

# CATHEDRAL ROSE WINDOW AFGHAN

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Crocheted and assembled from the center out, this spectacular award-winning afghan is a true work of art. Take your time and enjoy making this beauty.

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## FINISHED MEASUREMENT

Approximately 78 inches in diameter

## MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein; multis: 5 oz/236 yds/141g per skein):  
8 skeins #3955 wildflower  
7 skeins #312 black  
2 skeins #776 dark orchid  
1 skein #512 turquoise
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

Rnds 1 and 2 of Octagon = 2 inches;  
4 dc = 1 inch; 2 dc rows = 1 inch  
Rnds 1 and 2 of Pentagon = 2¼ inches

## PATTERN NOTES

This afghan is created in sections. Always assemble pieces or join yarn with right side of work facing unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of double crochet row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

## SPECIAL STITCHES

**Increase (inc):** 2 dc in next st.

**Popcorn (pc):** 3 dc in next st, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first dc of group, draw dropped lp through st, ch 1.

**Double crochet decrease (dc dec):** [Yo, insert hook in next st, pull up lp, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo, pull through 3 lps on hook.

## AFGHAN

### FIRST SECTION

#### Octagon

With wildflower, ch 4, **join** (see Pattern Notes) in first ch to form ring.

**Rnd 1: Ch 3** (see Pattern Notes), 11 dc in ring, join in top of ch-3. (12 dc)

**Rnd 2:** (Ch 3, dc) in first st, 2 dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (24 dc)

**Rnd 3:** (Ch 4, dc) in first st (beg ch-4 counts as first dc and ch-1 sp), dc in each of next 2 dc, \*(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, rep from \* 6 times, join in 3rd ch of ch-4. (32 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)

**Rnds 4 & 5:** (Sl st, ch 4, dc) in first ch sp, \*sk next st, dc in each st around to next ch-1 sp,



(dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-1 sp, rep from \* 6 times, sk next st, dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of ch-4. Fasten off at end of rnd 5. (40 dc, 48 dc)

**Rnd 6:** Join black with sc in any ch-1 sp, sc in same ch sp, [sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next ch sp] 7 times, sc in each st around, join in first sc. Fasten off. (64 sc)

## Pentagon

### Make 8.

With dark orchid, ch 4, join in first ch to form ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join in top of ch-3. (12 dc)

**Rnd 2:** (Ch 3, 2 dc) in first st, 2 dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (25 dc)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, \*dc in each of next 4 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, rep from \* 3 times, dc in each of last 3 sts, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. (30 sts)

**Rnd 4:** Join black with sc in any ch-1 sp, sc in same ch sp (2 sc in same st form point), sc in each st around with 2 sc in each ch-1 sp, join in first sc. Fasten off. (40 sc)

## Triangle

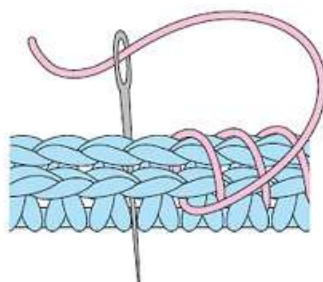
### Make 8.

**Row 1:** With black, ch 19. Working in the top lp, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, ch 1, sl st in end of ch-19, do not turn. (18 sc)

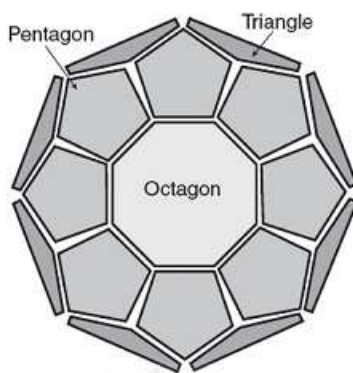
**Row 2:** Working on opposite side of foundation ch on row 1, sl st in each of first 3 chs, sc in each of next 2 chs, hdc in each of next 2 chs, dc in each of next 4 chs, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in each of next 2 chs, sl st in each of last 3 chs. Fasten off. (18 sts)

## First Section Assembly

To assemble First Section, with black yarn, place pieces WS to WS and **whipstitch** (see illustration) through both layers, sew Pentagons around Octagon. Center each Triangle between 2 Pentagons with row 2 of Triangles facing Pentagons. Sew Triangles to Pentagons (see First Section Assembly Diagram).



Whipstitch Edges



First Section Assembly Diagram

## SECOND SECTION

**Notes:** For color changes in Second, Third and Fourth Sections, work over dropped yarn and, covering dropped yarn with sts, drop first color, with 2nd color, pull through last 2 lps of st.

Always change to next color in last st made.

**Rnd 1:** Working around First Section, join black in one of the sc sts of any Pentagon point, (ch 3, dc) in same st as sl st, [sc in each of next 3 sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, dc in each of next 6 sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 3 sts, 3 dc in sc of next Pentagon point] 7 times, sc in each of next 3 sts, dc in same st as ch-3, join in top of ch-3. (168 sts)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, **changing color to wildflower** (see Second Section Notes) in last st, dc in each of next 2 sts, **inc** (see Special Stitches), dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts] 7 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. (176 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (192 sts)

**Rnd 4:** Changing colors to match color sequence of last rnd, ch 3, dc in each st around with inc in second dc of each inc, join in top of ch-3. (208 sts)

**Rnd 5:** Changing colors to match color sequence of last rnd, ch 3, dc in each st around with inc in first dc of each inc, join in top of ch-3. (224 sts)

**Rnds 6–8:** Rep rnds 4 and 5 alternately, ending with rnd 4. At end of rnd 8, fasten off wildflower. (240, 256, 272 sts)

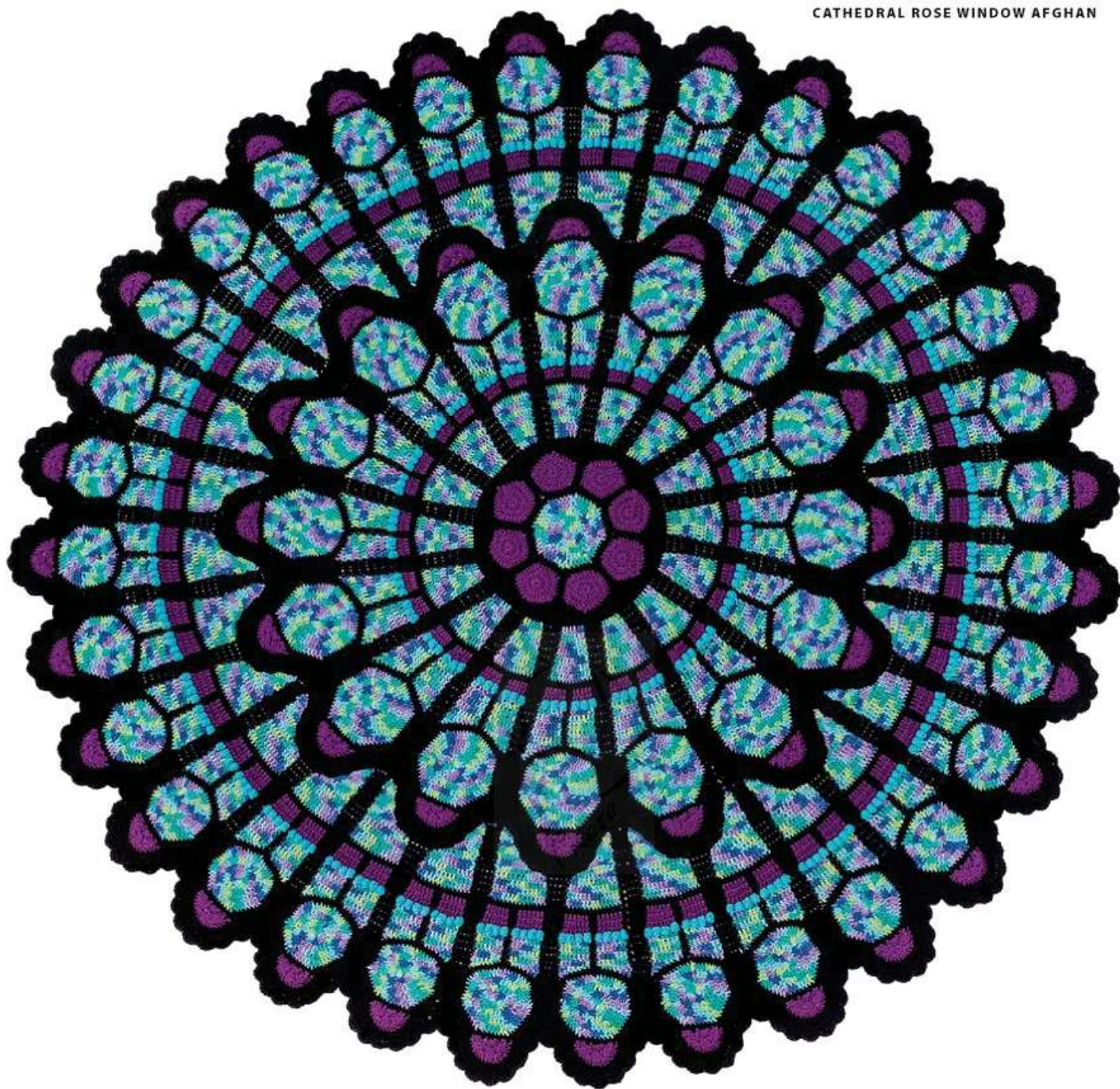
**Rnd 9:** With black, ch 3, dc in each st around, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 10:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 5 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 5 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. (288 sts)

**Rnd 11:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. Fasten off dark orchid. (304 sts)

**Rnd 12:** Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, changing to turquoise, sc in next st, **pc** (see Special Stitches), [sc in next st, pc] twice, changing to black at end of last rep, sc in each of next 2 sts, changing to turquoise, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, changing to black at end of last rep, \*sc in each of next 5 sts, changing to tur-





quoise, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, changing to black at end of last rep, sc in each of next 2 sts, changing to turquoise, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, changing to black at end of last rep, rep from \* 14 times, sc in each of last 2 sts, join in first sc. Fasten off turquoise.

**Rnd 13:** Sk ch-1 sp of each pc, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, [changing to black, dc

in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 14:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, [changing to black, dc

in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts] 15 times, changing to black, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. (320 sts)

**Rnd 15:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 7 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, [changing



to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 7 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. (336 sts)

**Rnd 16:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 3 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 7 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 3 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 7 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. (352 sts)

**Rnd 17:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 8 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 3 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, [changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 8 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 3 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts] 15 times, changing to black at end of last rep, dc in each of last 2 sts, join in top of ch-3. Fasten off both colors. (368 sts)

**Rnd 18:** Sk first 3 black sts and next 8 wildflower sts before next black 2-dc group, [for Pyramid, sk next 2 black sts, join wildflower in first wildflower st past black 2-dc group, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in last wildflower st of group, fasten off both colors] 16 times. (16 Pyramids with 21 stsw each)

**Rnd 19:** [Sk first 4 sts, join wildflower in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st, leaving last 4 sts unworked, fasten off both colors] in each Pyramid around. (13 sts in each Pyramid)

**Rnd 20:** For Columns (make 1 in each Pyramid), work 9 rows as follows:

**A:** With WS of work facing, join black with sc in first black dc on Pyramid, sc in each

of next 4 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (5 sc)

**B:** [Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn] 8 times for a total of 9 sc rows. At end of last row, fasten off. On last Column, do not fasten off.

**Rnd 21:** Ch 1, [sc in each of 5 sts across top of Column, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, sc in each of next 18 unworked sts of rnds 17–19 to next Column, sc in end of next 9-row Column, ch 1] 16 times, join in first sc. Fasten off.

## Large Heptagon

**Make 16.**

With wildflower, ch 4, join in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, 13 dc in ring, join in top of ch-3. (14 dc)

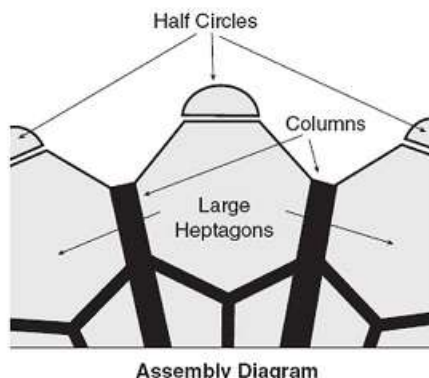
**Rnd 2:** Ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch-1 sp), dc in same st as beg ch-4, dc in next st, \*(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, dc in next st, rep from \* 5 times, join in 3rd ch of ch-4. (21 dc, 7 ch-1 sps)

**Rnds 3–5:** (Sl st, ch 4, dc) in first ch sp, [dc in each st around to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-1 sp] 6 times, dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of ch-4. At end of rnd 5, fasten off. (35 dc, 49 dc, 63 dc)

**Rnd 6:** Join black with sc in any ch-1 sp, sc in each st and in each ch sp around, join in first sc. Fasten off. (70 sc)

## Second Section Assembly

Matching corners, sew Large Heptagons to last rnd of Second Section between Columns (see Assembly Diagram).



## THIRD SECTION

**Rnd 1:** Working around entire afghan, spacing sts evenly, join black with sc in first st of any

Column, sc in each of next 4 sts, 9 sc up side of next Large Heptagon, 2 sc in corner st, 9 sc across top of Large Heptagon, mark 4th st of last 9 sc made, 2 sc in next corner st, 9 sc down side of Large Heptagon, [sc in each of next 5 sts across top of Column, 9 sc up side of next Large Heptagon, 2 sc in corner st, 9 sc across top of Large Heptagon, mark 4th st of last 9 sc made, 2 sc in next corner st, 9 sc down side of Large Heptagon] 15 times, join in first sc. Fasten off. (576 sc)

**Rnd 2:** For Half Circle, work 3 rows as follows:

**A:** With dark orchid, join with sc in next marked st, sk next st, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next st, sk next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, turn. (10 sts, 1 ch sp)

**B:** 3 dc in 2nd dc of next 3-dc group, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch sp, ch 1, 3 dc in 2nd dc of next 3-dc group, sk next st on rnd 1 of Third Section, sc in each of next 3 sts, turn. (3 dc groups, 2 ch sps, 3 sc)

**C:** 3 dc in 2nd dc of each 3-dc group and in each ch sp across, sk next st on rnd 1 of Third Section, sl st in next st. Fasten off. (15 dc)

**D:** [Rep steps A–C consecutively] 15 times for a total of 16 Half Circles.

**Rnd 3:** Working on rnd 1, join black in first st of any column, ch 3, \*dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec (see Special Stitches), sc in each of next 9 sts including worked st, working across Half Circle in dc only, sk first sc, [sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each of next 3 sts, working on rnd 1, sc in each of next 9 sts including worked st \*\*, dc dec, rep from \* 15 times, ending last rep at \*\*, sk last st, join in top of beg ch-3. (41 sts in each rep, 656 sts total)

**Rnd 4:** Ch 3, [dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, hdc in each of next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 12 sts, dc dec] 15 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, hdc in each of next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 12 sts, sk last st, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 3, \*dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, rep from \* 14 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st]

3 times, dc in each of next 7 sts, sk next st, join in top of ch-3. (672 sts)

**Rnd 6:** Ch 3, \*dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, dc in each of next 11 sts, mark 9th st of last 11 dc made, dc dec, rep from \* 14 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, dc in each of next 11 sts, mark 9th st of last 11 dc made, sk last st, join in top of ch-3. Fasten off.

**Rnd 7:** You now have a series of Points and Valleys. Fill in the Valleys as follows:

**A:** Join wildflower in marked st at bottom of next Valley (*sl sts do not count as sts*), sc in next st, hdc in next st, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, hdc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (11 sts)

**Note:** In steps B–H, work over sl sts into row below.

**B:** Changing colors as established for remainder of rnd, sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc dec, dc in each of next 5 sts, dc dec, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (13 sts)

**C:** Sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc dec, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (15 sts)

**D:** Sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc dec, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, dc in next st, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (17 sts)

**E:** Sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (19 sts)

**F:** Sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 3 sts, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st, turn. (21 sts)

**G:** Sk sl st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 7 sts, dc dec, dc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st on rnd 6, sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off. (23 sts)

**H:** [Rep steps A–G consecutively] 15 times to fill all 16 Valleys.

**Rnd 8:** Join black in first st of any black 5-dc group, ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, working across rnd 6, working over sl sts, dc in next st, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 2 sts, working across Valley fill-in, dc in next st, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, inc, dc in each of next 2 sts], changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 16 times, ending last rep at \*, changing to black, join in top of beg ch-3. (34 sts in each rep—544 sts total)

**Rnd 9:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4, [changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, inc, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 31 times, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, inc, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to black, join in top of ch-3. (576 sts)

**Rnd 10:** Changing colors as established, ch 3, dc in each st around, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 11:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, inc, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 31 times, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 6 sts, inc, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, join in top of ch-3. Fasten off wildflower. (608 sts)

**Rnd 12:** With black, ch 3, dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

**Rnd 13:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 31 times, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

**Rnd 14:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 31 times, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in

each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 6 sts, changing to black, join. (640 sts)

**Rnd 15:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 7 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 31 times, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 7 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to dark orchid, dc in each of next 2 sts, inc, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to black, join in top of ch-3. Fasten off B. (672 sts)

**Rnd 16:** Ch 1, sc in each of first 5 sts, changing to turquoise, pc, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, changing to black, sc in each of next 2 sts, changing to turquoise, pc, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, \*changing to black, sc in each of next 5 sts, changing to turquoise, pc, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, changing to black, sc in each of next 2 sts, changing to turquoise, pc, [sc in next st, pc] 3 times, rep from \* 30 times, changing to black, join in first sc. Fasten off turquoise.

**Rnd 17:** Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 sts, [changing to wildflower, sk each ch-1 sp of pc, dc in each of next 7 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 2 sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 7 sts], changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts] 32 times, ending last rep at \*, changing to black, join in top of beg ch-3.

**Rnds 18–20:** Changing colors as established, ch 3, dc in each st around, join. At end of rnd 20, fasten off both colors.

**Rnd 21:** Sk first 3 black sts and next 7 wildflower sts before black 2-dc group, [for Pyramid, sk next 2 black sts, join wildflower in first wildflower st past black 2-dc group, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 black sts, changing to wildflower, dc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in last wildflower st of group, fasten off both colors] 32 times.

**Note:** Rnds now beg here. (32 Pyramids with 19 sts each)

**Rnd 22:** [Sk first 4 sts of Pyramid, join wildflower in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next



st, changing to black, dc in each of next 5 sts, changing to wildflower, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st, leaving last 4 sts unworked, fasten off both colors] in each Pyramid around. (11 sts in each Pyramid)

**Rnd 23:** For Columns (make 1 in each Pyramid), work 7 rows as follows:

**A:** With WS of work facing, join black with sc in first black dc on Pyramid, sc in each of next 4 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (5 sc)

**B:** [Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn] 6 times for a total of 7 sc rows. At end of last row, fasten off. On last Column, do not fasten off.

**Rnd 24:** Ch 1, [sc in each of next 5 sts across top of Column, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sc in each of next 16 unworked sts of rnds 20–22 to next Column, sc in end of next

Column, sc in ends of next 7 rows on column, ch 1] 32 times, join in first sc. Fasten off.

### Small Heptagon

**Make 32.**

With wildflower, ch 4, join in first ch to form ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, 13 dc in ring, join in top of ch 3. (14 dc)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch-1 sp) dc in same st as beg ch-4, dc in next st, dc in next st] 6 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. (21 dc, 7 ch-1 sps)

**Rnds 3 & 4:** (Sl st, ch 4, dc) in first ch sp, [dc in each st around to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-1 sp] 6 times, dc in each st around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. At end of rnd 4, fasten off. (35 dc, 49 dc)

**Rnd 5:** Join black with sc in any ch-1 sp, sc in each st and in each ch sp around, join in first sc. Fasten off. (56 sc)

Matching corners, sew Small Heptagons to last rnd of Third Section between Columns (see Assembly Diagram on page 56).

### FOURTH SECTION

**Rnd 1:** Working around entire afghan, spacing sts evenly, join black with sc in first st worked into corner of any Column, sc in each of next 4 sts, 7 sc up side of next Small Heptagon, (sc, ch 1, sc) in corner st, 7 sc across top of Small Heptagon, mark 3rd st of last 7 sc made, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next corner st, 7 sc down side of Small Heptagon, [sc in each of next 5 sts across top of Column, 7 sc up side of next Small Heptagon, (sc, ch 1, sc) in corner st, 7 sc

## THE STORY OF A PRIZE-WINNING AFGHAN

BY DESIGNER JULENE WATSON

My grandmother taught me to crochet when I was 9, and I began selling my crocheted creations in high school. I started creating my own designs my first year in college, but I didn't become a serious designer until after my family moved from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara. As we packed up all our worldly possessions, we told our children, "As soon as we sell the house in Los Angeles, we'll take you on a wonderful, magical trip to Walt Disney World® in Florida!" Little did we know at the time that we were on the verge of a SERIOUS housing slump! For two years, we kept cutting the asking price of our lovely little home in Los Angeles, only to watch the housing market spiral down even further. In the end, we were fortunate to sell at all, just a few days short of the 2-year deadline for capital gains taxes. Needless to say, there was NO

money for a Disney World vacation! So, I began trying to save up, but for three years every penny I set aside was needed for one emergency after another. It soon became apparent that our dreams were likely to never see reality. And then, one day, I got a catalog from Annie's Attic, announcing an INCREDIBLE contest, with a grand prize of \$10,000!!! And I felt like I had been handed the answer to my prayers. I sat down and spoke with the Lord about what I could possibly make that would be both beautiful enough AND unique enough to win. And into my mind came the image of the Notre Dame Cathedral's stained glass North Rose Window that I had given a presentation on at church several years before. I knew that if I could reproduce THAT window, I could win the contest. It took me three months searching every yarn store and catalog I could

get my hands on to find exactly the right colors of yarn to accurately catch the impression of sunlight streaming through ancient stained glass; it took my son's recent architecture and geometry class to help me figure out precisely the right dimensions so the finished afghan would be only about 6 feet in diameter; it took 6 months of trial and error, unpicking and trying something else to get a pattern that worked. But the end result was everything I had hoped it would be, and Annie Potter agreed. My Cathedral Rose Window Afghan won the \$10,000 grand prize, and my children got their never-to-be-forgotten trip to Walt Disney World. To my tremendous joy, this pattern remains a popular favorite the world over to this day. I love hearing from crocheters everywhere and seeing the inspiring interpretations they have created from my pattern.



across top of Small Heptagon, mark 3rd st of last 7 sc made, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next corner st, 7 sc down side of Small Heptagon] 31 times, join in first sc. Fasten off. (30 sc in each rep—960 sc, 64 ch-1 sps)

**Rnd 2:** For Half Circle, work 3 rows as follows:

**A:** With dark orchid, join with sc in next marked st, sk next st, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next st, sk next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, turn. (9 sts, 1 ch sp)

**B:** 3 dc in 2nd dc of next 3-dc group, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch sp, ch 1, 3 dc in 2nd dc of next 3-dc group, sk next st on rnd 1 of Fourth Section, sc in each of next 3 sts, turn. (3 dc groups, 2 ch sps)

**C:** Work 3 dc in 2nd dc of each 3-dc group and in each ch sp across, sk next st on rnd

1 of Fourth Section, sl st in next st. Fasten off. (15 dc)

**D:** [Rep steps A–C consecutively] 31 times for a total of 32 Half Circles.

**Rnd 3:** Working on rnd 1, join black in first st of any column, ch 3, \*dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, sc in each of next 7 sts, working across Half Circle in dc only, sk first st, [sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each of next 3 sts, working on rnd 1, sc in each of next 7 sts \*\*, dc dec, rep from \* 31 times, ending last rep at \*\*, sk last st, join in top of ch-3. (37 sts in each rep—1,184 sts total)

**Rnd 4:** Ch 3, [dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, hdc in each of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 10 sts, dc dec] 31 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, hdc in each of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next

8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 10 sts, sk last st, join in top of ch-3.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 3, \*dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 7 sts, inc] 3 times, dc in each of next 6 sts, dc dec, rep from \* 30 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc dec, [dc in each of next 7 sts, inc] 3 times, dc in each of next 6 sts, sk last st, join in top of ch-3. (38 sts in each rep—1,216 dc)

**Rnd 6:** Sl st in next st, (sl st, ch 1, sc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st] 5 times, \*[sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st] 3 times, [sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st] 5 times, rep from \* 30 times, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk last st, sk next 2 sl sts, join in first sc. Fasten off. **C!**

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