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)*: 54 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 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 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

Rnd 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 2 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


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. ☞
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