

Hook & Web Designs Presents: Treasured Heirlooms Crochet

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OCEAN BLUE AFGHAN BLOCK

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(This block was created in support of the Warm Up American! Project, an organization of volunteers who hand-craft afghans and other items for people who have lost their homes, fled abusive relationships, or are in hospices, shelters, hospitals, or nursing homes. Individuals make one block or several, then have "joining parties" in their communities to sew the blocks together, or send them to a central location to be joined with blocks from all over the US.)



SKILL LEVEL:

■□□□□ Beginner

FINISHED SIZE:

7" x 9" (standard size for all Warm Up America! Afghan blocks so that blocks from different people all over the country can be joined)

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight yarn (Size 4/Medium) Shown: Caron Simply Soft Embroidery
- Size H aluminum crochet hook (or size to obtain gauge)

◆ Cardboard rectangle, 7" x 9" (optional)

GAUGE:

7 pattern st = approx. 2" 2 rows sc + 1 row hdc = 1"

PATTERN NOTES:

The Warm Up America! Website suggests using a 7" x 9" cardboard template as a size guide in making blocks.

This block can be made in any length or width; pattern will work with any number of stitches.

STITCHES USED: Ch st, sc, hdc

SPECIAL STITCHES:

Working in Back loops only: Insert hook only through back loop at top of st instead of both.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 24 loosely. Sc in 2nd ch fm hook, and in each rem ch across. Ch 2, turn. (23 st)

Row 2: Turning ch counts as 1st hdc; hdc in next sc and in each rem sc across. Ch 1, turn. (23 hdc)

Row 3: Working in Back loops only for this row, sc in each hdc across. Ch 2, turn.

Rows 3 - 25: Repeat Rows 2 - 3 eleven times (or until piece measures desired length). At end of last row, fasten off. Weave in all yarn ends.

A finished Warm Up America! Afghan is made up of 49 blocks, 7 blocks wide by 9 blocks long. For more information about Warm Up America!, please see: http://www.warmupamerica.com

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