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GROOVYGHAN BY TRACY ST. JOHN

Granny squares? Stripes in groovy colors? What could be more 1970's retro than that? Add some funky flowers and floating dots, and you have a blanket Shaggy and Scooby would be happy to hide under. Combine the colors and make the stripes however you like them to personalize this trippy afghan. Peace!



CRAFT

Crochet

DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

MATERIALS

Yarn – Berocco Vintage (50% acrylic, 40% wool, 10% nylon; 217 yd[198 m]/3.5 oz [100 gm]; CYCA 4): #5181 black cherry, #5175 fennel, #5177 douglas fir, #5166 sakura, #5182 black currant, #5185 tide pool, #5164 tang, 3 skeins each.

Hook – US H/8 (5mm) Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions – Removable markers (m); tapestry needle.

GAUGE

13 sts and 7.5 rows=4" in dc.
To check gauge, ch 15, dc in 3rd ch from hook and each rem ch across, turn. Row 2: ch 2(does not count as dc), dc in each dc across. Repeat row 2 five times more, measure swatch, adjust hook size if necessary. Gauge is pre-blocking. Please note that gauge is not critical for this afghan.

AVAILABLE SIZES

One size

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 45” wide and 60” long

NOTES

The exact sequence of colors used in the model afghan has not been noted in the instructions. Please combine and arrange colors as you like them - there is no wrong combination or sequence.



INSTRUCTIONS

GRANNY SQUARES (make 7)

Note: change colors after each round as desired, each round is worked with a different color.

Rnd 1: Ch 5, sl st in beg ch to form ring. Ch 3 (counts as dc, here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 dc in ring, ch 2; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch 3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 2: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 3: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch 3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 4: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 5: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) three times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) three times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 6: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) four times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) four times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 7: Join new color in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) five times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) five times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew motifs in a long strip, holding RS of motifs together while seaming. Set strip aside.

DOT MOTIFS (make 7)

Rnd 1: With color of choice, ch 4 (counts as dc and base ch), work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook, sl st in top of ch-4 to join, do not turn, here and throughout (12 dc).

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc, here and throughout), dc in same st, *2 dc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in beg ch-3 to join (24 dc).
Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in beg ch-3 to join (36 dc).
Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in beg ch-3 to join (48 dc).
Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off color.
Rnd 6: Join color of choice to any dc of rnd 5. Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), 2 dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * twice more, dc in same st as beg ch-4, sl st in 3rd of beg ch to join.
Rnd 7: sl st in ch-1 sp, ch 4, 2 dc in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts; rep from * twice more, dc in same sp as beg ch 4, sl st in 3rd of beg ch to join.
Rnd 8: sl st in ch-1 sp, ch 4, 2 dc in same sp, dc in next 22 sts, *(2 dc, ch-1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 22 sts; rep from * around, dc in same sp as beg ch-4, sl st in 3rd of beg ch to join, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew motifs in a long strip, holding RS of motifs together while seaming. Set strip aside.

FLOWER MOTIFS (make 7)

Rnd 1: With color of choice, ch 4 (counts as dc and base ch), work 15 dc in 4th ch from hook, sl st in top of beg ch to join, do not turn, here and throughout. End off color.
Rnd 2: Join new color to any dc of rnd 1. Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk 1 dc, *sc in next dc, ch 3, sk 1 dc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join (8 ch-3 loops).
Rnd 3: Sl st in ch-3 loop, *(sc, 5 dc) in ch-3 loop; rep from * in each ch-3 loop around, sl st in beg sc to join.
Rnd 4: sl st in back of same sc, ch 5 (counts as sc, ch 4), *sc in back of next sc, ch 4; rep from * around, sl st in beg sl st to join.
Rnd 5: sl st in ch-4 loop, *(sc, 7 dc) in ch-4 loop; rep from * in each ch-4 loop around, sl st in beg sc to join.
Rnd 6: sl st in back of same sc, ch 6 (counts as sc, ch 5), *sc in back of next sc, ch 5; rep from * around, sl st in beg sl st to join.
Rnd 7: sl st in ch-5 loop, *(sc, 9 dc) in ch-5 loop; rep from * in each ch-5 loop around, sl st in beg sc to join, end off color.
Rnd 8: Join new color in any sc of rnd 7. Ch 8 (counts as tr, ch 4), sk 4 dc, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk 4 dc, *tr in next sc, ch 4, sk 4 dc, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk 4 dc; rep from * around, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch to join.
Rnd 9: sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp) three times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp) three times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join.

Rnd 10: sl st in next 2 dc and ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) four times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) four times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join.
Rnd 11: sl st in next 2 dc and ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) five times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) five times, ch 1; rep from * twice more, sl st in beg ch-3 to join, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Sew motifs in a long strip, holding RS of motifs together while seaming. Set strip aside.

STRIPE STRIP

Row 1: with color of choice, ch 32. Dc in 3rd ch from hook and each rem ch across, turn.
Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st), dc in each dc across (30 dc).

Repeat row 2, changing color as desired, until strip measures the same length as the motif strips (approx 54”). It is helpful if you crochet over your yarn tails as you go, so you don’t have to spend as much time weaving in ends later.

SHELL STRIP

Choose one of your motif strips and lay it in front of you with RS facing. Join color of choice to the upper right corner of the long edge of the strip. Ch 1, then sc evenly along length of motif strip, working one sc in each motif stitch and one sc in each seam between motifs. The final number of sc sts on this row needs to be a multiple of 4, plus 3 extra (ie: 203). After row of sc sts is complete, turn.

Next row: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, sk next st, sc in next st, *sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st; rep from * across, turn.

Repeat last row, changing colors as desired, until strip is about .25” shorter than the width of the stripe strip (about 9”), turn.

Last row: Ch 1, then sc in each st along row, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

With RS together, sew motif strip of choice to long available edge of shell strip. Sew stripe strip to other long edge of this motif strip, then sew remaining motif strip to other long edge of stripe strip. Weave in all ends.

EDGING

With RS facing, join color of choice anywhere on edge of blanket. Sc evenly around entire edge, working 3 sc in each corner, sl st in beg sc to join, end off color. Before joining next color, you will need to count the number of sc sts on each long edge of the blanket (the short sides will be addressed later). When the next round is complete, you will need to have 212 sts on each long edge of blanket. Join new color anywhere on blanket edge, and sc around once more, adjusting by evenly spaced increases or

decreases your stitch count to 212 on each long edge, and remembering to work 3 sc in each corner st. End off color.

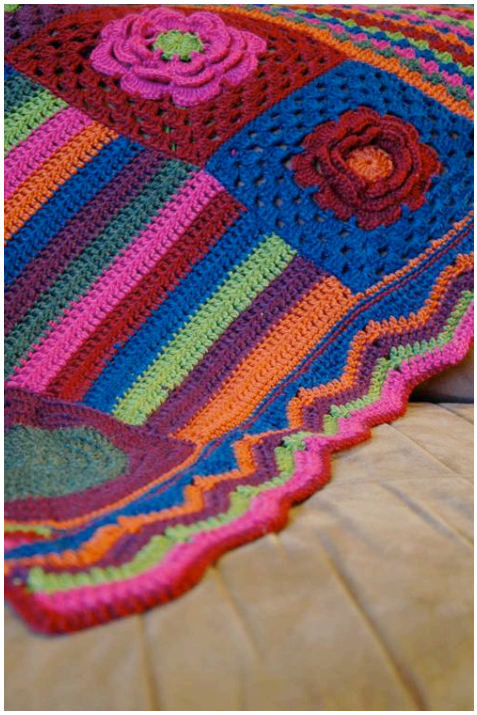
Ripple edge on long sides:
Join color of choice to corner stitch of one of the long edges.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same st, *sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * across, sc in last st, end off color, turn.
Row 2: Join new color, ch 3 (counts as dc), sk st under the ch and next st, *dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, sk 2; rep from * across, ending last rep by skipping one (rather than 2), dc in last st. Repeat row 2 three times more (or as desired). Repeat for other long side of blanket.

Ripple edge on short sides:
Join color of choice to corner of short side of blanket. Ch 1, then sc evenly along short side. You will need to have 183 sts on this edge, so count as you go and adjust your spacing accordingly.

Changing colors as desired, work row 1 of long ripple edge, and then work row 2 of long ripple edge 4 times (or as desired). Repeat for other short side of blanket.

When last row of second short edge is complete, do not end off. Rotate blanket 90 degrees, and sc evenly along entire outer edge of blanket, working 3 sc in each corner of the blanket. End off, weave in all ends. Block blanket if desired.



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