Free Crochet Pattern from Lion Brand Yarn
Lion Brand® Heartland
Flag Afghan
Pattern Number: L30154

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: One Size
About 35 x 52 in. (89 x 132 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jun 20, 2013. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 136-113 Lion Brand Heartland: Redwood
  3 Balls (A)
- 136-098 Lion Brand Heartland: Acadia
  2 Balls (B)
- 136-109 Lion Brand Heartland: Olympic
  1 Ball (C)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size J-10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

*Heartland (Article #136). 100% Acrylic; package size: 5.00oz/142.00 gr. (251yds/230m) pull skeins

GAUGE:

1 ripple = about 4 in. (10 cm) wide.
12 sts + 6 1/2 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in ripple pattern.
1 Star = about 3 in. (7.5 cm) wide.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

STITCH EXPLANATION:

**dc3tog (dc 3 sts together)** (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops) 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook – 2 sts decreased.

NOTES:

1. The ripple in this design is created by working dc3tog to form 'valleys' and 3 dc all in one st to form 'peaks'. In each row, take care to work dc3tog over the 3 sts in each 'valley' and 3 dc in the center dc of each 'peak.' You may wish to use stitch markers to mark each peak.
2. The ripple pattern may not be evident until you have work multiple rows.
3. To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the st.
4. The blue field for Stars is worked in intarsia. The Stars are made separately and then sewed to Afghan.
AFGHAN
Stripes
With A, ch 160.

Row 1 (RS): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), *dc in next 4 ch, dc3tog, dc in next 4 ch, 3 dc in next ch; rep from * 11 more times, dc in next 4 ch, dc3tog, dc in next 4 ch, 2 dc in last ch - 13 ripples at the end of this row.

Rows 2-8: Ch 3 (counts as first dc in this row and in all following rows), turn, dc in first dc, *dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc; rep from * 11 more times, dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in top of turning ch.

Change to B. Fasten off A.

Rows 9-16: With B, rep Row 2 eight times. Change to A. Fasten off B.

Rows 17-24: With A, rep Row 2 eight times. Change to B. Fasten off A.

Rows 25-32: With B, rep Row 2 eight times. Change to A. Fasten off B.

Field for Stars

Note: One half of each row is worked with A and one half is worked with C. When changing color, drop, but do not fasten off the old color.

Row 33 (RS): With A, ch 3, turn, dc in first dc, (dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 6 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next dc and change to C; with C, 2 dc in same dc as last st (this completes a 3-dc peak), (dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 5 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in top of turning ch.

Row 34: With C, ch 3, turn, dc in first dc, (dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 5 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc and change to A; with A, dc in same dc as last st (this completes a 3-dc peak), (dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 6 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in top of turning ch.

Rows 35-40: Rep Rows 33 and 34 three times. Change to B. Fasten off A. Do not fasten off C.


STARS (make 11)
With B, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, (2 sc in ring, ch 1) 5 times; join with sl st in first sc - 10 sc and 5 ch-1 sps at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 2:*Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sl st in next ch-1 sp of Rnd 1; rep from * 4 more times. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Arrange Stars on field as follows:

Top Row: 4 Stars evenly spaced with top of Stars about 2 in. (5 cm) below top edge of Afghan.

Lower Row: 4 Stars evenly spaced with bottom of Stars about 2 in. (5 cm) from lower edge of Blue Field, and lined up with Stars of Top Row.

Middle Row: 3 Stars evenly spaced and staggered between Stars of Top and Lower Rows.

Sew Stars in place.
Weave in ends.

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<td>ch(s) = chain(s)</td>
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