

Siesta Fiesta Blanket by Spiffy Handmade

You can make up this beautiful blanket with two contrasting colors for a stunning effect. You can also make it up with just one and it is just as beautiful! The stitches are not difficult and are easy enough for a beginner.

You can use any yarn and any hook. Chain the width that you want, multiples do not matter but I went with multiples of two for no reason at all other than I like the number two.

Row one White SC

Single crochet in the second chain from hook and across. Chain one, turn.

Row two White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row three White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row four Mexicana Dip Stitch

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one. *Single crochet one row down below your current single crochet stitch. Repeat from * to last stitch. Single crochet in your last stitch. Chain one, turn.

Row five Mexicana SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row six White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row seven White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row eight Mexicana SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, put a single crochet in each stitch across. Chain two. Turn your work.

Row nine Mexicana 2 DC CL

Two Double crochet to cluster in the next stitch, and in each stitch until you get to the last stitch. Double crochet in the last stitch. Chain one, turn.

Row ten White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row eleven White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row twelve White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row thirteen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row fourteen Mexicana Dip Stitch

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one. *Single crochet one row down below your current single crochet stitch. Repeat from * to last stitch. Single crochet in your last stitch. Chain one, turn.

Row fifteen Mexicana SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row sixteen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row seventeen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row eighteen Mexicana SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, put a single crochet in each stitch across. Chain two. Turn your work.

Row nineteen Mexicana 2 DC CL

Two Double crochet to cluster in the next stitch, and in each stitch until you get to the last stitch. Double crochet in the last stitch. Chain one, turn.

Repeat Rows Ten through Nineteen for pattern of stitch and color changes.

Ending on row nineteen to start border.

Border

Start with your beginning, right corner, and we are going to work along the edge now. If you are starting with your edge that you carried yarn up, please remember to work those floats into your single crochet stitches.

Chain one and single crochet in the same spot or stitch as your chain one. Single crochet again in that same stitch.

Now, putting a single crochet wherever it feels natural along the edge, making sure you're not putting too many stitches or too few stitches.

If you put too many stitches, you will begin to ruffle.

If you put too few stitches, you will start to pucker.

If you would like to count how many stitches you have, you can copy that amount on the other side of your blanket.

Roughly two single crochets will go into each double crochet, and one single crochet would go into a single crochet stitch.

When you get to the corner, make sure you put three single crochets in the corner stitch.

That gives you one single crochet for each side or end, and one for the corner.

Work up the side, turn go up the end, turn again and go down the other side.

Do not turn the corner now, instead:

Chain one, and turn your work now do single crochet, and every single crochet you have a along the edge of the blanket, put three in the corner stitch go along the top, end of the blanket, and when you get to the corner, put three single crochets in the corner stitch, continue down the other edge of the blanket, putting a single crochet in each single crochet.

Cut your yarn, weave in all ends.

Optional Border Addition

Attach contrasting or Mexicana yarn to any corner. Chain one and put a single crochet in the same stitch or spot as your chain one.

Do a dip stitch in the next row down, just like we did on our blanket. Do that all the way across. You can put two or three single crochets in the corner stitch. Continue to do the dip down single crochets along that end and continue all the way around your blanket in this manner. At the end when you get around, put one or two more single crochets in your beginning corner.

Stitch Key

Slip knot - Create a circle and push the working yarn through it, it will be adjustable.

Chain - After creating a slip knot, yarn over on the hook and pull through.

Single Crochet(SC) - put hook into stitch, yarn over, pull loop up. Yarn over and pull through the two loops on the hook.

Double Crochet(DC) - Yarn over hook, put hook into stitch, yarn over once more, pull up. Yarn over hook and pull hook through two loops. Two loops left on hook. Yarn over hook and pull through the last two loops on hook.

Two Double Crochet Cluster(2DC CL)- This is two double crochets worked in one stitch. Yarn over hook and put hook into stitch. Yarn over and pull up, yarn over hook and pull through two loops on hook.

Then, yarn over and put hook back onto same stitch. Yarn over and pull up hook. Yarn over and pull through two loops on hook. Yarn over hook and pull through the last three remaining loops on hook.

Repeat for Pattern

Row ten White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row eleven White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row twelve White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row thirteen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

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Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row sixteen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row seventeen White SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one and in each stitch across. Chain one, turn.

Row eighteen Mexicana SC

Single crochet in the same stitch as the chain one, put a single crochet in each stitch across. Chain two. Turn your work.

Row nineteen Mexicana 2 DC CL

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