Striped Elegance
Afghan

<u>Finished Size:</u> Approximately 57"L x 65"W

<u>Materials:</u>

I love This Yarn Acrylic Worsted Weight yarn, approximately:

Main Color (MC): Light Taupe
25 ounces (710 grams, 1,265 yards)

Color A (CA): Aubergine
23 ounces (655 grams, 1,165 yards)

Color B (CB): Antique Teal
17 ounces (485 grams, 865 yards)

Crochet hook size K (6.50 mm)

Yarn Needle

<u>Gauge:</u>

3 sc = 1 inch

Special Stitch Instructions

Crab Stitch (reverse sc): Insert hook in next stitch to the right, YO, pull up loop, YO, draw through both loops on hook.
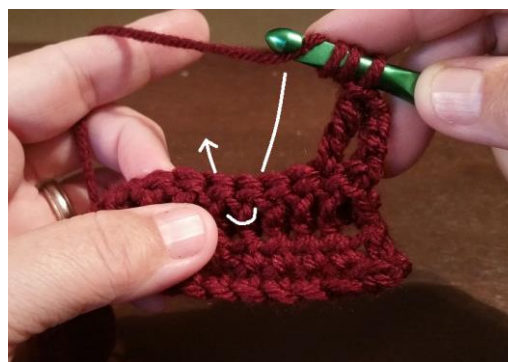
Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc): YO, insert hook from back to front around post of next stitch in

row below, YO, pull up a loop, (YO, draw through 2 loops) **twice.**

Tr Tog: YO twice, insert hook in next st, YO, pull up a loop, (YO, draw through 2 loops).

Back Post Double Treble Cluster (BPdtc): [YO **three times**, insert hook from back to front around post of next stitch in row below, YO, pull up a loop, (YO, draw through 2 loops on hook) **three times**, *YO **three times**, insert hook from back to front around **same post**, [YO, pull up a loop, (YO, draw through 2 loops on hook) **three times**]**,** repeat from * **once more**, YO, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Back Post Half-Double Crochet (BPhdc): YO, insert hook from back to front around post of next stitch in row below, YO, pull up a loop, YO, draw through all 3 loops.

Tr Treb Shell: YO **4 times**, insert hook below Row 4 post, YO, pull up a loop, (YO, draw through 2 loops) **five times**.

Strip 1

Make Strip 1 as follows:

With CA, ch 182. *(foundation ch)*

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch and each ch across. (181 sc)

Row 2: **(Right Side)** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn; hdc in each sc across. (181 hdc)

Row 3: Ch 1, *do not turn*; work Crab st (see Special Stitch Instructions) across, ch 2 (counts as first BPdc), Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc) in each hdc of Row 2 across. (181 BPdc)

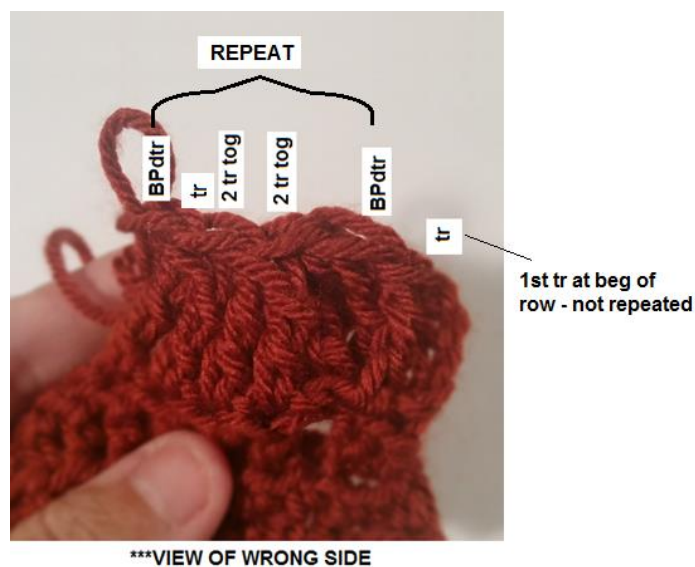Row 4: Ch 4 (counts as first tr), turn; tr in next 2 dc,

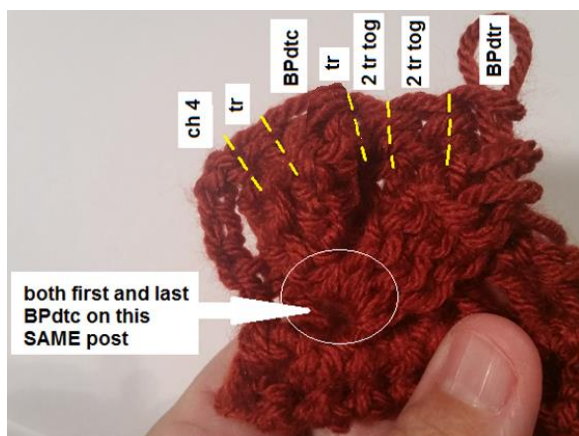 *Back Post Double Treble Cluster (BPdtc) around post of next dc,

(tr tog next 2 dc) **twice**, tr once more in previous dc,

BPdtc around same post as first BPdtc * *,

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***VIEW OF RIGHT SIDE

 repeat from * to * * across to last 3 st, tr in each st. (181 st) (35 repeats)

Row 5: Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across. (181 sc)

Row 6: Ch 1, *do not turn*; work Crab st across, ch 2, Back Post Half-Double crochet (BPhdc) in each sc across. (181 st)

Row 7: Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across (chg to MC in last st). (181 sc)

Lace Rnds

Rnd 1: **(Right Side)** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn; 2 dc in next sc, (skip next sc, 2 dc in next sc) across to last 2 sc, skip next sc (90 2-dc clusters), hdc in last sc, working in row end, 10 tr treb shell around post of Row 4, working in free loops of foundation ch, slip st in first free loop, ch 2 (counts as hdc), 2 dc in next ch, (skip next ch, 2 dc in next ch) across to last 2 ch (90 2-dc clusters), skip next ch, hdc in last ch, working in row end, 10 tr treb shell around post of Row 4, slip st in first hdc to join.

Rnd 2: *Do not turn*; working in spaces between stitches, *[ch 1, skip next 3 dc, (tr, ch 1) **five times** in next sp), skip next 3 dc, slip st in next sp] across to last st (hdc), skip hdc * *,

† working in tr treb shell at row end, [(tr, ch 1) **six times**, tr] between 2nd and 3rd tr treb,

(slip st, ch 1, hdc, dc, tr, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, tr, dc, hdc, ch 1, slip st) in sp between 5th and 6th tr treb,

[(tr, ch 1) **six times**, tr] between 8th and 9th tr treb ††,

 slip st in hdc of next long side, repeat from * to * *
once more, repeat from †to ††once more; slip st in
first hdc to join. Finish off.

Strip 2

Make Strip 2 as follows:

With CB, ch 182. *(foundation ch)*

Repeat Rows 1-7 of Strip 1 instructions, repeat Rnd 1
of Lace Rnd instructions.

Rnd 2: **Do not turn**; working in spaces between
stitches, [ch 1, skip next 3 dc, (tr, ch 1) **five times** in
next sp, skip next 3 dc, slip st in next sp] across to
last st (hdc), skip hdc, † working in tr treb shell at
row end, [(tr, ch 1) **six times**, tr] between 2nd and 3rd
tr treb, (slip st, ch 1, hdc, dc, tr, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch
from hook, tr, dc, hdc, ch 1, slip st) in sp between 5th
and 6th tr treb, [(tr, ch 1) **six times**, tr) between 8th and
9th tr treb † †, slip st in hdc of next long side, joining
this strip with last strip made, *[ch 1, skip next 3 dc,
in next space [(tr, ch 1) **twice**, insert hook in 3rd tr of
5-tr shell of previous strip,

YO **twice**, [insert hook in same sp as 1st two tr, YO,
pull up loop, (YO, draw through all 2 loops on hook)
twice, YO, draw through all 4 loops on hook] to
finish tr, ch 1 (tr, ch 1) **twice more**, skip next 3 dc,
slip st in next sp]* *,

 repeat from * to * * across to last st (hdc), skip hdc;
repeat from †to †† **once more**, join with slip st in
first hdc to join. Finish off.

Alternating between CA and CB, make 7 more strips.

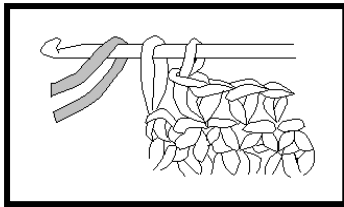Weave in all loose ends.

Abbreviations

beg	beginning
BPdc	Back Post Double Crochet
BPdtc	Back Post Double Treble Cluster
BPhdc	Back Post Half Double Crochet
ch (s)	chain (s)
dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
MC	Main Color
mm	millimeters
PC	popcorn stitch
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
RPC	reverse popcorn stitch
sc	single crochet(s)
sp(s)	space(es)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
tr treb	triple treble

Gauge

Gauge mentioned at the beginning of pattern instructions may need adjusting, depending upon your needle, deviation from type of yarn suggested, or other factors. Make an example piece and measure, then adjust needle size to obtain gauge.
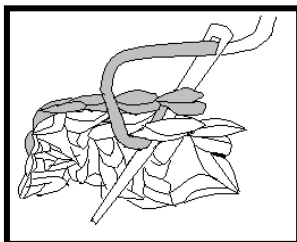
Changing colors

Work the last stitch to the last step of completing that stitch. Hook next color and draw thru loops on hook.

Whipstitch

Insert needle through top loops only of both pieces, draw thru, insert needle in same place and draw thru again to secure beginning of seam (remember to leave enough yarn to weave in later). Insert needle thru top loops of stitches, **back to front** across to end specified in pattern. Weave in end, cut yarn close to work.

Weaving In Ends

Ends can be woven in securely by loading loose end into yarn needle, pull loaded needle through a few stitches, then back in the other direction a few stitches. Cut yarn close to work.

Important note

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