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Crochet Rug

Bulky Hand Dyes



a fine crochet pattern by blue sky alpacas

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Fun, funky and fast, this rug is a great weekend project. Make a small one for a retro chair cushion, or make one big enough to add drama and warmth to a room of any size.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Some knowledge of crochet is assumed for these instructions.

FINISHED SIZE AND SUPPLIES

This rug can be any size that you want. We've listed the amount of yarn that you'll need to make the rug in each of three sizes, but you can make it larger and larger just by stitching additional rounds with more hanks of yarn. (Blue Sky Bulky is wrapped in hanks rather than balls.)

MAIN RUG COLOR

22" across = 5 hanks

27" across = 7 hanks

32½" across = 10 hanks

CONTRASTING BORDER

- 1 hank of another color

Note: If you decide to make a rug larger than 32½" across, you may need more than one hank of the contrasting border color.

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Size K/10.5 (7 mm) crochet hook
- Stitch marker, safety pin, or 6" length of string

ABBREVIATIONS

To make crochet instructions easier to read, abbreviations are commonly used for the stitches. The following list explains the abbreviations you'll find in the instructions.

Beg: Begin(ning)

Blo: Back loop only*

Ch: Chain

Cont: Continue

Ea: Each

Hk: Hook

Inc: Increase

Lp: Loop

Rep: Repeat

Rnd(s): Round(s)

Sc: Single crochet

Sc blo: Single crochet in the back loop only*

Sk: Skip

Sl st: Slip stitch

St(s): Stitch(es)

* Crochet stitches are usually worked into both of the top loops of the stitch in the previous round or row. Except for the first round and border (final round), all of the single crochet stitches for this rug are made into only one loop—the back one—of the stitch in the previous round.

GAUGE

9 sts and 9 rows to 4"

Note: The size of your rug depends on the number of rounds you decide to stitch. Gauge isn't that important. As long as you use the recommended hook size and don't crochet too loose or tight, your rug will turn out fine.

DIRECTIONS

All sts are worked into previous round (the round that was just completed). Using size K crochet hook and Blue Sky Bulky, place a sl st on hk, ch 4, sl st in first ch to join beg and end to make a lp (ring). Ch 1, place st marker, safety pin, or string in last st (ch) to mark beg of rnd.

Rnd 1: 8 sc around (working ea st into center of ring), place marker. [8 sc in rnd]

Note: At end of all rnds, do not turn. Do not join beg and end of rnds, except border rnd.

Rnd 2: Sk ch-1 at start rnd 1, *sc blo in next sc, 2 sc blo in next sc (1-st inc made), rep from * to marker, move marker. [12 sc]

Rnd 3: As rnd 2. [18 sc]

Rnd 4: *Sc blo in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc blo in next sc (inc made), rep from * to marker, move marker. [24 sc]

Rnd 5: *Sc blo in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc blo in next sc (inc made), rep from * to marker, move marker. [30 sc]

Rnd 6: *Sc blo in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc blo in next sc (inc made), rep from * to marker, mover marker. [36 sc]
Cont working additional rnds, AT SAME

TIME in every row work 1 more sc blo than made in previous row, before making inc. (Increases move by 1 sc each rnd). Move marker at end of every rnd. Note: Every few rounds, smooth rug on flat surface to check work. Small ripples will disappear when rug is washed and blocked. Substantial ripples can't be fixed. Rip out one or more rounds (to the point where ripples begin) and restitch, working first new round with 2 more single crochet (back loop only) stitches (than previous round) between each increase. Work until measurement across piece is 1" less than desired final measurement. Cut yarn 6" from hk.

Border Rnd: Using contrasting border yarn, sc in ea st to marker (working ea sc into both sts of sc in previous rnd), sl st in first st of rnd. Fasten off by removing lp from hk, cutting yarn and pulling end through lp on hk. Wash and block as explained below. Don't skip these steps! Perimeter of rug may have slightly squarish points. Blocking eliminates these.

WASHING

Fill washer with warm water and small amount of mild soap. Add rug and soak for 20 minutes. DO NOT AGITATE! Spin, remove rug, fill washer with warm rinse water, add rug and soak for 10 minutes. Spin again.

BLOCKING

Lay rug flat on clean floor with towel underneath. Shape into perfect circle, pin to towel if necessary, and let dry undisturbed.

*This rug may be washed using the same method as used to wash and block. 🐾