



Simple Checkered Afghan

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Use two colors of yarn the same weight. Gauge does not matter, but I used size H crochet hook and worsted weight yarn - Red Heart Super Saver, one 7-oz. skein of each color for the baby size blanket.

Using **color 1** chain multiples of 8 plus 4 more – make it around 24 inches for baby size, and around 34 inches for adult size, or as wide as you like. I chained 76 for my baby size afghan.

Row 1: Continuing with color 1, dc in 4th chain from hook. *Chain 2, skip 2, DC in the next two stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color for later.

Row 2: Using 2nd color, join with a slip stitch in the top of the initial chain 3 of row 1. SC in same stitch as joining. SC in the next stitch. * Working over the next chain-2, DC into the two skipped stitches of the prior row. SC in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color for later.

Row 3: Pick up the first color that was dropped previously. Chain 1. Slip the yarn through the end stitch of prior row. Chain 3, turn. (Chain 3 counts as first DC of row). DC in the next stitch. *Chain 2, skip 2, DC in the next two stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this yarn for now.

Row 4: Pick up the 2nd color that was dropped previously. Chain 3. Slip the yarn through the end stitch of prior row. Chain 1, turn. SC in same stitch as joining. SC in the next stitch. * Working over the next chain-2, DC into the two skipped stitches of the prior row. SC in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color for later.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until piece measures desired length – around 36 inches for baby size, and 5 feet for adult size, or as large as desired. Do not finish off.



Edging: Work sc around the outside for two rows, working 3 sc in each corner. Finish off.