

Break of Dawn

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SKILL LEVEL

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FINISHED SIZE

32 x 52 inches

MATERIALS

- Medium (worsted) weight yarn:
 - 16 oz/800 yds/453.6g white
 - 8 oz/400 yds/226.8g royal
 - 4 oz/200 yds/113.4g black
 - 4 oz/200 yds/113.4g red
- Size H/8/5mm afghan crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Sizes B/1/2.25mm and F/5/3.75mm crochet hooks
- 26 (18mm) star flake crystal beads (optional)
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

With afghan hook, 5 afghan sts = 1 inch; 5 rows afghan st = 1½ inches
Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

Hook size B is used for optional crocheted white stars.

Suggestion: Instead of use as an afghan, adopt as a wall hanging.

Do not carry yarn colors across back of afghan; use separate ball of yarn for each color change.

AFGHAN STITCH

Row 1: Ch indicated number in pattern, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo, draw up a lp, [insert hook in next ch, yo, draw up a lp] rep across, leaving all lps on hook, do not turn; to work lps off hook, yo, draw through 1 lp on hook, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] rep across, leaving 1 lp on hook at end of row.

Row 2: Sk first vertical bar, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yo, draw up a lp] rep across retaining all lps on hook to last st, for last st, insert hook under last bar and st directly behind it, yo, draw up a lp, to work

lps off hook, yo, draw through 1 lp on hook, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] rep across, leaving 1 lp on hook at end of row.

Rep Row 2 for pattern.

AFGHAN

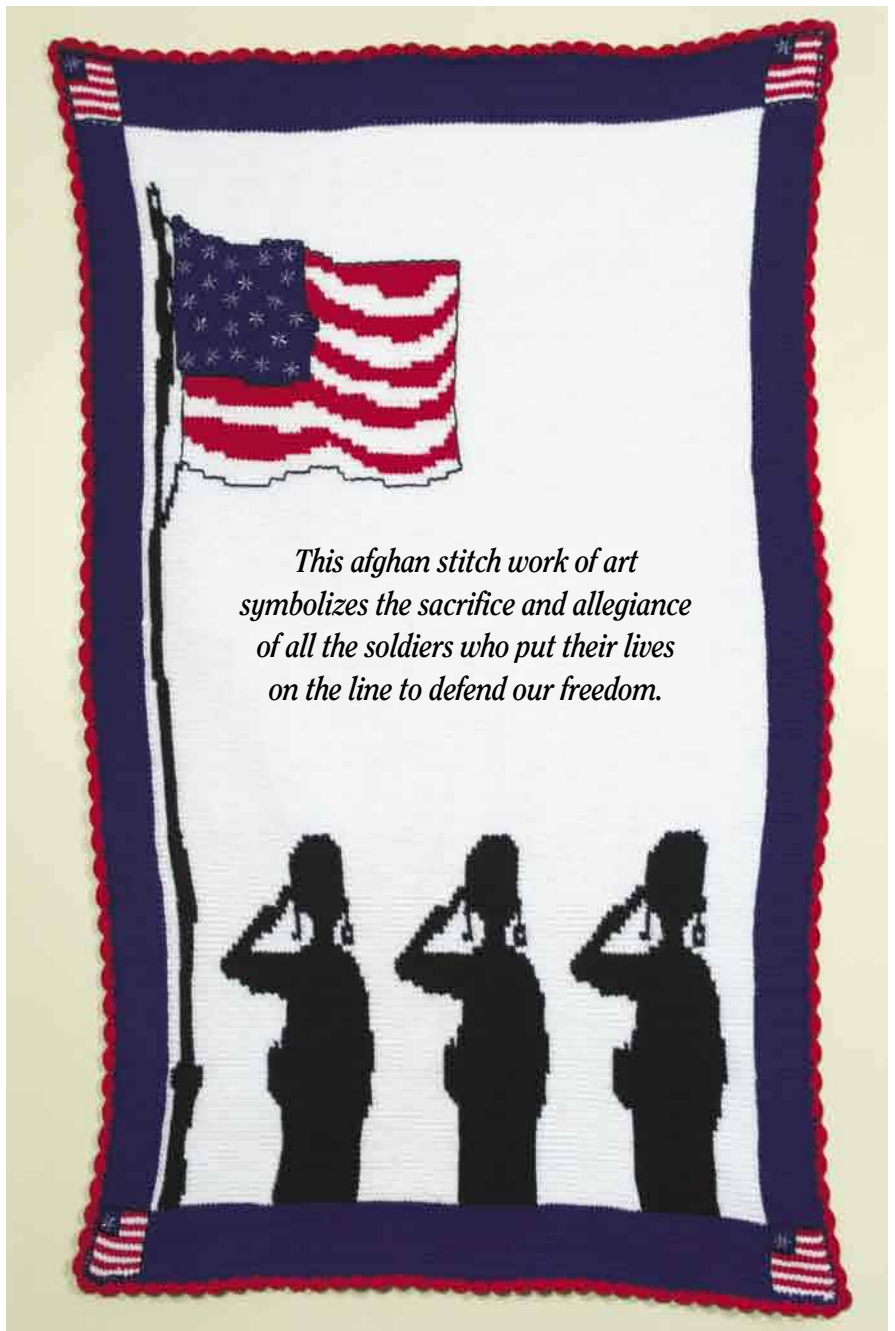
Row 1: With afghan hook and royal, ch 144, drop royal to WS, pick up white, ch 1 (145 chs), working in pattern of Row 1 of afghan st, first white ch counts as first st, with white, draw up a lp in next 10 chs (11 white), drop white, with royal, draw up a lp in each of next 123 chs, drop royal, with white, draw up a lp in each of next 11 chs (145 lps

on hook), using same color for each st, work off lps.

Row 2: Draw a lp of red through rem st on hook for first st, draw up a lp of red in each of next 10 sts (11 red sts), drop red, with royal, draw up a lp in each of next 123 sts, drop royal, with red, draw up a lp in each of next 11 sts (145 lps on hook), using same color for each st across, work off lps.

Rows 3–180: Following graph, changing colors as indicated, work in afghan st pattern Row 2. At the end of Row 180, fasten off all yarns except royal.

Note: The white spots on the blue por-



This afghan stitch work of art symbolizes the sacrifice and allegiance of all the soldiers who put their lives on the line to defend our freedom.

tion of the flag are only suggested areas to place crystal beads. Work complete blue section of flag with royal yarn.

Row 181: [Insert hook under next vertical bar, yo, draw up a lp and draw through st on hook] rep across, fasten off.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With hook size F, attach royal in any st on outer edge, ch 1, sc evenly sp around outer edge of afghan, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Rnd 2: Attach red in corner, ch 1, sc in corner st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, [sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st] rep

around outer edge, adjusting sts as needed to work a sc in each corner of afghan, join in beg sc, fasten off.

BEADWORK

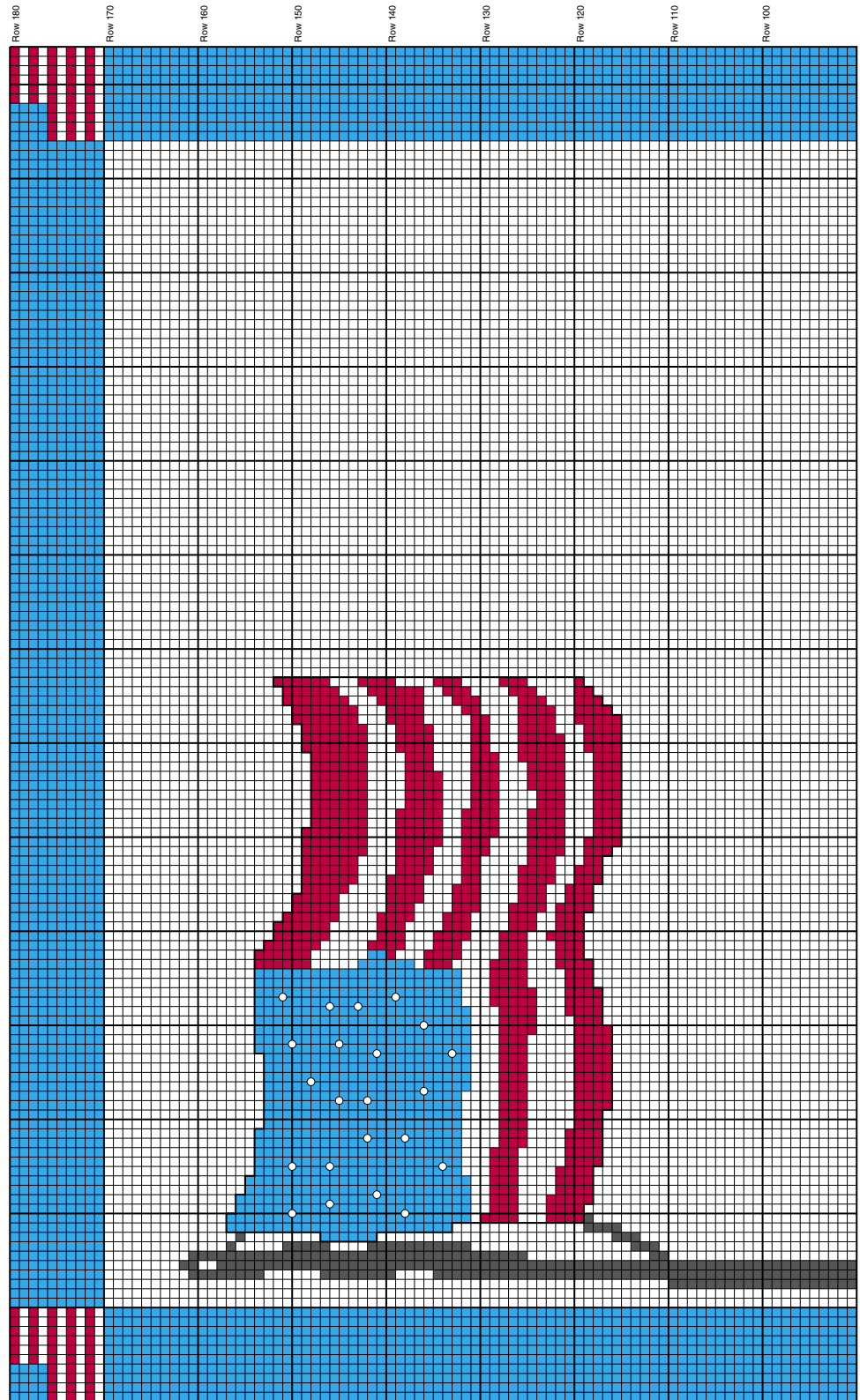
With length of royal yarn, sew 1 bead to the center of each royal section of each corner flag. Sew beads as desired

over blue section of flag.

STAR

Note: The crocheted stars (instead of the beads) are optional. Sew a star in each center of corner flags and as many as desired over the royal portion.

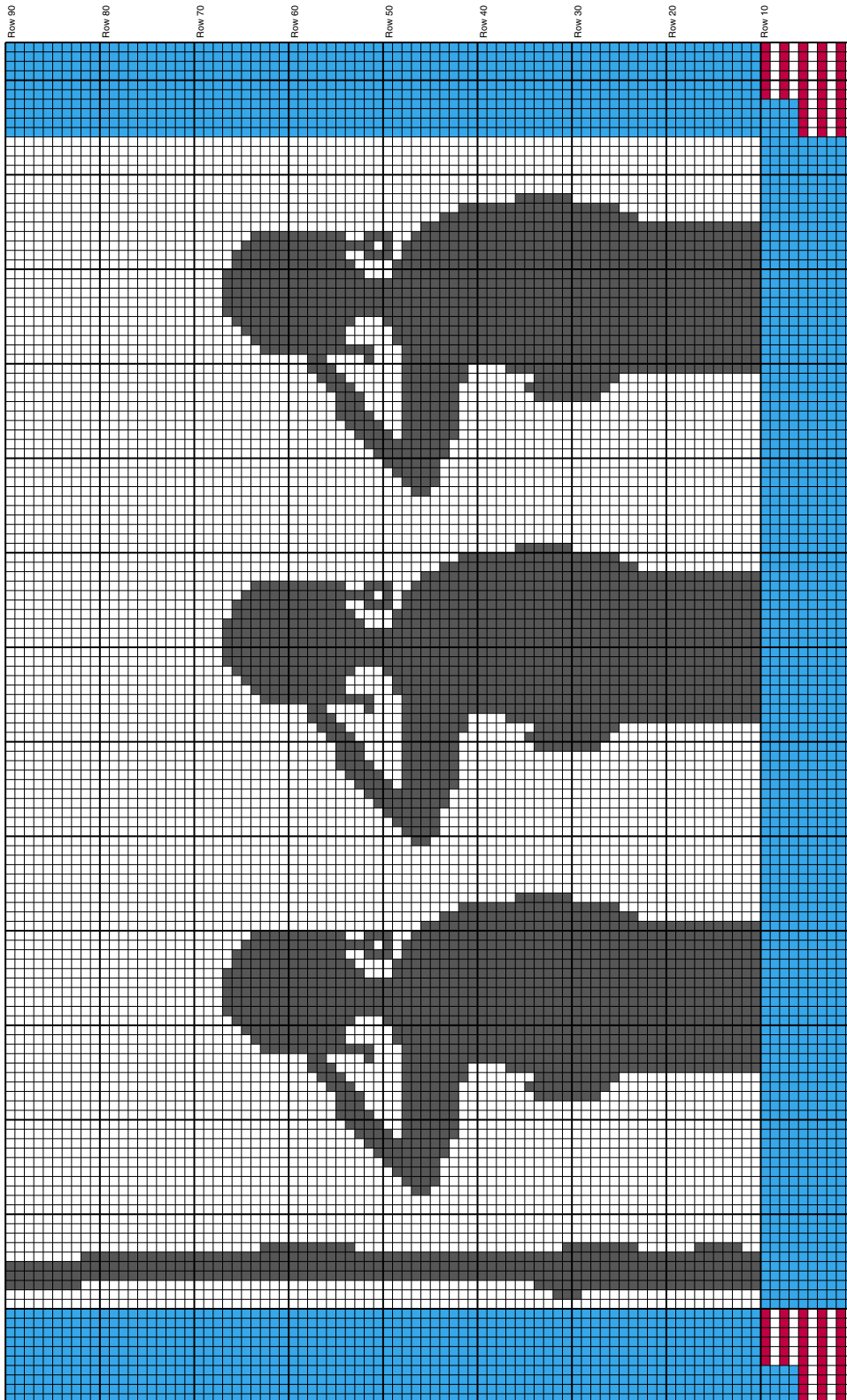
Rnd 1: Separate a length of white



Break of Dawn Chart
Top

yarn into 2 plies. With 2 plies of white yarn and hook size B, leaving a 3-inch length at beg, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch **, sc in original 2nd ch from hook, rep from *

4 times, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. Draw rem beg length tightly to close center opening, knot to secure and fasten off. Use rem ending length to sew star to afghan. ✂



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