

Baby Carriage Afghan from 1865

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Materials:

Worsted Weight Wool in three colors. I used Patrons and Fishman's Wool.

I & H crochet hooks

(My afghan was 28 X 33 without the fringe. It used under 25 oz of wool. I used 6 oz of white, and under 10 oz of the other two colors.)

Work in Stripes:

Row 1 – 8: Taking orange, chain and cast on 24 stitches onto your hook. Then working in the afghan (also called simple Tunisian) stitch, do 8 rows.

Row 9: Tie on Purple. Do 1 row

Row 10 – 11: Tie on White. Do 2 rows

Row 12: Do 1 Row of Purple

Row 13 – 20: Work 8 more rows of orange

Row 21: Tie on White, and pick up 8 stitches, (Tie on purple) pick up 2 stitches, (Tie on orange) pick up 4 stitches (Tie on another strand of purple) pick up 2 stitches, (Tie on another strand of white) pick up eight. Work back. At the the end of each row, yank all your ties, so that the stitches tighten at the joins.

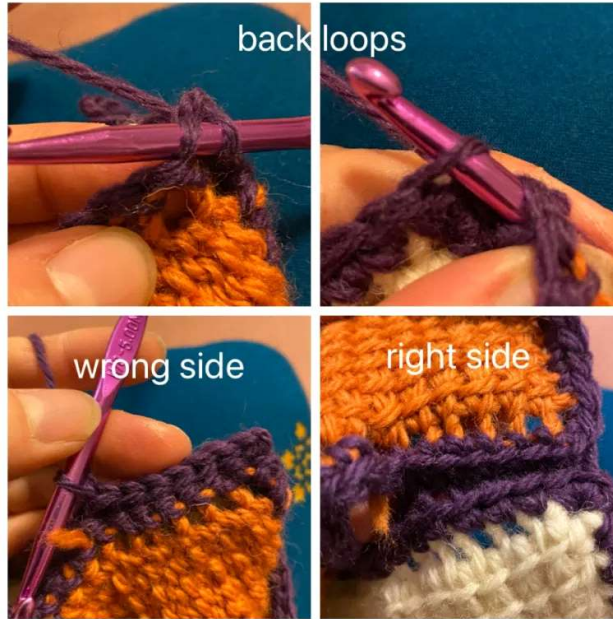


Row 22 – 40: Work in pattern.

Repeat these 40 rows until you have the desired number of blocks. I created a 6 block repetition afghan, but eight would probably be nicer for an older child. At the very last row of the afghan, do a row of single crochet in the corresponding colors. This will create a finished look instead of the holey end of a Tunisian row. Make as many strips as you would like for the width of your afghan.



Edge & Attaching the Strips: Taking purple, single crochet around the strip of fabric, do 3 sc in the corners. Join together by sewing or crocheting them together. I did this by working slip stitching into the back loops.



Border: With smaller hook, work one more row of single crochet in the back loop, all the way around the afghan.

Fringe: I used a 12 inch quilting ruler, and wrapped my yarn around it 6 times, and cut. Then, pull the yarn through the first stitch on the bottom edge and knot. Skip 4 stitches, pull next fringe of the same color through. Knot. Knot both of the same colors together.

Take next color, skip one stitch. Pull through, and knot. Skip 4 stitches, pull next fringe through of the same color. Knot. Then knot, both of the same colors together.

Block – for a more even appearance.

Notes: What I would consider changing

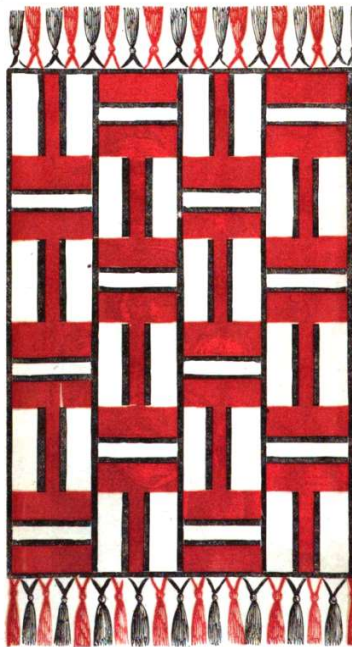
My work on the second block where I changed colors multiple times within every row, that came out tighter. If making again, I would go up a needle size, and see if that helps.

When working on the border, I wish I had thought to try a hdc at the joins of each row. The work dips a bit there, and a hdc may help fill in that dip.

Otherwise, I am pretty happy about it! One thing that differ from the original pattern was the count of stitches of each color. It wanted 10 white, and lesser stitches for the other colors. As you may have noticed, I did 8 white, and added a stitch or two to the other colors. I found this gave a much nicer and bolder look to the colors, and it was also easier to work.

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Original Pattern



BABY'S CARRIAGE AFGHAN.

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BY MRS. JANE WEAVER.

In the front of the number, we give, printed in colors, a pattern for this beautiful affair.

MATERIALS.— $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of scarlet single zephyr; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of white single zephyr; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of black single zephyr. long bone hook for Princess Royal Stitch.

Begin with the scarlet wool, make a ch of 24 stitches, work (in Princess Royal Stitch,) 8 rows; join the black wool, and work 1 row; join the white wool, and work 2 rows; black, 1 row, 8 rows of scarlet, making in all 20 rows, which completes a square block. Then tie on the white wool, and work 16 stitches; drop the white wool, tie on the black, and work 1 stitch; drop the black wool, and tie on the scarlet, and work 2 stitches; drop the scarlet wool, tie on another black thread, and work 1 stitch; drop the black,

tie on another white wool, and work 10 stitches, (thus you have five threads going.) On the return row work 10 stitches white, dropping the thread as before, 1 black, 2 scarlet, 1 black, 10 white, observing always to drop the thread of one color before taking up the next. Proceed in this way until you have worked 20 rows, which completes the block. Then join the scarlet wool and proceed as in the first block—nine blocks to every stripe, and nine stripes for the whole Affghan. Arrange the stripes as seen in the design, and crochet them together with 1 row of black, and 1 row all round; tie on a fringe of black, scarlet and white wool, either all round, or only at the end, as the taste may suggest. The Affghan will be perfectly square, and the fringe all round is generally preferred.