'Purifying Puritans' re-design 12" Afghan Block/Square

Based on original pattern 'Puritan Bedspread' by Cecilia Vanek

RE-WRITTEN by Margaret MacInnis, finish rounds re-designed w/tutorial c. 2013



Worsted weight yarn (Vanna's Choice)

Color A—dusty green (40 g)

Color B—cranberry (40 g)

Hook: I used a 5.5 mm (US I), but an H (5.0 mm) would probably be better for the petals.

Definitions

BLO: back loop only of indicated stitch

Rnd versus Row: please note the distinction

Instructions

RND 1 (home base): Adjustable loop with Color A: Ch 6 (as dc and ch-3), [dc, ch 3] x 7, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-6. Fasten off Color A and weave in ends. (8 dc, 8 ch-3 sp)

Petal One

ROW 1(RS): Join Color B with a sc in any ch-3 sp, sc in same sp, **ch 14**, dc in 6th st from hook, *ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in next ch* rep from * to * once more, **mark as front**, ch 1, TURN

ROW 2: Sc in first dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 1 sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 1 sc in next dc; 1 sc in each of next 2 chains, 3 sc in next chain, 1 sc in each of next 2 chains (or just 7 sc over whole chain space); 1 sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 1 sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 1 sc in last dc, ch 1, TURN (21 sc)

ROW 3: (BLO) sc in next 10 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc, ch 1, TURN (23 sc)

ROW 4: (BLO) sc in next 11 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 11 sc, ch 1, TURN (25 sc)

Finish Petal One Only: (BLO) sc in next 12 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 12 sc. (27 sc). Work end petal instructions below.

End petal instructions—Petals 1-7

Right side facing, sl loop off hook, fold petal in half from top to bottom, insert hook into 1st st of Finish row, pick up loop that you slipped off and pull through, then sl st lower edge 'closed' with 4 sl stitches. Sl st into 2 last ch of original ch-14.

Flatten petal so slipped stitch base makes a vertical 'cup' in bottom, then work 2 sc in same ch-3 base sp that you started petal in. Then work a **picot:** ch 5, sl st in 5th ch from hook. Work 2 sc in **next** ch-3 home base sp...work next petal

Petals 2-7

Work from **Ch 14** as in **Row 1**, to end of **Row 4** (see Petal one), and after turning, join petal to previous petal as follows: (BLO) sc in next 3 st, slip hook out, slip hook into previous petal 3rd sc from base join area, sc in next 3 sc on working petal, slip hook out, sk 2 sc on previous petal and join to next, sc in 6 sc of working petal, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 12 sc. Follow **End petal instructions**.

Petal Eight Only

Work as for other petals up to 'join to right petal' and work to (and including) 3 sc in tip; then sc in next 6 st, join with slipout/in to 6^{th} BLO of first petal, sc in next 3 st, join with slipout/in to $3rd^{th}$ BLO of first petal, sc in next 3 st, work **End petal instructions** including picot (but not final two sc), sl st in first sc on base, fasten off Color B.

Background

bpsc: back post single crochet; work around the post of the indicated stitch, from the back

Middle part makes a small circle on the back:

Rnd 1: Join Color A with a back post sc around any post of center dc (fold down petals toward you, and work with RS facing back of petals). (Ch 2, bpsc around next post) seven times, ch 2, join with sl st in first bpsc. (8 bpsc, 8 ch-2 sp)

Rnd 2: S1 st in first ch-2 sp, ch 3 as dc, dc in same sp, ch 1, (2 dc in each ch-2 sp, ch 1) x 7, join with a s1 st in top of beg ch-3. (16 dc, 8 ch-1 sp)

Rnd 3: Ch 3 as dc, (2 dc in next dc, dc in ch-1 sp, dc in next dc) x 7; 2 dc in next dc, dc in ch-1 sp, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3. (32 dc)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (2 sc in next dc, sc in next dc) x 15, 2 sc in next sc; join with a sl st in beg sc. (48 sc)

picot join: working hook around tip of picot, sc into next sc

Rnd 5: Ch 1, picot join with sc in same st; (sc in next 5 sc, picot join in next sc) x 7, sc in next 5 sc, join with a sl st in beg sc. (48 sc, 8 picot joins)

Rnd 6: Ch 3 as dc, dc in same st, (dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st) x 15; dc in next 2 st, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3. (64 dc)

petal join/join: work indicated st around bottom petal join loop

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, (petal join in next st, sc in next 7 st) x 7, petal join in next st, sc in next 5 st, join with a sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. (64 sc, 8 petal join/join)



Working the border. This is worked on the tips of the petals. Photo is from the back.

BRnd—border round

beg trc3tog---join with a sl st to the right of any petal join point, skipping one st past the point, ch 4, trc (yo 2 times) into top join between two petals to last 2 loops on hook only, skip st on next petal, trc into next st to 3 loops on hook; yo, pull through 3 loops on hook

trc3tog over next 3 st---trc to last 2 loops in next st, trc (yo 2 times) in join point st between petals to 3 loops on hook; sk st on next petal, trc in next st to 4 loops on hook; yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook

BRnd 8: (BLO work into petals) *Beg trc3tog (see above), [(ch 2, sk st, dc in next st) twice, ch 2, sk st, corner as (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc; (ch 2, sk st, dc in next st) twice, sk st, ch 2, trc3tog, ch 2, sk st, dc in next st, ch 2, sk next st, sl st in next st, ch 2, sk 3 st, sl st in next st, ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 2, trc3tog]; work [to] 3 more times, omit trc3tog on last rep; join w/ a sl st in beg trc3tog.



BRnd 9: Ch 3 as dc; dc in same st as join; working in subsequent ch spaces or in st indicated and skipping st between, complete the foll sequence: [2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 hdc, corner as (hdc, dc, trc, de, hdc), 2 hdc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 dc in tre3tog, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc in ch-2 sp of tip, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 dc in trc3tog] four times, omitting last 2 dc; sl st in top of beg ch-3. (124 st)

BRnd 10: Ch 2 as hdc; hdc in next 3 st, dc in next 6 st [corner as 5 dc in next st, dc in next 6 st, hdc in next 4 st, sc in next 10 st*, hdc in next 4 st, dc in next 6 st] four times, working to * only on last rep; sl st in top of beg ch-2. Fasten off Color B. (140 st)

BRnd 11: As needed for size. As shown, hdc with (152 st, 4 ch-1 sp)

