

Classic Aran Afghan

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DIRECTIONS

Beginner

SIZE

45 x 60 inches, excluding tassels

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn: 48 oz Aran

- Size I/9 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

11 dc = 4 inches; 5 dc rows = 3½ inches; 5 dc row and 3 rows ribbing = 5 inches

Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Ch 3 counts as first dc throughout.

Popcorn (pc): 5 dc in indicated st, draw up a lp, remove hook, insert hook in first dc of 5-dc group, pick up dropped lp, draw through st on hook, ch 1 to lock.

AFGHAN

Row 1 (RS): Ch 177, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, turn. (175 dc)

Row 2: Working in front lps for this row only, ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Working in front lps for this row only, ch 3, dc in next st, [pc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts] rep across to last 3 sts, pc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, turn.

Rows 4–6: Working in front lps for this row only, ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 7: Ch 3, [fpdc around next dc, bpdc around next dc] rep across to last 2 sts, fpdc around next dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3, turn.

Row 8: Ch 3, [bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st] rep across to last 2 sts, bpdc around next st, dc in 3rd ch of turning, turn.

Row 9: Working in front lps for this row only, ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 10–65: Rep Rows 2–9 for pattern. (8 ribbing stripes)

Rows 66–69: Rep Rows 2–5.

At the end of Row 69, do not turn.

Row 70: Work reverse sc in each dc across, fasten off.

Row 71 (RS): Working in opposite side of foundation ch, attach yarn, ch 1, reverse sc in each ch across, fasten off.

TASSELS

Cut 10 (16-inch) strands of yarn. Holding strands tog as one, attach to WS of afghan with a lark's head knot over post of first dc on first pc row. Rep at end of each pc row and center row of each ribbing stripe across both ends of afghan. Trim ends of tassels evenly. ✂

*Traditional ...
and stylish—this manly afghan
has all the texture and pattern of
a complicated Aran knit, but it's
crocheted!*

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