your needle into the back of your work and pulling the yarn through to the front. Then insert your needle from the back of the work through the back loop of the matching stitch on the opposite piece to the front of your work. Stitch into the place where the slip stitch of one block meets the corner of the other block to secure them before you move on to the next block. Weave in all ends.

For an excellent tutorial on the mattress stitch, visit Tamara Kelly's lovely blog, Moogly, at http://www.mooglyblog.com/mattress-stitch-seaming/.

BORDER AND FRINGE:

A. Simple sc border: This is a seven-round single crochet border. With a 5 mm hook, attach yarn with a slip stitch to top right edge of one of the short ends of the blanket, 2 or 3 stitches from the corner.

Round 1: Chain 1. sc in each dc to end of row. 3 sc in last stitch of row to form the corner. sc evenly along the long side of blanket, placing 2 sc into each dc to the end of the blanket. 3 sc in end of last dc to form the corner. sc into each dc to end. 3 sc in last dc to form the corner. sc evenly along the long side of blanket, placing 2 sc into each dc to the end of the blanket. 3 sc in end of last dc to form the corner. sc to your starting point and attach with a slip stitch to first sc of edging. Flip blanket over to work into the wrong side of the blanket in the next round.

Rounds 2-7: Repeat Round 1, flipping your work after each row to crochet into the other side of your work and prevent the corners from becoming distorted.

B. Fringe (optional): Cut 456 pieces of yarn 14 inches (35.5 cm) long in the color of your choice. Each cluster of fringe will contain 6 pieces of yarn, except the fringe on each end which will only contain 3 pieces of yarn.

Starting at a corner of the short end of the blanket, insert your hook into the stitch from the back of your work to the front. Fold 3 pieces of yarn in half and grab the center with your hook. Pull this loop through about 2 inches (5 cm).

Tuck the ends of the yarn through the loop and tighten the knot.

Skip the next 3 stitches. Insert your hook into the next stitch from the back of your work to the front. Fold 6 pieces of yarn in half and grab the center with your hook. Pull this loop through about 2 inches (5 cm). Tuck the ends of the yarn through the loop and tighten the knot. Repeat across blanket.

C. Double-knotted fringe (optional):

Complete fringe as described above. Start at the right side of the fringe. Cross the right-most strands over 6 strands from the next fringe on the left. Wrap the right strands around the back of the left strands.

Bring the right strands around to the front and tuck them through the loop you created. Pull the knot tight.
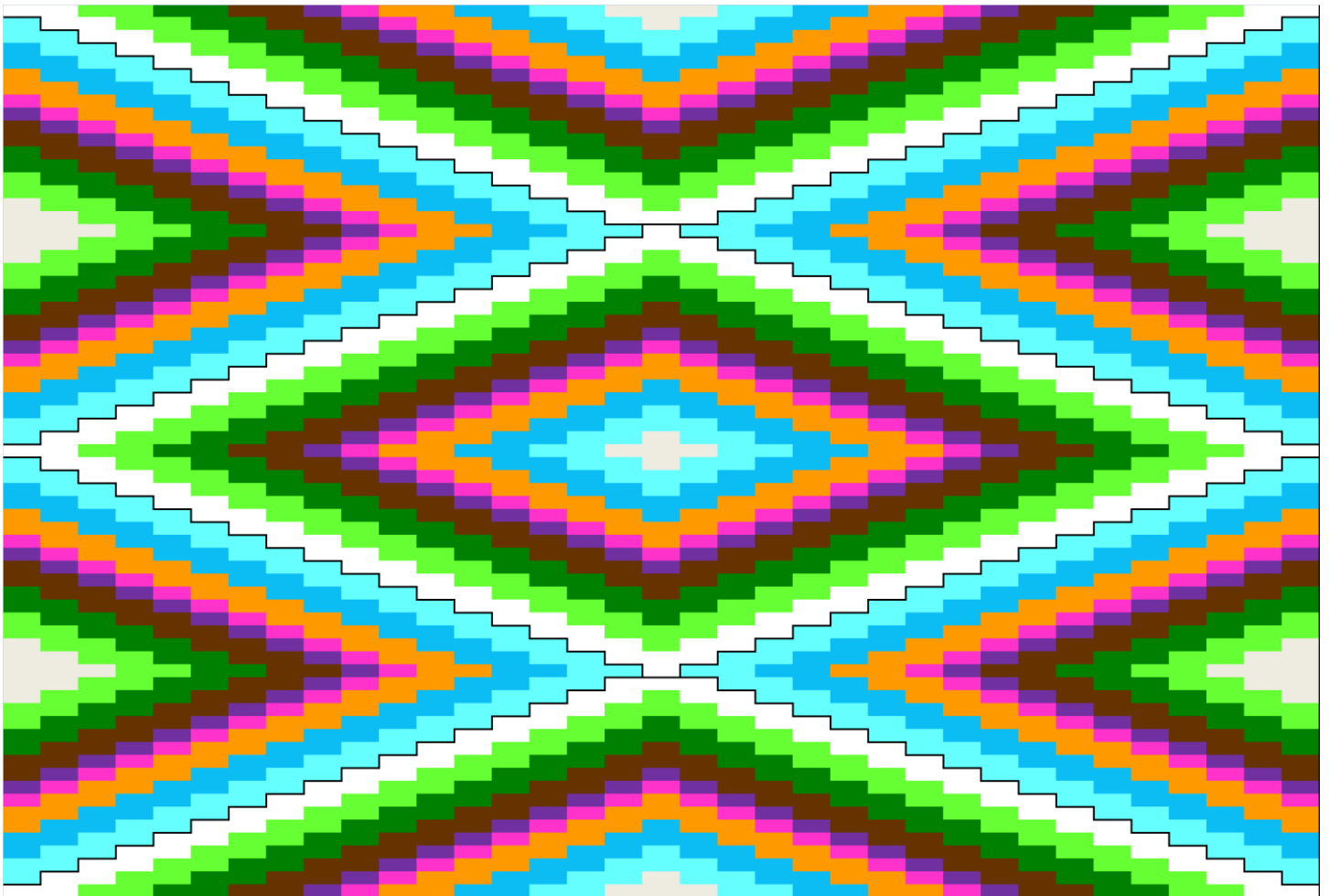

Repeat with the next fringe, tying the remaining 6 strands of the right-most fringe to 6 strands of the left fringe. Repeat across blanket on both ends.
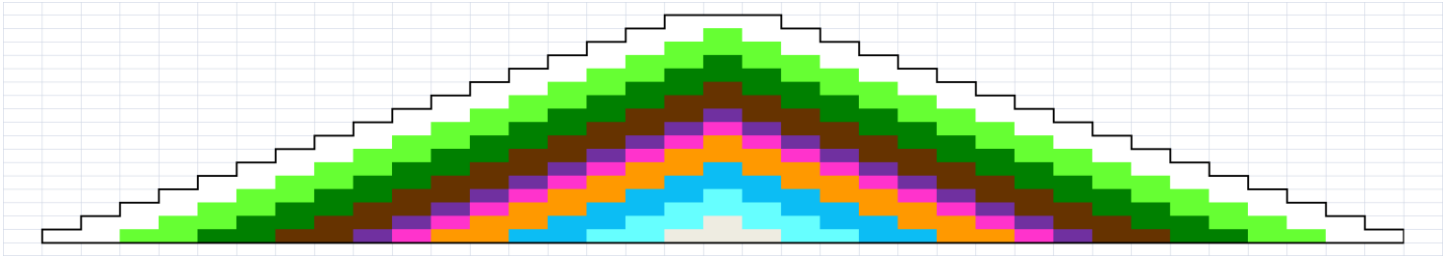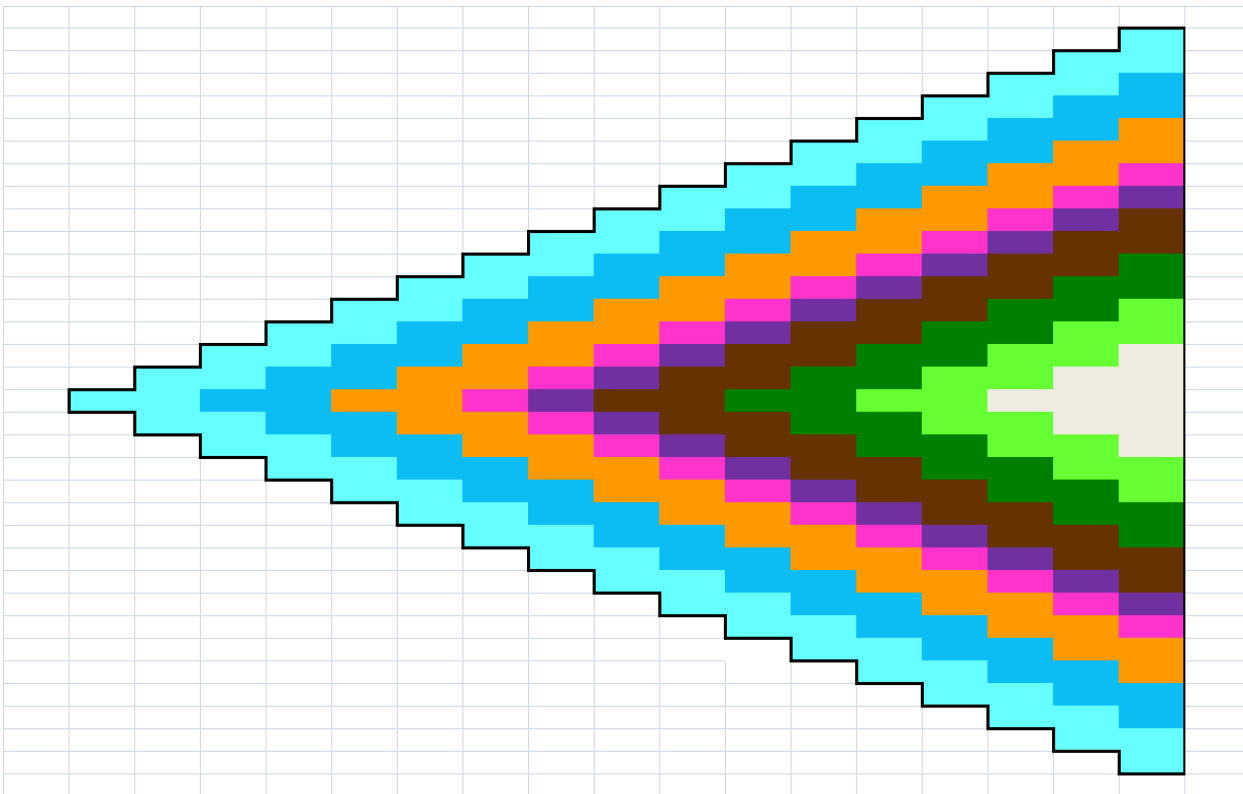
PATTERN CHARTS

Whole Blanket

Full Diamond (Make 1)
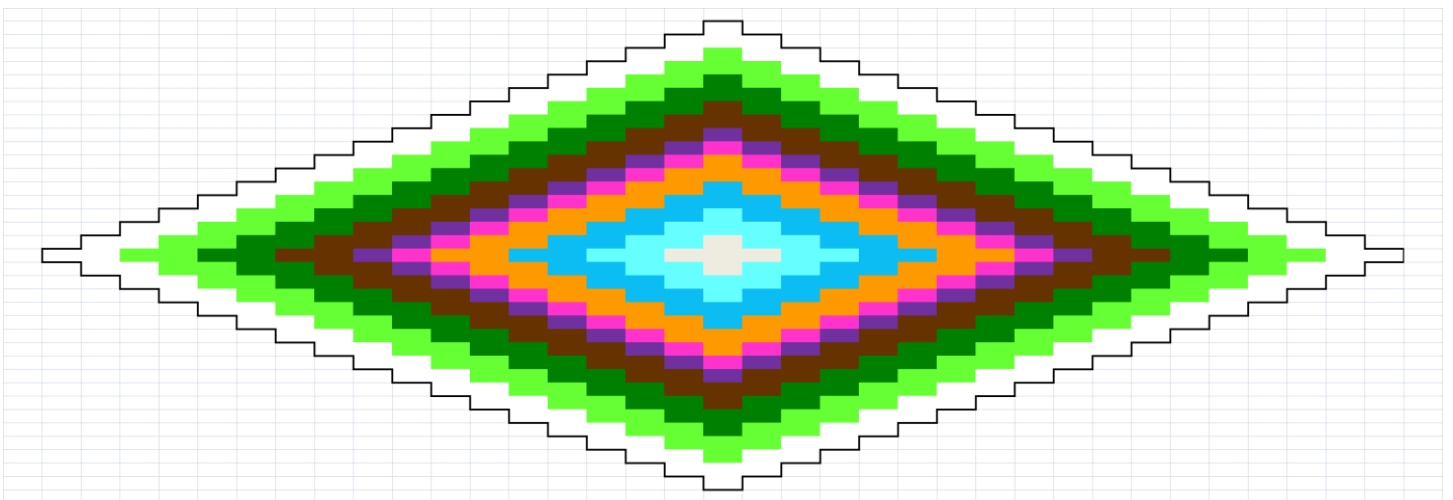
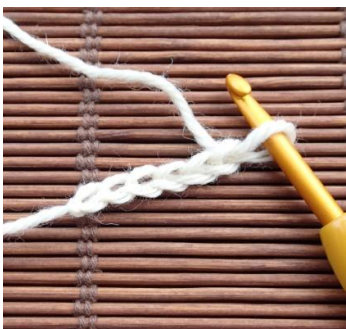**Wide Half Diamond (Make 2)**

Narrow Half Diamond (Make 4)

PATTERN TUTORIAL

To form the first block (Round 1 of each piece), chain 6. Double crochet into the third chain from the hook. Double crochet into the next 3 chains and fasten off.

For Round 2 of the **full diamond** and **wide half diamond pieces**, attach your yarn to the bottom right corner of the block you just created with a slip stitch. Chain 6. Double crochet into the 3rd chain from the hook and the next 3 chains.

Slip stitch to the first double crochet of your first block.

Chain 3. Double crochet into the next three stitches. Chain 3 and slip stitch to the last ivory stitch.

Turn your work clockwise 180 degrees. Chain 6.

Double crochet into the third chain from the hook and the next 3 chains. Slip stitch to the first stitch of the adjacent block. **This is the end of Round 2 for the wide half diamond piece. For the full diamond piece, continue.**

Chain 3. Double crochet into the next 3 stitches. Ch 3, then slip stitch to the last stitch of the adjacent block to complete the round. Fasten off.

To begin Round 3 of the **full diamond**, attach yarn with a slip stitch to the bottom right corner of the rightmost block as shown:

To begin Round 3 of the **wide half diamond**, attach yarn with a slip stitch to the bottom right corner of the rightmost block as shown:

For the **narrow half diamond**, complete Round 1 as shown for the full diamond and wide half diamond above. To begin Round 2, attach yarn with a slip stitch to the 1st dc at the upper right corner of block.

Turn work 180 degrees clockwise. Chain 6. Double crochet into the next 3 stitches. Slip stitch to the last stitch of the next block.

Chain 3. Double crochet into the next 3 stitches. Chain 3 and slip stitch to the last dc of the previous round. Fasten off.

To begin Round 3 of the **narrow half diamond**, turn work 180 degrees clockwise and attach yarn at the upper right corner of the work with a slip stitch.

May your blanket brighten your space and bring a harmonious vibration!
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