THE CLUSTER FOXTROT BLANKET

Materials

Hook: I (5.25 mm)
Tapestry Needle
Scissors
Worsted weight yarn in 2 colors:
1. Color A (primary) – 420 yards
2. Color B – 420 yards

Stitches & Technique

Written in US terms

Chain – ch
Each - ea
Slip stitch – sl st
Space – sp
Chain-1 space – ch1 sp
Chain-3 space – ch3 sp
Double crochet – dc
Half double crochet - hdc
Repeat – rep
Hook – hk
Skip – sk

Notes:

* The Cluster Foxtrot blanket can be made in any size, any color, color variation. For this pattern, I've provided details for a newborn/infant size.
* Pattern will yield an approximately 40-inch by 40-inch blanket.
* Yarn used for this particular blanket is Red Heart Soft Baby Steps yarn in blue and soft white. This yarn is affordable, washer/dryer safe acrylic.
* Stitches used are the block stitch and a small shell border.

Pattern

Blanket

Row 1: Color A, you will chain 140, double crochet in the fourth chain from your hook, double crochet in every chain then turn your work.

Row 2: Add Color B, you will chain 1, single crochet in the first double crochet, *chain 3, skip over 3 double crochets, single crochet in the next double crochet, repeat from * across, and then end with a single crochet in the last double crochet then turn your work.

Row 3: Add Color A to the first single crochet, then chain 3, add 3 double crochets in next chain 3 space, chain 1, *3 double crochets in the next chain 3 space, chain 1, repeat from * across, and then end with a double crochet in the last single crochet then turn your work.

Row 4: Add Color B, ch 3, add 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, rep from * across, end with dc in last sc, turn

Instructions abbreviated from this point.

Row 5: Add Col A, ch 1, sc in 1st sc, *ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, rep from * across, turn

Row 6: Add Col B, ch 3, work 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, rep from * across, end with dc in last sc, turn

Row 7: Add Col A, ch 1, sc in 1st sc, *ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, rep from * across, turn

Row 8: Add Col B, ch 3, work 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, rep from * across, end with dc in last sc, turn

Repeat: Rows 5-8 until blanket is a total of 106 rows. (106th row will be Color A)

Final row: With Col B, ch 3, dc in ea sc and sp across, working 3 dc in ea ch-3 sp. Fasten off.

Border: With right side facing, join Color A to a corner, ch 2, hdc into space between next 2 blocks, ch 3, *3 dc into space under hdc just made, hdc into space between next 2 blocks. * Repeat between * all the way around. For rows 2 and 3 of the border, *ch 2, sc into space at top of shell, 3 dc, repeat * all the way around. Finally, at the end join with sl st to beg shell. Fasten off.

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