

Stair Step Afghan

Materials:

Size I crochet hook

Leftover worsted weight (#4) yarn. Amount depends on how large you want your afghan to be.

Abbreviations:

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch

Pattern:

(A hand-written stitch key is provided at the end of the pattern to assist you)

Chain 10

Rnd 1: dc in 4th ch from hook and dc in each chain (ch 3 counts as 1st dc) – 8 dcs (see Fig. 1). Fasten off and cut yarn.

Rnd 2: Attach next color to bottom of ch 3 with a sl st, ch 10, dc in 4th ch from hook and also in next 7 dc from Rnd 1; sl st to top of ch 3: ch 3 and dc in last 7 dc. Fasten off and cut yarn (see Fig. 2)

Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd. 2 until as wide as you want it (see Fig. 3)

Filling Rnds:

Once it is as wide as you want, attach yarn to top of ch 3 of last round with a sl st. *ch 3 and 7 dc, sl st to top of ch 3 from previous row* Repeat from * to * until you get to the end. Fasten off and cut yarn. Repeat filling rounds until length needed (see Fig. 4)

Finishing Rnds:

Once it is as long as you want, you want to fill in the gaps (stair steps) and not add more length.

Attach yarn to top of ch 3 of last round, *ch 3 and 7 dc, sl st to top of ch 3 from previous row*. Repeat pattern from * to * until you get to the horizontal edge where you want to stop. Do not work the 7 dcs on the edge so you don't add any more length. Repeat finishing rounds until all gaps (stair steps) are filled.

Edge:

1 row of sc

1 row of hdc



Stitch Key

- = chain (ch)
- = slip st (sl st)
- ∩ = double crochet (dc)

