

Shells-in-a-Row Afghan

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Worked with two colors. I used Carron Simply Soft and size H hook. Gauge does not matter. The afghan pictured used two 6-oz skeins each of Orchid (lavender) and Plum Perfect.

Orchid = color 1, Plum = color 2.

Using color 1, **chain multiples of 10 plus 7**. The chain should be around 24 inches for baby size, and around 34 inches for adult.



Row 1: DC in 4th chain from hook and in the next 3 chains. *Chain 5, skip 5, DC in the next 5 stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color.

Row 2: Join color 2 with a slip stitch in the top chain of the initial chain-3 of prior row. SC in same stitch as joining, and in the next 4 stitches. *Working over the chain-5, work 5 DC (shell) in the center chain of the *skipped chain-5*. SC in the next 5 DC stitches. Repeat from * across. Finish off color 2 yarn and hide yarn tail.

Row 3: Pick up color 1 again. Pull yarn loop through end stitch of color 2 row just worked. Chain 3. DC in the next 4 stitches. *[Chain 1, skip one dc of shell, sc in next dc of shell] twice. Chain 1, skip last DC, DC in the next 5 sc stitches. Repeat from * across. Place stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color.

Row 4: Join color 2 with a slip stitch in the top chain of the initial chain-3 of prior row. SC in same stitch as joining, and in the next 4 stitches. *Skip the next chain one and sc. Work 5 DC (shell) in the next chain-1 space at top center or shell. Skip the next sc and chain-1 space. SC in the next 5 DC stitches. Repeat from * across. Finish off color 2 yarn and hide yarn tail.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until blanket measures desired length – around 36 inches for baby size, and 5 feet for adult size.

Last row: Pick up color 1, pull loop through end stitch. Chain 1. SC in same stitch as joining, and in each stitch across. Do not break yarn.

Edge - Round 1: Continuing with color 1, sc around all 4 outside edges, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a slip stitch in first sc of round.

Round 2: Continuing with color 1, Chain 3. Dc in next stitch. *Chain 2, skip 2, dc in next 2 stitches. Repeat from * around, but at the corners work the following in each of the 3 corner stitches: (DC chain 1, DC Chain 1). Join with a slip stitch in the 3rd chain of initial chain-3. Put stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color for later.

Round 3: Join color 2 with a slip stitch in the 1st chain-1 space of round 2. Work 3 sc in same space. *Chain 1, skip the next 2 dc, work 3 sc in next chain-space. Repeat from * around, but at corners work 2 sc in the chain-1 spaces. Finish off color 2 and hide yarn tail.

Round 4: Pick up color 1 again. Chain one over the last row, then chain 3. Work 3 dc in each chain space, but at corners work an extra dc at least 3 times – enough to keep edge from curling. Put stitch holder in last stitch and drop this color for later.

Round 5: Join color 2 with a slip stitch in the space between last and first cluster of prior round. SC in same space. *Chain 3, skip next 3 dc, sc between clusters. Repeat from * around, but at corners work an extra chain at the corners above each cluster that is 4 dc rather than 3. Finish off color 2 and hide yarn tail.



Round 6: Pick up color 1 again. Chain one over the last row, then chain 3, work 2 dc in same space. Work 3 dc in each chain space around, skipping each sc. At corners work the following in each chain-4 space: (3 dc, chain 1, 3 dc). Join with slip stitch in top of initial chain-3. Finish off & hide yarn tail.

Round 7: Join color 2 with a slip stitch in the space between last and first cluster of prior round. SC in same space. *Chain 3, skip next 3 dc, sc between clusters. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch in top of first sc. Keep this yarn for next round as well.

Round 7: Continuing with color 2, SC in same space as joining. *Chain 3, skip next 3 dc, sc between clusters. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch in top of initial sc stitch. Finish off color 2 and hide yarn tail.

Round 8: Continuing with color 2, slip stitch into the next chain space. Work 4 sc in same space and in each chain-space around, skipping each sc stitch. Fasten off and hide yarn tail.