



Vortex Afghan & Pillows

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FREE

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SIMPLY
SOFT®

DESCRIPTION SIZING

Details & Instructions

MEASUREMENTS

Pillow

Pillow measures
approximately 18 x
18"/45.5 x 45.5cm
square

Afghan

Afghan measures
approximately 52
1/2"/133.5cm wide x
70"/178cm long

MATERIALS

For Afghan

Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz; 288 m/315 yds)



[Change Color Here](#) Pistachio (0003)



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
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Pillow #1

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
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Pillow #2

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GAUGE

In pattern, 18 sts and 10 rows = 4"/10cm;
Each square measures about 17 1/2" x 17 1/2"/44.5 x 44.5cm.

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTES

1. Main section of squares is worked in two-color spirals. Do not join and do not turn at end of rounds. RS is facing throughout.
2. The first half of each round is worked with one color, and the second half is worked with the second color. Two markers are placed when working Round 2, to indicate the beginning of each half. Move the markers up as each round is completed.
3. When changing colors, drop the last loop of the old color from the hook but do not fasten off. Pick up the dropped loop of the next color.
4. Pieces are squared by working short rows over a section of the spirals to form corners.

HELPFUL

Extend the dropped loop (of color not in use) so that the last stitch does not come undone while working with the other color. Alternately, the dropped loop can be placed on a safety pin or split-ring marker.

AFGHAN

SQUARE #1 (make 3)

Note: The A-colored spiral is worked in double crochet, and the B-colored spiral is worked in single crochet. With B, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS): Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, drop loop from hook but do not fasten off; draw up a loop of A in same ch (following the 3 B-colored sc) and work (sc, hdc, dc) in same ch; do not join and do not turn—6 sts.

Round 2: Working in back loops only; continue with A, 2 dc in next 3 (B-colored) sc, drop A, place marker in last dc made; pick up dropped loop of B, 2 sc in next 3 (A-colored) sts, drop B, place marker in last sc made—12 sts.

Round 3: Pick up A, 2 dc in next 6 sts, drop A, move marker up to last dc made; pick up B, 2 sc in next 6 sts,

drop B, move marker to last sc made—24 sts.

Note: In following rounds, continue to move marker to last st made, as each marker is reached.

Round 4: Pick up A, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times, drop B—36 sts.

Round 5: Pick up A, [dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times, drop B—48 sts.

Round 6: Pick up A, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop B—60 sts.

Round 7: Pick up A, [dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times, drop B—72 sts.

Round 8: Pick up A, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, drop B—84 sts.

Round 9: Pick up A, [dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop B—96 sts.

Round 10: Pick up A, [dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, drop B—108 sts.

Round 11: Pick up A, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] 6 times, drop B—120 sts.

Round 12: Pick up A, dc in next 60 sts, drop A; pick up B, sc in next 60 sts, drop B.

Round 13: Pick up A, [dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times, drop B—132 sts.

Round 14: Pick up A, dc in next 66 sts, drop A; pick up B, sc in next 66 sts, drop B.

Round 15: Pick up A, [dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, drop B—144 sts.

Round 16: Pick up A, dc in next 72 sts, drop A; pick up B, sc in next 72 sts, drop B.

Round 17: Pick up A, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts] 6 times, drop B—156 sts.

Round 18: Pick up A, dc in next 78 sts, drop A; pick up B, sc in next 78 sts, drop B.

Round 19: Pick up A, [dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, drop B—168 sts.

Round 20: Pick up A, dc in next 84 sts, drop A; pick up B, sc in next 84 sts, drop B.

Round 21: Pick up A, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts] 6 times, drop A; pick up B, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts] 6 times, DO NOT drop B—180 sts.

Row 22: Continue with B, sc in next 84 sts. Fasten off B. Remove marker for B.

CORNERS

Corner 1

Notes

1. Fasten off at the end of each row.
2. Begin each row with RS facing.
3. Beginning ch-1 counts as first stitch.
4. The first and last few stitches of previous row are left unworked.

Row 1 (RS): Pick up A and remove marker, dc in next 15 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 13 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st—38 sts. Fasten off A. Sk next 11 sts following last sc worked, place marker in next st (for beginning of next corner, to be worked later).

Row 2 (RS): Join B with sl st in 3rd st of Row 1, ch 1, sc in next 32 sts, sl st in next st—34 sts (including beginning ch-1). Fasten off B.

Row 3: Join A with sl st in 4th st of Row 2, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 9 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—32 sts. Fasten off A.

Row 4: Join B with sl st in 5th st of Row 3, ch 1, sc in next 22 sts, sl st in next st—24 sts. Fasten off B.

Row 5: Join A with sl st in 5th st of Row 4, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—20 sts. Fasten off A.

Row 6: Join B with sl st in 5th st of Row 5, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—12 sts. Fasten off B.

Corners 2–4

Row 1: Join A with sl st in marked st, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in

next 13 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st—38 sts. Fasten off A. Sk next 11 sts following last sc worked, place marker in next st (for beginning of next corner, this step is not necessary when working 4th corner).

Rows 2–6: Work Rows 2–6 of corner #1.

EDGING

Join A with sl st in st before any corner.

Edging Round: Ch 3, *5 dc in corner, work 58 sc evenly spaced across side to next corner; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

SQUARE #2 (make 3)

Work same as Square #1, reversing colors.

SQUARE #3 (make 3)

Using C instead of A, and D instead of B, work same as Square #1 through Round 12—120 sts.

Round 13: Pick up C, [dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts] 6 times, drop C; pick up D, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times, DO NOT drop D—132 sts.

Row 14: Continue with D, sc in next 65 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D. Remove marker for D.

CORNERS

Lower Right Corner

Notes:

1. Fasten off at the end of each row.
2. Begin each row with RS facing.
3. Beginning ch-1 counts as first stitch.
4. The first and last few stitches of previous row are left unworked.

Row 1 (RS): Pick up C and remove marker, dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 9 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—32 sts. Fasten off C. Sk next 6 sts following last sl st worked, place marker in next st (for beginning of top section and upper left corner).

Row 2 (RS): Join D with sl st in 5th st of Row 1, ch 1, sc in next 22 sts, sl st in next st—24 sts (including beginning ch-1). Fasten off D.

Row 3: Join C with sl st in 5th st of Row 2, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—20 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 4: Join D with sl st in 5th st of Row 3, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—12 sts. Fasten off D.

Top Section and Upper Left Corner

Row 1 (RS): Join C with sl st in marked st, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, [dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st] 7 times, dc in next 9 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—99 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 2 (RS): Join D with sl st in 5th st of Row 1, ch 1, sc in next 89 sts, sl st in next st—91 sts (including beginning ch-1). Fasten off D.

Row 3: Join C with sl st in 4th st of Row 2, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, [dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, dc in next 7 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—91 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 4: Join D with sl st in 4th st of Row 3, ch 1, sc in next 83 sts, sl st in next st—85 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 5: Join C with sl st in 3rd st of Row 4, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, [dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—86 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 6: Join D with sl st in first st of Row 5, ch 1, sc in next 84 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D.

Row 7: Join C with sl st in 2nd st of Row 6, ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, [dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in next 7 sts—89 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 8: Join D with sl st in first st of Row 7, ch 1, sc in next 87 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D.

Row 9: Join C with sl st in 2nd st of Row 8, ch 2, [dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in next 11 sts—92 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 10: Join D with sl st in first st of Row 9, ch 1, sc in next 90 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D.

Row 11: Join C with sl st in 2nd st of Row 10, ch 2, dc in next 5 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts] 6 times, dc in next 6 sts—96 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 12: Join D with sl st in first st of Row 11, ch 1, sc in next 94 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D.

Row 13: Join C with sl st in 2nd st of Row 12, ch 2, dc in next 4 sts, [dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st] 7 times, dc in next 5 sts—101 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 14: Join D with sl st in first st of Row 13, ch 1, sc in next 99 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off D.

Row 15: Join C with sl st in first st of Row 14, ch 2, dc in next 5 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts] 8 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts—110 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 16: Join D with sl st in 2nd st of Row 15, ch 1, sc in next 106 sts, sl st in next st—108 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 17: Join C with sl st in 23rd st of Row 16, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 27 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 27 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—68 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 18: Join D with sl st in 6th st of Row 17, ch 1, sc in next 56 sts, sl st in next st—58 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 19: Join C with sl st in 7th st of Row 18, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 18 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 18 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—50 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 20: Join D with sl st in 6th st of Row 19, ch 1, sc in next 38 sts, sl st in next st—40 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 21: Join C with sl st in 4th st of Row 20, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 12 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—38 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 22: Join D with sl st in 3rd st of Row 21, ch 1, sc in next 32 sts, sl st in next st—34 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 23: Join C with sl st in 4th st of Row 22, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 9 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—32 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 24: Join D with sl st in 5th st of Row 23, ch 1, sc in next 22 sts, sl st in next st—24 sts. Fasten off D.

Row 25: Join C with sl st in 5th st of Row 24, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—20 sts. Fasten off C.

Row 26: Join D with sl st in 5th st of Row 25, ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st—12 sts. Fasten off D.

EDGING

Join C with sl st in st before any corner.

Edging Round: Ch 3, *5 dc in corner, work 58 sc evenly spaced across side to next corner; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

SQUARE #4

Work same as Square #3, reversing colors.

FINISHING

Arrange squares as shown in assembly diagram and whipstitch squares together.

Edging

Join C with sl st anywhere in edge of afghan.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc evenly spaced all the way around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

PILLOW #1

Follow directions for square #1.

PILLOW #2

Follow directions for square #2.

Pillow Assembly: Hold front and back with wrong sides together. With RS facing, and working through both thicknesses, join A with sc anywhere corner of pillow, sc evenly across 3 sides, working 2 sc in each corner; slip pillow form into opening; sc evenly across last side. Fasten off. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.