This cheery, colorful lap throw is an ideal project for using up odds and ends of worsted-weight yarn.

Stash-Buster Lapghan

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PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Chain-3 at beginning of row counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Work afghan in following color sequence: 1 row main color (MC), [2 rows first coordinating color (CC), 2 rows 2nd CC, 2 rows 3rd CC, 2 rows MC].

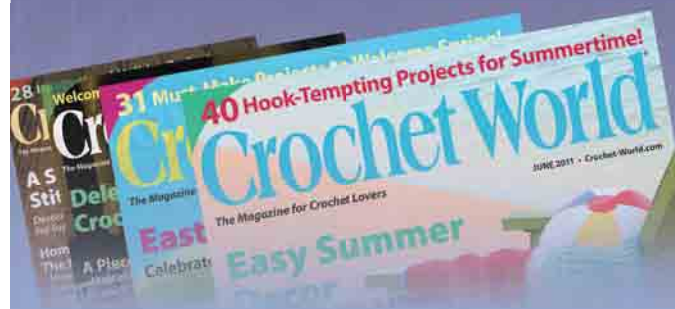Repeat color sequence throughout.

SPECIAL STITCH

Shell: 9 dc in indicated st.

LAPGHAN

Row 1 (RS): With MC, ch 152, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sk next 4 chs, **shell** *(see Special Stitch)* in next ch, sk next 4 chs, sc in next ch] rep across, turn. Fasten off. *(15 shells)*

Row 2: Join **CC** *(see Pattern Notes)* with sl st in first st, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 4 **dc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 4 sts, *ch 4, sc in next st, ch 4**, 9 dc dec in next 9 sts, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, 5 dc dec in last 5 sts, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, 4 dc in first st, sc in next st, *shell in top of next 9-dc dec, sc in next st, rep from * across, ending 5 dc in last st, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 4, 9 dc dec in next 9 sts, ch 4, sc in 5th dc of next shell, rep from * across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, [shell in top of next 9-dc dec, sc in next sc, rep from * across, turn.

Rows 6–65: [Rep rows 2–5 consecutively] 15 times. At the end of row 65, fasten off.

FOUNDATION EDGING

Row 66: With RS facing, working on opposite side of foundation ch, join MC with sc in first ch, [sk next 4 chs, shell in next ch, sk next 4 chs, sc in next ch] rep across. Fasten off. CW

STITCH GUIDE

STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

beg . . . . begin/begins/beginning
bpdc . . . . back post double crochet
bpsc . . . . back post single crochet
bptr . . . . .back post treble crochet
CC . . . . contrasting color
ch(s) . . . . .chain(s)
ch- . . . . refers to chain or space
previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s) . . . . chain space(s)
cl(s) . . . . cluster(s)
cm . . . . centimeter(s)
dc . . . . double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec . . . . double crochet 2 or more
stitches together, as indicated
dec . . . . decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr . . . . double treble crochet
ext . . . . .extended
fpdc . . . . front post double crochet
fpsc . . . . front post single crochet
fptr . . . . front post treble crochet
g . . . . gram(s)
hdc . . . . half double crochet
hdc dec . . . . .half double crochet 2 or more
stitches together, as indicated
inc . . . . increase/increases/increasing
lp(s) . . . . .loop(s)
MC . . . . .main color
mm . . . . millimeter(s)
oz . . . . ounce(s)
pc . . . . popcorn(s)
rem . . . . remain/remains/remaining
rep(s) . . . . .repeat(s)
rnd(s) . . . . .round(s)
RS . . . . .right side
sc . . . . single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec .single crochet 2 or more
stitches together, as indicated
sk . . . . .skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s) . . . . slip stitch(es)
sp(s) . . . . space(s)/spaced
st(s) . . . . stitch(es)
tog . . . . .together
tr . . . . treble crochet
trtr . . . . .triple treble
WS . . . . wrong side
yd(s) . . . . .yard(s)
yo . . . . .yarn over

YARN CONVERSION

OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
1 . . . . 28.4	25 . . . . ⅞
2 . . . . 56.7	40 . . . . 1⅔
3 . . . . 85.0	50 . . . . 1¾
4 . . . . 113.4	100 . . . . 3½

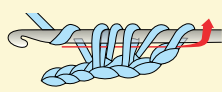| UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM
sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo, and draw through both lps on hook.

Chain (ch): Yo, pull through lp on hook.

Single crochet (sc): Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.

Double crochet (dc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.

Front loop (front lp) Back loop (back lp)

Front Loop   Back Loop
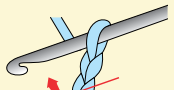
Front post stitch (fp): Back post stitch (bp): When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.

Back   Front

Post of Stitch

Half double crochet (hdc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.
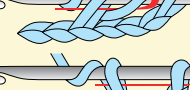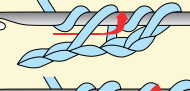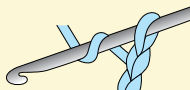
Double treble crochet (dtr): Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.

Slip stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.

Chain color change (ch color change) Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.

Double crochet color change (dc color change) Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.
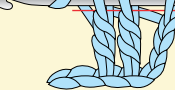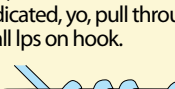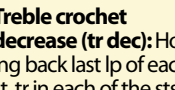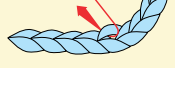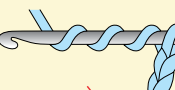
Treble crochet (tr): Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

Single crochet decrease (sc dec): (Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.
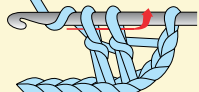
Example of 2-sc dec

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.
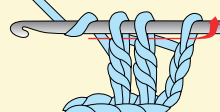
Example of 2-hdc dec

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.
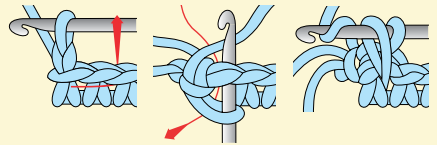
Example of 2-dc dec

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.
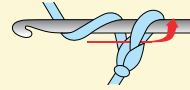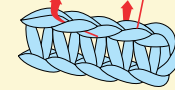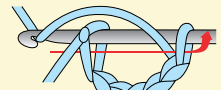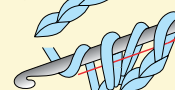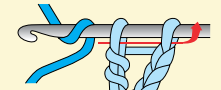
Example of 2-tr dec