

Blocks of Drops Afghan

This pattern is a great way to use up scraps. Any weight yarn can be used with a corresponding size crochet hook. Colors can be random or you can have a theme. Use your imagination when deciding on colors as the possibilities are endless. Change colors after every two rows as making only two rows of each color makes the drops really pop out nicely.

Abbreviations:

Ch chain
DC double crochet

Pattern:

Chain to desired width of afghan using **odd** multiples of 6, plus 4. Worsted weight yarn, an “H” hook, and a chain of 106 gives a blanket with a width of approximately 30”. ($106 = 6 \times 17 = 102 + 4 = 106$)

Row 1: DC in 4th chain from hook and in the next 2 chains – this makes your first group of 3 DCs.

*Skip next 3 chains, ch 3, DC in next 3 chains. Repeat across from * to the end until you have 4 chains left. Ch 3, skip 3 chains, DC in last chain, ch 3, and turn.

Row 2: *DC in each of the 3 chains (2 rows down) to create your “drop stitches”, ch 3 (to form a bridge to the next set of 3 chains) repeat from * to the end of the row until you have 3 stitches left. Finish with a ch 3, DC in top of the turning ch, ch 3, and turn (ch 3 is for turning chain).

NOTE: When creating your drop stitches, when you yarn over and pull your yarn through the stitch 2 rows down, be sure to create an elongated loop to prevent puckering.

Row 3 *DC in each of the 3 DCs (2 rows down), ch 3, repeat from * to the end finishing with a DC in turning chain, ch 3, and turn.

Repeat row 3 until desired length.

Border: 2 rows of SC around entire blanket.

