

Humbug Throw

We are delighted to be able to bring you this gorgeous 'Humbug Throw' created by Esme from Red Sparrow Crochet. As the name suggests, this blanket is inspired by the eye catching combination of interlocking shapes in a mixture of bright and dark colours to recreate the look of the humbug sweet.

To find out more about Esme's work visit facebook.com/redsparrowcrochet

Happy Crochet!

USE STYLECRAFT SPECIAL DK IN THE FOLLOWING COLOUR ORDER

Change colour at end of each 'Block'. See pattern for details on 'Blocks'.



EQUIPMENT

5mm Hook

APPROX. MEASUREMENTS

124cm x 89cm (49in x 35in)

TENSION

16sts and 11 rows to 10cm/4in using a 5mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chaindc double crochethtr half trebletr treble

etr extended treble (written explanation of this is on the pattern)

TIPS AND SPECIAL STITCHES

Turn work at end of each Row.

Any ch3 made at start of any Row counts as a stitch, and must be worked into on the following Row.

This pattern uses the 'extended treble' ('etr'): Yoh, insert hook into next st or ch, yoh and pull up loop (3 loops on hook). Yarn over, and draw through first loop on hook only. Yarn over and draw through 2 loops, yarn over and draw through final 2 loops.

To make practice piece, start with a chain of 22 and follow pattern, thus making 21dc in Row 1.



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PATTERN STARTS

With 'Midnight' yarn, ch184.

Row 1: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (not including ch on hook) * 1 dc in each ch along to end. (183 dc), turn.

Row 2: Ch3 (counts as first etr). *1etr in next st along, 1tr in next, 1htr in next, 1dc in next, 1htr in next, 1tr in next; repeat from * along entire row, finishing with 1etr in each of final 2 sts. Fasten off yarn and attach next colour in same st to make 'Block 1', turn.

Block 1

Row 1: Ch1 (does not count as st). 1dc in first st. *1dc in next st, 1htr in next, 1tr in next, 1etr in next, 1tr in next, 1htr in next, 1htr in next; repeat from * along to end, finishing with 1dc in each of final 2 sts. turn.

Row 2: Ch1 (does not count as st). 1dc in each st along to end of row, turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1. Fasten off yarn. Attach next colour in same st to make 'Block 2', turn.

Block 2

Row 1: Ch3 (counts as first etr). *1etr in next st along, 1tr in next, 1htr in next, 1dc in next, 1htr in next, 1tr in next; repeat from * along entire row, finishing with 1etr in each of final 2 sts. turn

Row 2: Ch1 (does not count as st). 1dc in each st along to end of row, turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1. Fasten off yarn. Attach next colour, turn.

Alternate between 'Block 1' and 'Block 2', changing colour at end of each block.

Repeat pattern until Throw is 34 Blocks long + 1 "half" Block at the start & 1 "half" Block at the end.

To finish Throw with a straight edge, complete only Rows 1 and 2 of appropriate Block. Sew in all ends.

