

MODERN LOG CABIN AFGHAN

Crochet Afghan/Throw Pattern
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After spending days looking at afghan/throw patterns, I decided to design my own, simply because I couldn't find something that would look *perfect* with my living room décor. Inspired by log-cabin afghans, which are typically knit, I drew up a design that worked with just three colors—black, white and gray in my case—and would have a clean, modern look that wouldn't look out of place in a minimalist-style living room.

This pattern is very easy to follow and is suitable for beginners. The only stitch used is the hdc. Gauge isn't really an issue since you can measure as you go, and as long as your own stitches are consistent, the blocks will line up. And the best part? It works up quickly as one piece so you won't have to sew blocks together at the end!

Materials:

3 colors of worsted weight yarn
Color A and B – approx. 700 yards each
Color C – approx. 600 yards
5.5mm (I) crochet hook
tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge:

30 hdc stitches = 10 inches



PATTERN:

**Use the diagram as a guide to determine which direction you should be working for each block. Keep in mind that every time you begin a new block, your work should be right side facing.*

Block 1.

With Color A, ch 32. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [30 hdc]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [30 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until work measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

NOTE: Every time you cut your yarn, be sure to leave enough length to weave in the ends when you are finished.

Block 2.

Turn Block 1 so that you are holding the block with the bottom of the block on your right (right side facing). The rows should now be vertical.

With Color B, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across.

HINT: To help distribute the stitches as evenly as possible, fold Block 1 in half and mark the midway point with a stitch marker and 15 hdc before the stitch marker and 15 hdc after the stitch marker.

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [30 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block B measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 3.

Turn your work so that Block 1 is now facing the correct direction. Block 2 should now be vertical.

With Color C, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 2. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across Block 2. Continue to hdc (30) across Block 3. [60 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [60 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 3 measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 4.

Turn your work so that Block 2 is now facing the correct direction. Blocks 1 and 3 should now be vertical.

With Color A, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 2. Ch 2. Hdc (30) across Block 2. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across Block 3. [60 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [60 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 4 measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 5.

Turn your work so that Blocks 1 and 3 are now facing the correct direction. Blocks 2 and 4 should now be vertical.

With Color B, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 4. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across Block 4. Continue to hdc (60) across Block 3. [90 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [90 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 5 measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 6.

Turn your work so that Blocks 2 and 4 are now facing the correct direction. Blocks 1, 3, and 5 should now be vertical.

With Color C, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 4. Ch 2. Hdc (60) along the top of Block 4. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across Block 5. [90 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [90 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 6 measures 5 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 7.

Turn your work so that Blocks 1, 3, and 5 are now facing the correct direction. Blocks 2, 4, and 6 should now be vertical.

With Color A, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 6. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 15 hdc across the top of Block 6. Hdc (90) along to top of Block 5. [105 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [105 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 7 measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Block 8.

Turn your work so that Blocks 2, 4, and 6 are now facing the correct direction. Blocks 1, 3, 5, and 7 should now be vertical.

With Color B, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 6. Ch 2. Hdc (90) across the top of Block 6. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across the top of Block 7. [120 hdc total]

Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across. [120 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Block 8 measures 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Blocks 9 and 10.

NOTE: Blocks 9 and 10 are worked simultaneously.

Turn your work so that you'll be picking up and working along the sides of Blocks 7, 5, 3, and 1 (in that order). Blocks 2, 4, 6, and 8 should now be upside down.

With Color C, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 7. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 30 hdc across the top of Block 7. Repeat for Block 5. You now have 60 hdc in Color C. Before completing the final (60th) hdc, pull your working yarn (Color C) to the front of your work and complete the stitch with Color B.

**If you have never changed colors in the middle of a row, the new yarn must be introduced before you complete the last stitch with the working yarn. With a hdc, you loop the yarn around your hook, insert the hook into the stitch in the previous row, loop the yarn and pull out. Then, before looping the yarn again with your working yarn, pull your working yarn to the front of your work and complete the stitch with the new color.*

Continuing with Color B, evenly distribute 30 hdc across the top of Block 3 and again across the top of Block 1. You will now have 120 hdc total.

*Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across, changing colors when necessary. * [120 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Blocks 9 and 10 measure 15 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

NOTE: Every time you switch colors, be sure to pull the working yarn to the front of your work before continuing with the next color.

When you turn your work for the next row, it is important that you pick up yarn for the color change from the back of your work.

Blocks 11 and 12.

NOTE: Blocks 11 and 12 are worked simultaneously.

Turn your work so that you'll be picking up and working along the sides of Blocks 10, 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 (in that order). Blocks 1, 3, 5, and 7 should now be upside down.

With Color C, slip stitch to secure yarn to what is now the top right corner of Block 10. Ch 2. Evenly distribute 45 hdc across the top of Block 10. Continuing to Block 1, 2 and 4, evenly distribute 30 hdc across the tops of Blocks 1, 2, and 4. Before completing the final (135th) hdc, pull your working yarn (Color C) to

the front of your work and complete the stitch with Color A.

Continuing with Color A, evenly distribute 15 hdc across the top of Block 6 and 30 hdc across the top of Block 8. You will now have 180 hdc total.

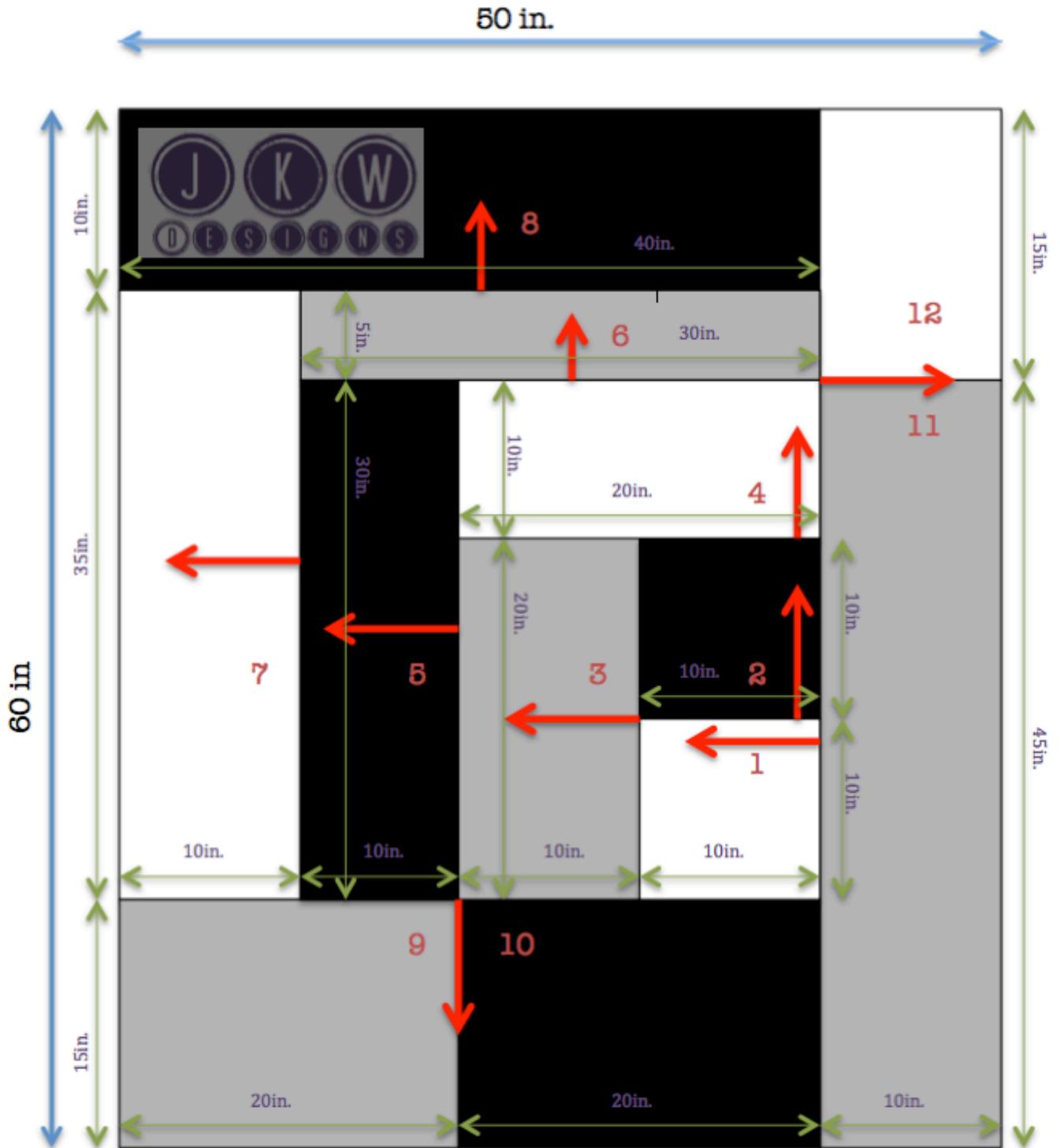
*Ch 2. Turn. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc across, changing colors when necessary. * [180 hdc]

Repeat from * to * until Blocks 11 and 12 measure 10 inches. Bind off and cut yarn.

Weave in all the ends. And you're done! 😊



DIAGRAM/LAYOUT



Red numbers = Blocks

Red arrows = Direction to crochet