

Alice's Embrace is devoted to providing hand-knit and hand-crocheted prayer shawls and lap blankets to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease. We seek volunteers to knit and crochet the patterns that we have created. Through the loving hands of many generous and talented people, this endeavor will help ease the anxiety that is often present in those suffering from the disease.

All Thumbs (Crochet) Lap Blanket



Skill Level: 

Size: Approximately 30" x 40"

Materials: 1200 yards worsted weight yarn

Hook: US G-6 (4mm)

Notions: Right side marker, tapestry needle

Gauge: 13 stitches and 11 rows = 4" in pattern stitch

Abbreviations:

Ch = Chain

Dc = Double crochet

Slst = Slip stitch

St = Stitch

WS = Wrong side

RS = Right side

Notes:

You will hold the yarn single stranded while crocheting this lap blanket.

- The texture of this pattern is created from the wrong side; in other words, the wrong side should always face you when working the slst, dc pattern (Row 1). The all dc row (Row 2) is crocheted with the right side (textured side) facing you.
- Do not pull the slip stitches too tight – you will crochet into them in the next row.
- When crocheting the double crochet row (Row 2), make sure you crochet into **each** slip stitch and **each** double crochet. The slip stitches are smaller than the double crochet stitches, and can more easily be missed. Missed stitches will throw the pattern off, and the raised bumps on the right side will not line up properly.

The Pattern:

Ch 99

If you need to adjust for gauge, the pattern is any odd number of chains, plus 2 for the starting chain.

Set up row (RS): Working into the back bump of the chain (back horizontal bar of the chain), dc in third chain from hook and in each st (bump) across the row; turn. (Place marker on this row to denote right side of lap blanket.)

Row1 (WS): Ch 1, slst in first dc, dc in second dc. Repeat the pattern (slst, dc) across the row, ending with a slst in last stitch; turn.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3, dc in each slst and each dc across the row; turn.

Repeat rows 1-2 until prayer shawl measures 40", ending the blanket on a Row 2 (all dc row) repeat. Cut yarn. Finish off.

Finishing:

Weave in ends.