



CHAMELEON BY TRACY ST. JOHN

This amazing baby gift was inspired by Jane Ellison's incredible knit "Blythe" blanket. The combination of the multi-directional stripes and smoothly flowing color shifts make for an entertaining and, therefore, quickly completed project. The blanket can easily be made snuggling-sized simply by adding more squares.



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CRAFT

Crochet

DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

MATERIALS

Yarn - Noro Silk Garden Sock (40% Lamb's wool, 25% silk, 25% nylon, 10% kid mohair; 328 yd [300m]/3.5 oz [100 gm]); CYCA1/Fine: 3 balls, Noro Kureyon Sock (70% wool, 30% nylon; 459 yd [420m]/3.5 oz [100 gm]); CYCA 1/Fine: 3 balls (see notes)

Hook - US size G/6 (4mm)

Notions - a tapetstry needle

GAUGE

20 st = 4.25" wide in "Chameleon Stich" post-blocking. Gauge is not crucial for this pattern.

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 29" wide and 44" long post-blocking

AVAILABLE SIZES

One size

NOTES

Specific colors used in model have not been noted since finished effects vary substantially depending on how colors are combined, even if exactly the same 6 colors are used

For each square, use one color of Silk Garden Sock and one color of Kureyon Sock. They are slightly different weights, and using one of each keeps the size of the squares consistent.

STITCH GUIDE

Fpdc:

front-post double crochet

Chameleon Stitch (multiple of 10 + 1 for beg ch):

Rows 1 and 2: With color B, ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in next 4 sts, *sc in next 10 sts, dc in next 10 sts; rep from * until 5 sts rem, dc in last 5 sts, changing to color A in the last 2 loops of last st of row 2, turn.

Row 3: With color A, ch 1, sc in next 8 sts (not necessarily sc), *work fpdc in sc 2 rows below each of next 4 sc, sc in next 16 sts (not necessarily sc); rep from * until 8 st rem, sc in last 8 sts, turn.

Row 4: Continuing with color A, ch 1, sc in each st across, changing to color B in last 2 loops of last st, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: With color B, ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, *dc i next 10 sts, sc in next 10 sts; rep from * until 5 sts rem, sc in last 5 sts, changing color in last 2 loops of last st of row 6, turn.

Row 7: With color A, ch 1, sc in 1st st, fpdc in sc 2 rows below next sc, *sc in next 16 sts, fpdc in sc 2 rows below each of the next 4 sc; rep from * until 2 sts rem, fpdc in sc 2 rows below next sc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 8: Continuing with color A, repeat row 4.

INSTRUCTIONS

SQUARES make 6 varying colors as desired

With color A and size G hook, ch 61. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each rem ch, changing to color B in last 2 loops of last st, turn. (Do not cut your color after changing it; carry the color not in use up the side until it is used 2 rows later. Your carries will be hidden by the edging.)

Begin working in Chameleon Stitch, completing rows 1-8 a total of 7 times, or until piece is square, ending your last repeat with either a row 3 or row 7.

With RS of square facing, sc evenly around all 4 sides of each square, working 3 sc in each corner, and increasing or decreasing as necessary on the second round to give the same number of sts on each side of the square. Make sure each square has the same



number of sc on each edge; this will make construction much easier.

ASSEMBLY

Sew squares together in two strips of three squares each, alternating the direction of striping on each square. Sew the two strips together along their length. (Note: to achieve the same effect as the photographed blanket, make sure before you seam your two strips together that none of the squares which will be touching along any side have their stripes running the same direction.)

EDGING

(Note: Each side edge is worked with a single color, not two. Model has Kureyon on the two long edges, Silk Garden on the two short edges.)

Side one: With RS of blanket facing, beg on any side at top right corner, attach color of choice and sc evenly along edge. Ch 11 after last st is worked, turn. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 9 ch, continue in sc along edge of blanket, increasing or decreasing as necessary to give a total number of sts which is a multiple of 10, (counting the 10 scs worked in the ch at beg of row) turn. Work Rows 1-7 of Chameleon Stitch, omitting color changes, end off color.

Sides 2 and 3: Turn blanket 90 degrees from beginning of last side edge worked, and work as for side one.

Side 4: Work as for other 3 sides, except that you will not ch 11 at the end of the 1st row. Instead, you will work 10 scs evenly spaced along the side edge of the border worked on side one. Sew the 3 loose overhanging border edges together.

FINAL EDGING

Attach color of choice and sc evenly around entire edge of blanket, working 3 scs in each corner st. Repeat for as many rounds as desired, end off. Weave in all ends, block if necessary according to yarn label instructions.

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Tracy happily lives in beautiful downtown Bozeman, MT. Her creations can often be found in *Interweave Crochet* magazine and it is rumored amongst the locals that she can crochet in her sleep.

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