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By working this afghan in join-as-you-go strips rather than all in one piece, you take advantage of the striping in the Pinwheel yarn, making the color changes work in your favor. Don't worry about making the color stripes match perfectly. The shifting of the color stripes in each strip brings an added depth to the texture of the whole, making this simple afghan a showstopper!

Skill Level:

Easy

Size:

Approx. 62" length x 42" width

Materials

Cascade Yarns® Pinwheel
100% Acrylic
200 g (7 oz) / 440 yds (400 m)
5 skeins Color #27 (Golden)
Crochet hook, size H/8 (5mm) or *size needed to obtain gauge*
Yarn Needle

Gauge:
3 shells x 9 rows = 4" (10 cm) in pattern stitch

Stitch Abbreviations:

BLO	= Back Loop Only
Ch	= Chain stitch
Dc	= Double Crochet
Sc	= Single Crochet
Sk	= Skip
Sl st	= Slip stitch
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
Sp	= Space
YO	= Yarn Over

Special Stitches:

Shell:
(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) all in same ch sp.

Sc join:
To join the current row/strip to the matching row number on the previous strip, insert hook into top of ch 3 from previous row on current strip , YO and pull up a loop. Insert hook into top of sc on matching row inprevious strip, YO and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

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Ch 3 join:
After doing the sc join, you need to ch 3 to start the next row as well as connecting to the previous strip. To do this, Ch 1, Sl st around edge dc of previous strip (counts as 2nd ch), ch 1.

Customize It!
The pattern as written takes 5 skeins of yarn; one skein of yarn used for each strip. Strip length was determined by the yardage amount in the skein. If you would like a longer or wider afghan, please note that you will need more yarn than what is listed on this pattern.

Afghan Pattern:
Strip One:
Ch 38
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *Sk 2 ch, shell in next ch, sk 2 ch, sc in next ch, repeat from * across, ending with sc in last ch. Turn.
Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in both loops of 1st sc, sc in BLO of ch sp of 1st shell, *shell in BLO of next sc, sc in BLO of ch sp of next shell, repeat from * across to last sc, 3 dc under both looks of last sc. Turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in both loops of 1st dc, *shell in BLO of next sc, sc in BLO of ch sp of next shell, repeat from * across, work last sc in top of ch 3. Turn.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until a total of 107 rows have been worked. Fasten off.

Strip Two:
Ch 38
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *sk 2 ch, shell in next ch, sk 2 ch, sc in next ch, repeat from * across, ending with sc join in last ch and then ch 3 join. Turn.
Row 2: 2 dc in both loops of 1st sc (sc join st), sc in BLO of ch sp of 1st shell, *shell in BLO of next sc, sc in BLO of ch sp of next shell, repeat from * across to last sc, 3 dc under both looks of last sc. Turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in both loops of 1st dc, *shell in BLO of next sc, sc in BLO of ch sp of next shell, repeat from * across, work sc join in top of ch 3 and then ch 3 join. Turn.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until a total of 107 rows have been worked. Fasten off.
Repeat directions for Strip Two to complete Strips Three, Four, & Five. Weave in ends.

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