

April Afghan - 1990s Crochet Pattern



Finished Size: Approximately 32" x 45"

MATERIALS

Worsted Weight Brushed Acrylic Yarn, approximately:
13½ ounces, (380 grams, 1,045 yards)

Crochet hook, size K (6.50 mm) or size needed for
gauge

GAUGE: In pattern, 19 stitches (2 repeats)
and 8 rows = 5¾"

Gauge Swatch: (5¾" x 5¾")

Chain 22 loosely.

Work same as Afghan for 8 rows.

Chain 102 loosely.

Row 1: Double crochet in sixth chain from hook, ★ skip next 2 chains, 5 double crochets (**Shell made**) in next chain, skip next 2 chains, double crochet in next chain, chain 1, skip next chain, double crochet in next chain; repeat from ★ across: 12 Shells.

Row 2: Chain 4, turn: double crochet in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets, work Shell in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets, double crochet in next double crochet, ★ chain 1, double crochet in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets, work Shell in next double crochet, skip next

2 double crochets, double crochet in next double crochet: repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, chain 1, skip next chain, double crochet in next chain.

Repeat Row 2 until Afghan measures approximately 42".

EDGING

Round 1 (Right side): Chain 3, turn; 2 double crochets in same stitch, work 93 double crochets evenly spaced across to last double crochet, 3 double crochets in last double crochet; working in end of rows, work 117 double crochets evenly spaced across; working in free loops of beginning chain, 3 double crochets in first chain, work 93 double crochets evenly spaced across to last chain, 3 double crochets in last chain; working in end of rows, work 117 double crochets evenly spaced across; join with slip stitch to top of beginning chain-3: 432 stitches.

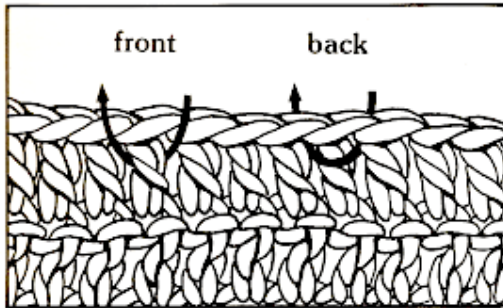
Round 2: Slip stitch in next double crochet, chain 3, 4 double crochets in same stitch, skip next 2 double crochets, single crochet in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets, ★ 5 double crochets in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets, single crochet in next double crochet, skip next 2 double crochets; repeat from ★ around; join with slip stitch to top of beginning chain-3, finish off.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

POST STITCH

Work around post of stitch indicated, inserting hook in direction of arrow (Fig. 2).

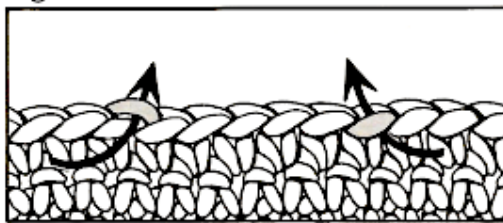
Fig. 2



BACK OR FRONT LOOP ONLY

Work only in the loop indicated by arrow (Fig. 3).

Fig. 3



HINTS

As in all crocheted pieces, good finishing techniques make a big difference in the quality of the piece. Make a habit of taking care of loose ends as you work. To keep loose ends from showing, always weave them back through several stitches or work over them. When ends are secure, clip them off close to work.

ABBREVIATIONS

BLO	Back Loop Only
BPdc	Back Post double crochet(s)
CC	Contrasting Color
ch(s)	chain(s)
dc	double crochet(s)
ex sc	extended single crochet(s)
FLO	Front Loop Only
FPdc	Front Post double crochet(s)
FPdtr	Front Post double treble(s)
hdc	half double crochet(s)
Ldc	Long double crochet(s)
MC	Main Color
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
sc	single crochet(s)
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
YO	yarn over

FRINGE

Cut a piece of cardboard 8" wide and half as long as specified in instructions for finished strands. Wind yarn loosely and evenly around the cardboard, then cut across one end when the card is filled; repeat as needed. Hold the number of strands specified for one knot together and fold in half. With **wrong** side of Afghan facing and using crochet hook, draw the folded end up through first space or stitch and pull the loose ends through the folded end (Fig. 4a); draw the knot up **tightly** (Fig. 4b). Repeat, spacing as specified in individual instructions. Lay Afghan flat on a hard surface and trim ends.

Fig. 4a

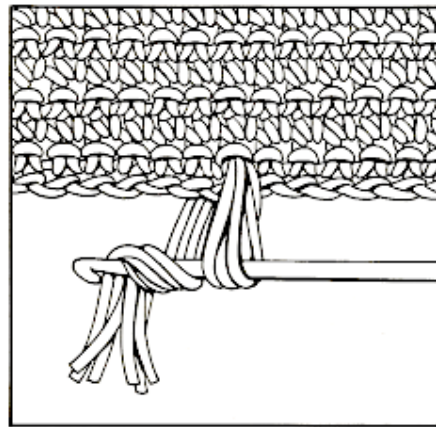
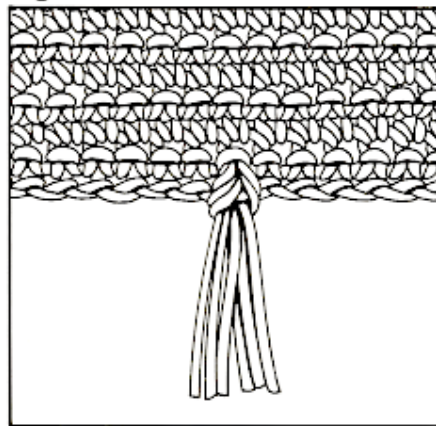


Fig. 4b



- ★ — work instructions following ★ as many **more** times as indicated in addition to the first time.
- () or [] — work enclosed instructions **as many** times as specified by the number immediately following **or** work all enclosed instructions in the stitch or space indicated **or** contains explanatory remarks.