

Double Mile-a-Minute Afghan



Method #1

Method #2

- Thread used for body - Caron Simply Soft 4-ply yarn
- Needle size - G
- Size - as you wish. For a baby afghan, I am making mine 50 rows long. I'm not sure how many panels I'll need...I'm gonna "eyeball it." When it looks good, I'll quit.

Method #1 (Pink example)

Chain 14, locate 5th stitch from hook and *2dc, ch 1, 2dc in same ch. Skip 2 ch, repeat from *. Dc in last chain. Ch 3 and turn. In first Ch-1 space, **2dc, ch 1, 2dc in same ch. In next ch-1 space, repeat from **. Dc in last stitch, ch 3 and turn. Repeat for desired length.

Method #2 (Blue example) *TRY SOMETHING NEW!!!*

Foundation single crochet 13 times (my personal favorite because I crochet way too tight, and the foundation stitches are stretchy). Ch 3. Skip 2 scs. *2dc, ch 1, 2dc in same ch. Skip 2 ch, repeat from *. Dc in last chain. Ch 3 and turn. In first Ch-1 space, **2dc, ch 1, 2dc in same ch. In next ch-1 space, repeat from **. Dc in last stitch, ch 3 and turn. Repeat for desired length.

Foundation Single Crochet ***It's much easier than it sounds!*** See the pictorial and video tutorials here: http://www.futuregirl.com/craft_blog/2009/3/tutorial-foundation-single-crochet.aspx
Scroll down to watch the video on YouTube.

First SC : Tie slip knot on hook. Ch 2. Yarn over once, then insert hook into 2nd ch from hook. Draw up a loop (you will have 2 loops on your hook), yarn over and draw through the first loop on hook. You will still have 2 loops on your hook. Yarn over and complete Sc as usual (draw through both loops.)

Next SC: (Repeat the following steps for as many Scs as your pattern calls for.) Insert hook into the loops of the previous Sc. Yarn over and pull through first loop on hook. Yarn over, and draw through both loops on hook. Repeat.

Border

Attach contrast yarn to end. Ch 3 (counted as a stitch), 2 dc in same space. Three dcs in next space, repeat all around.

Alternative -- Again, try something new -- A standing double crochet omits the need for a chain at the beginning of a row when changing colors and makes for a much smoother transition. The thing that is so wonderful is they look just like a stitch because they *are* a stitch! Yay! for no more telltale beginning chains. Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV9f9qvvgA>

Final Note: I have had many suggestions for this pattern, all of which will produce something similar (and absolutely beautiful). Some people use 3-ply yarn with a smaller hook. Or 4-ply yarn with an H hook. Some use triple crochets instead of doubles. Play with these ideas! Anyway you do it, you will be creating a MASTERPIECE!!!

Enjoy!

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