

Ocean Breezes Afghan

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This is simple to work and relaxing to look at. This can be worked with any two colors, but I used Carron Simply Soft in Ocean and Pistachio. Can be made any size. Gauge does not matter, but I used a size H hook. For the baby size I used two 6-oz skeins of each color.



Using BLUE, chain a base that is multiples of 4, plus 2.

The chain should be around 24 inches long for baby size, and around 34 inches long for adult size.

Row 1 (BLUE): Sc in 2nd chain from hook. *Chain 3, work a DC in the 3rd chain from hook. Skip 3 chains of base chain, sc in the next chain. (Cluster made.) Repeat from * across. Place a stitch holder in the last stitch and drop the BLUE yarn for later.

Row 2 (GREEN): Attach GREEN with a slip stitch in the top of the last sc. Chain 3, work 1 DC in same stitch as joining. *Skip the next cluster, DC in the next SC between clusters. Chain 1. Work 2 DC over the DC just made. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 DC in the last sc at end of row (after last cluster). Place a stitch holder in the last stitch and drop the GREEN yarn for later.

Row 3 (BLUE): Pick up the BLUE yarn again. Chain 3, drop yarn off hook & slip the yarn into the end stitch. Insert hook again. Chain 1. SC in same stitch as joining. *Chain 3, work a DC in the 3rd chain from hook. Skip 3 stitches, sc in the next stitch. (Cluster made.) Repeat from * across. Place a stitch holder in the last stitch and drop the BLUE yarn for later.

Row 4 (GREEN): Pick up the GREEN yarn again. Slip stitch in the end stitch (blue sc). Chain 3, work 1 DC in same stitch as joining. *Skip the next cluster, DC in the next SC between clusters. Chain 1. Work 2 DC over the DC just made. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 DC in the last sc at end of row (after last cluster). Place a stitch holder in the last stitch and drop the GREEN yarn for later.

Repeat rows 3-4 until the piece measures the desired length – around 36 inches for baby size, and 5 feet for adult size. End with a row 3 (blue). Chain 1, turn.

Last row: Sc in first stitch. *Work 3 sc across the next cluster. SC in next sc between clusters. Repeat from * across. Do not break yarn.

Cut GREEN yarn only.

Edging:

Round 1 (Blue): *Work 3 sc in corner. SC around all sides, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a slip stitch in the 1st sc of the round. Do not turn.

Round 2: Continuing with blue, chain 3, dc around all four sides, working 2 dc in each of the 3 corner stitches at every corner. Join with a slip stitch in the top of the initial chain-3.

Round 3: Continuing with blue, chain 4. *Skip 1 stitch, dc in next



stitch, chain 1. Repeat from * around. Join with a slip stitch in the 3rd chain of the initial chain-4. Finish off blue yarn.

Round 4: Join green yarn with a slip stitch in the first DC of round 3. Chain 1, sc in same stitch. *Work a dc over the next chain-1, going down into the top of the dc of round 2. SC in the next stitch. Repeat from * around, working extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round.

Round 5: Continuing with green, sc in first sc. *Chain 1, skip dc, sc in the next sc stitch. Repeat from * around, working extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round.

Round 6: Continuing with green, slip stitch into next chain space. Chain 1, sc over the chain 1 space, working the stitch into the top of the sc in round 5. *Chain 1, skip next stitch, sc over the next chain-1 into the top of the next skipped sc stitch from round 5. Repeat from * around, working extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round. Finish off green yarn.

Round 7: Join blue yarn with slip stitch in first chain-1 space of round 6. *Chain 1, sc over the chain-1 into the top of the skipped sc stitch from round 5. Repeat from * around, working extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round. Chain 1.

Rounds 8-9: Work a sc in each sc, chain 1 and skip the next chain-1 space around. Work extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round. Finish off blue yarn at end of round 9.

Round 10: Join green with a slip stitch in first chain-1 of round 9. *Work an elongated sc over the chain-1 space, going down 2 rows into the top of the sc of round 7. Chain 1, skip next stitch. Repeat from * around. Work extra stitches at corners if needed to prevent edge from curling. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round.

Round 11: *Work a sc in the next chain space, chain 3, skip next stitch. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round.

Round 12: *Work a sc in the next chain space, chain 2, skip next stitch. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch in first stitch of this round. Finish off green yarn.

Round 13: Join blue yarn with slip stitch in first chain space of round 6. Chain 1, sc in same space. Chain 3, slip stitch in 3rd chain from hook. SC in same space. *In the next chain space, work (sc, chain 3, slip stitch in 3rd chain from hook, sc in same space). Repeat from * around. Finish off and hide all yarn tails.