Apple Mile-a-Minute Afghan & Pillow

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DIRECTIONS
Intermediate

SIZE
Afghan: 45 x 62 inches
Pillow: 20 inches square

MATERIALS
- Worsted weight yarn (3½ oz per skein)*: 22 oz country red #914, 16 oz paddy green #686, 4 oz mid brown #339
- Worsted weight yarn (7 oz per skein)*: 34 oz cornmeal #320
- Size G/6 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 20-inch square pillow form
- Yarn needle

Red Heart Classic and Super Saver yarns were used in the sample project.

GAUGE
4 sc = 1 inch; 4 sc rows = 1 inch
Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES
Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Sl st to join each rnd in top of beg st.

AFGHAN

PANEL
Make 7

Apple
Make 15

Row 1: With country red, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (5 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (7 sc)

Row 3: Rep Row 2. (9 sc)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 5 & 6: Rep Rows 3 and 4. (11 sc)

Row 7: Rep Row 3. (13 sc)

Rows 8–11: Rep Row 4.

Row 12: Ch 1, sc dec over next 2 sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc, turn. (11 sc)

Row 13: Rep Row 12, do not turn. (9 sc)

Rnd 14: Ch 1, sc in side edge of each row to foundation ch, 3 sc in corner ch, sc in each of next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in side edge of each row up opposite side, working across sts of Row 13, 3 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, sl st in next sc (center top of apple), sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, join in beg sc, fasten off. (49 sc; 1 sl st)

Joining apples
Working in back lps only, whipstitch bottom 7 sts of apple to the center 7 sts on top of another apple. Rep until a total of 15 apples are joined for panel.

Border
Rnd 1 (RS): Attach cornmeal in center corner st at bottom right edge of apple, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, [work 15 dc evenly sp up side edge of apple, ch 2] 14 times, work 14 dc across edge of 15th apple, work 3 dc in corner st, working in back lps across top of 15th apple only, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in next st, work 14 dc across opposite side edge of 15th apple, [ch 2, work 15 dc across next apple] 14 times, 3 dc in center corner st of first apple, dc in each st across bottom of apple, join in top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 3 dc in next dc, working around entire outer edge, dc in each dc, 2 dc in each ch-2 sp and 3 dc in each center corner dc, join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 3: Attach paddy green in center corner dc at right bottom edge, ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2), dc in same st as beg ch-5, *[ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st] rep across edge making adjustments as needed to work in center corner st, [dc, ch 2, dc] in center corner st, [ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st] rep across top to center corner st **, [dc, ch 2, dc] in center corner st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-5.

Rnd 4: Attach cornmeal in center bottom corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp, dc in each dc and dc in each ch-1 sp around the entire outer edge, working 3 dc in each corner ch-2 sp, join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Stem
Make 15

Row 1: With mid brown, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (5 sc)

Sew a stem to center top of each apple, curving slightly to the right.

Leaf
Make 15

Rnd 1: With paddy green, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 3 chs, join in beg sc. (9 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc, ch 2, sc] in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, join in beg sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

Sew a leaf to each apple, curving slightly to the left and over the bottom edge of stem.

ASSEMBLY
With RS of panels tog, working in back lps only and beg at bottom edge of panels, whipstitch panels tog. Rep until all panels are joined tog.

EDGING
Rnd 1: Attach cornmeal in any center corner st, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, dc in each st and at each seam joining around entire outer edge, working 3 dc in each corner dc, join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

PILLOW

PANEL
Make 6

Apple
Make 3

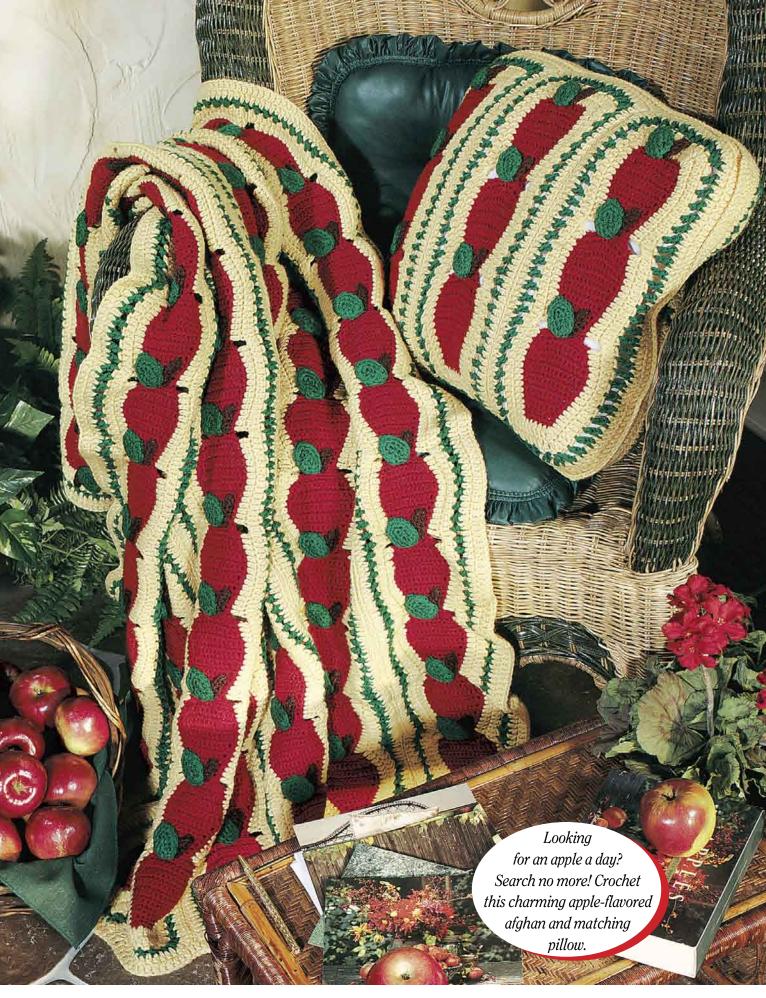**Rows 1–13:** Rep Rows 1–13 of apple for afghan.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of apple for afghan.

Joining apples
Rep the same as for apple joining of afghan, joining a total of 3 apples for each panel.

Border
Rnds 1–4: Rep Rnds 1–4 in same manner as for border of afghan,

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working around only 3 apples for each panel instead of 15 apples.

Stems
Make 3
Rep the same as stem of afghan.

Leaf
Make 3
Rep the same as leaf of afghan.

ASSEMBLY
Rep the same as assembly of panels for afghan.

EDGING
Rep the same as afghan edging.

JOINING
Holding WS of front and back tog and working through both thicknesses, attach cornmeal in center corner st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc evenly sp around entire outer edge, working 2 sc in each corner, insert pillow form before working across last edge, join in beg sc, fasten off. ✄