

# Spring Willow Afghan

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Play with color and new stitches to create an overlay effect!

1 2 3 4 5 6 **INTERMEDIATE**

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

48 inches x 55 inches, excluding Fringe

## MATERIALS

- Premier Yarns Deborah Norville Everyday Soft Worsted medium (worsted) weight acrylic yarn (4 oz/203 yds/113g per skein):
  - 5 skeins each #1005 baby blue, #1016 kiwi and #1001 snow white
- Size 1/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers



## GAUGE

16 dc = 4 inches

Gauge is not important for this project.

## PATTERN NOTES

Leaf panels are worked lengthwise and joined as you go from left to right. Leaves and stripes are created as work progresses.

Leave long ends when changing color and incorporate ends into Fringe.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-1 at beginning of row counts as first single crochet unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of row counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Use loose tension when working foundation chain and slip stitches unless otherwise stated.

## SPECIAL STITCHES

**Left leaf stitch (Left leaf st):** With RS facing, yo 4 times, rotate work and insert hook in indicated st from top down, yo, pull up lp, [yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] twice, place marker in last back ridge made, [yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo 3 times, insert hook in marked lp, yo, pull up lp, [yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo, pull through 3 lps on hook. Remove marker.

**Right leaf stitch (Right leaf st):** With RS facing, yo 4 times, insert hook in back lp of indicated st, yo, pull up lp, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times, yo 3 times, insert hook in same marked st, yo, pull up lp, [yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo, pull through 3 lps on hook, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook. Remove marker.

**Top stitch (top st):** Holding yarn at back of work and keeping tension loose, insert hook in indicated st, yo, pull lp through st and lp on hook.

## AFGHAN

**Row 1 (RS):** With blue, ch 170, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each rem ch across, remove lp from hook and secure with marker, do not turn. (168 dc)

**Row 2 (RS):** Working across opposite side of foundation ch and holding yarn to WS, **join** (see Pattern Notes) kiwi in first ch, sl st in next st and in each rem ch across, turn. Fasten off kiwi.





**Row 3 (WS):** Return lp of blue to hook, remove marker, **ch 1** (see *Pattern Notes*), sc in each of next 6 dc, [ch 1, place marker in next dc, sk dc just marked, sc in each of next 5 dc] across, ending last rep with sc in each of last 4 sts, turn. (142 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)

**Row 4 (RS): Ch 3** (see *Pattern Notes*), dc in next st and in each rem st and ch sp across, remove lp from hook and secure with marker, do not turn. (168 dc)

**Row 5 (RS):** Join kiwi in first st, ch 1, sc in each of next 6 dc, \*ch 1, place marker in next dc, sk marked dc, sc in next dc, **Left leaf st** (see *Special Stitches*) in marked dc 3 rows below, sk next dc, sc in each of next 3 dc, rep from \* across, ending last rep with sc in each of last 2 dc, turn. Fasten off kiwi. (110 sc, 26 ch-1 sps, 26 Left leaf sts)

**Row 6 (WS):** Return lp of blue to hook, remove marker; working in **front lps** (see *Stitch Guide*), **sl st** (see *Pattern Notes*) in first sc, ch 3, dc in next and each st across, turn. (168 dc)

**Row 7 (RS):** Ch 1, sc in next dc and in each rem dc across, remove lp from hook and secure with marker, do not turn. (168 sc)

**Row 8 (RS):** With RS facing and working in **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide*), join kiwi in first st, sl st in next sc, \***Right leaf st** (see *Special Stitches*) in marked dc 3 rows below, sk next sc, sl st in each of next 5 sc, rep from \* across, ending last rep with sl st in each of last 9 sts, turn. Fasten off kiwi. (136 sl sts, 26 Right leaf sts)

**Row 9 (WS):** Return lp of blue to hook, remove marker; working in unworked lps of previous sc row, ch 3, sk first sc, dc in each of next 8 sc, \*sk next leaf, dc in next unworked sc under leaf st, dc in each of next 5 sc, rep from \* across, ending last rep with dc in sc under last leaf, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. Fasten off blue.

**Row 10 (RS):** Working in front lps, join white in first st, ch 3, dc in next st and in each rem st across, remove lp from hook and secure with marker, do not turn.

**Row 11 (RS):** Working in sts on row 9 at base of dc of row 10, with kiwi, **top st** (see *Special Stitches*) in each st across, turn. Fasten off kiwi.

**Rows 12 & 13:** With white, rep rows 3 and 4.

**Row 14:** With blue, rep row 5.

**Rows 15 & 16:** With white, rep rows 6 and 7.

**Row 17:** With blue, rep row 8.

**Row 18:** With white, rep row 9.

**Row 19:** With kiwi, rep row 10.

**Row 20:** With blue, rep row 11.

**Rows 21 & 22:** With kiwi, rep rows 3 and 4.

**Row 23:** With white, rep row 5.

**Rows 24 & 25:** With kiwi, rep rows 6 and 7.

**Row 26:** With white, rep row 8.

**Row 27:** With kiwi, rep row 9.

**Row 28:** With blue, rep row 10.

**Row 29:** With white, rep row 11.

**Rows 30–110:** [Rep rows 3–29 consecutively] 3 times.

**Rows 111–135:** Rep rows 3–27 consecutively.

**Row 136 (RS):** With RS facing, join white in first st, sl st firmly in each rem dc across. Fasten off.

### FRINGE

Using photo as a guide, add Fringe in each row end at center of each leaf stripe and top st stripe on each end of Afghan, matching Fringe color to leaf and top st color, as follows: Cut 5 strands of matching yarn, each 16 inches in length. Holding all 5 strands tog, fold in half, pull fold through row end, pull ends of strand and matching yarn tail through fold, pull to tighten. Trim to desired length.

Weave in rem yarn ends. ■



# STITCH GUIDE

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## STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

beg	.....	begin/begins/beginning
bpdc	.....	back post double crochet
bpsc	.....	back post single crochet
bptr	.....	back post treble crochet
CC	.....	contrasting color
ch(s)	.....	chain(s)
ch-	.....	refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s)	.....	chain space(s)
cl(s)	.....	cluster(s)
cm	.....	centimeter(s)
dc	.....	double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec	.....	double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dec	.....	decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr	.....	double treble crochet
ext	.....	extended
fpdc	.....	front post double crochet
fpdc	.....	front post single crochet
fptr	.....	front post treble crochet
g	.....	gram(s)
hdc	.....	half double crochet
hdc dec	.....	half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
inc	.....	increase/increases/increasing
lp(s)	.....	loop(s)
MC	.....	main color
mm	.....	millimeter(s)
oz	.....	ounce(s)
pc	.....	popcorn(s)
rem	.....	remain/remains/remaining
rep(s)	.....	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	.....	round(s)
RS	.....	right side
sc	.....	single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec	.....	single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sk	.....	skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s)	.....	slip stitch(es)
sp(s)	.....	space(s)/spaced
st(s)	.....	stitch(es)
tog	.....	together
tr	.....	treble crochet
trtr	.....	triple treble
WS	.....	wrong side
yd(s)	.....	yard(s)
yo	.....	yarn over

## YARN CONVERSION

OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
1.....28.4	25.....7/8
2.....56.7	40.....1 1/2
3.....85.0	50.....1 3/4
4.....113.4	100.....3 1/2

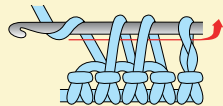
## UNITED STATES

sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	trtr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

## UNITED KINGDOM

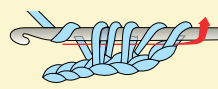
sc (single crochet)	=	sc (single crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
htr (half treble crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
trtr (triple treble crochet)	=	trtr (triple treble crochet)
miss	=	miss

**Single crochet decrease (sc dec):**  
(Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



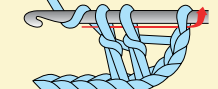
Example of 2-sc dec

**Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec):**  
(Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



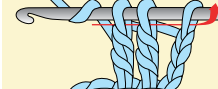
Example of 2-hdc dec

**Double crochet decrease (dc dec):** (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



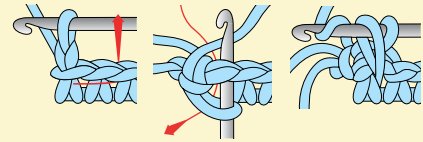
Example of 2-dc dec

**Treble crochet decrease (tr dec):** Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

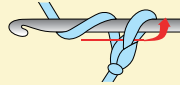


Example of 2-tr dec

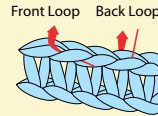
**Reverse single crochet (reverse sc):** Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo and draw through both lps on hook.



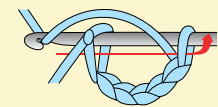
**Chain (ch):** Yo, pull through lp on hook.



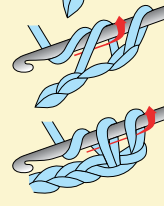
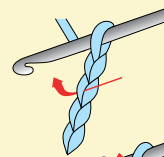
**Front loop (front lp)**  
**Back loop (back lp)**



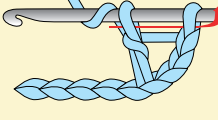
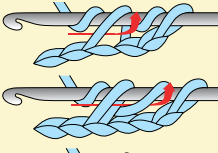
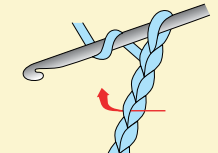
**Slip stitch (sl st):** Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



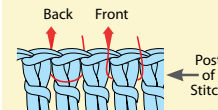
**Single crochet (sc):** Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



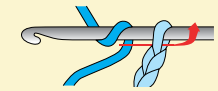
**Double crochet (dc):** Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



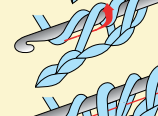
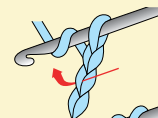
**Front post stitch (fp):**  
**Back post stitch (bp):** When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.



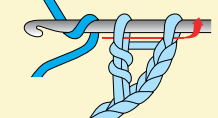
**Chain color change (ch color change)**  
Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



**Half double crochet (hdc):** Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



**Double crochet color change (dc color change)**  
Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



**Treble crochet (tr):** Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

