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Kumasi Throw

designed by Edie Eckman

Technique used: Crochet

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YARN

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(75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Merino Wool):
21 (21, 24, 24, 27, 30) oz
#0004 Green Sheen (A): 2 skeins
#0020 Loden Forest (B): 2 skeins
#0017 Claret (C): 2 skeins
#0013 Spruce (D): 2 skeins
#0023 Chocolate Truffle (E) 2 skeins
#0011 Gilded Age (F): 2 skeins
#0014 Deep Purple (G): 2 skeins
#0010 Sunset (H): 1 skein
#0003 Soft Sunshine (I): 1 skein
#0024 Black (J): 1 skein

One size US H-8 (5mm), or size to obtain gauge
Removable stitch markers
Yarn needle

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Throw measures approximately 40"/101.5cm wide x 56"/142cm long
GAUGE
One large square measures 4"/10cm across

STITCHES USED
Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

SPECIAL STITCHES
beg-Cl: Beginning cluster—Yarn over, insert hook in indicated ch-space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over, insert hook in *same* ch-space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
Cl: Cluster—Yarn over, insert hook in indicated ch-space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; [yarn over, insert hook in *same* ch-space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.
FPdc: Front-post double crochet—Yarn over, insert hook from front to back and then to front again around post of stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.
make-join: Drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in next joining location of top of strip or neighboring piece, return dropped loop to hook, draw the dropped loop through the stitch or space.

NOTES

1. Throw is worked in five long strips. Each strip is worked from the lower edge upwards, and is made from rectangles, small squares, and large squares. After all five strips have been made, the strips are single crocheted together. If desired, all pieces (rectangles, small squares, and large squares) can be made separately, arranged as shown in assembly diagram and sewn or single crocheted together.

2. Refer to the assembly diagram frequently. The assembly diagram shows the order in which squares and rectangles are made in each strip. The diagram also shows the colors used when making each piece.

3. Large and small squares are worked in joined rounds, with RS facing at all times. A "join-as-you-go" technique is used to join the squares to the top of the partially completed strip and previous squares. Squares are joined to previous pieces while working the last round (joining round). When the first piece in a strip is a square, the square is not joined to any previous pieces.

4. Rectangles are worked back and forth in rows. The first row of most rectangles is worked directly onto the top edge of the partially completed strip. When the first piece in a strip is a rectangle, the first row is not worked directly onto the edge of previous pieces. Instead, a traditional foundation chain and row of single crochet stitches is worked.

5. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.

THROW

Refer to the assembly diagram for arrangement of each strip. Make each strip from the lower edge upwards. For example, strip #1 begins with a rectangle, then 4 small squares are made and joined to the top of the rectangle, 4 more small squares are made and joined to the previous 4 small squares, 2 large squares are then worked and joined to the previous small squares, and so on.

Strip #1: Strip #1 is the left most strip. Begin by working a beginning rectangle (instructions below), working 6 rows with I and 6 rows with D. Continue strip by working and joining small squares, large squares, and rectangles in the order and color combinations shown in assembly diagram.

Strip #2: Begin by working a beginning large square (instructions below), working 2 rounds with C and 2 rounds with J. Continue strip by working and joining large squares, rectangles, and small squares in the order and color combinations shown in assembly diagram.

Strip #3: Strip #3 is the center strip. Begin by working a beginning rectangle, working 2 rows with H, 2 rows with B and 2 rows with F. Continue strip by working and joining large squares, rectangles and small squares in the order and color combinations shown in assembly diagram.

Strip #4: Begin by working a beginning rectangle, working 3 rows with A, 2 rows with C, 2 rows with D, 2 rows with G and 3 rows with I. Continue strip by working and joining small squares, large squares, and rectangles in the order and color combinations shown in assembly diagram.

Strip #5: Begin by working a beginning large square, working all 4 rounds with F. Continue strip by working and joining large squares, rectangles, and small squares in the order and color combinations shown in assembly diagram.

BEGINNING RECTANGLE

Note: Follow these instructions when working first rectangle of strips #1, #3 and #4 only. For all other rectangles, follow the instructions in the Joined Rectangle section (below).

Ch 32.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across, turn—31 sc.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *FPdc around next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Refer to assembly diagram for number of rows to be worked in this rectangle. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until one less row than specified in assembly diagram has been worked.

Last Row: Ch 1, sc in each st across.

Fasten off.

JOINED RECTANGLE

Row 1: With RS facing, join yarn with sc in first corner of partially completed strip, work 31 more sc evenly spaced across the top edge of the strip.

Beginning with Row 2, complete rectangle as for beginning rectangle.

JOINED SMALL SQUARE

With first color, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 3, [3 dc in ring, ch 3] 3 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 dc and 4 ch-3 sps. Fasten off first color. **Note:** If the same color is used for Rounds 1 and 2, do not fasten off.

Mark Joining Locations:

1. Before joining first small square to top of partially completed strip, place 17 stitch markers evenly spaced across the top edge. Place the first marker in one corner and the last marker in the opposite corner. Space the other 15 markers evenly between the first and last marker. These markers indicate the joining locations for the 4 small squares that will be joined to the top edge.

2. When joining the edge of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th small squares to the edge of the previous small square, the joining locations are the corner ch-1 sps, and the 3 ch-1 sps across the edge. Place markers in these locations on the previous small square, if desired.

Work one of the following Round 2 joining rounds, as appropriate. When instructed to make-join, insert hook in next joining location (marked location on top of strip, or next joining ch-sp on edge of previous square).

Joining First Small Square to Top of Strip

Round 2 (joining round): With RS facing, join 2nd color with sc in top of beginning ch, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1;

join next edge of current square to top of strip, as follows: (sc, ch 1, make-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp;

complete unjoined sides, as follows: *ch 1, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, ch 1; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining 2nd, 3rd and 4th Small Square to Top of Strip and Previous Small Square

Round 2 (joining round): With RS facing, join 2nd color with sc in top of beginning ch, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc;

join next edge of current square to side edge of previous square, as follows: ch 1, (sc, ch 1, make-join inserting hook in top corner ch-1 sp of previous square, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join inserting hook in same joining location as corner of previous square, sc) in next ch-3 sp;

join next edge of current square to top of strip, as follows: ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp;

complete unjoined sides, as follows: *ch 1, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Note: Join 2nd row of small squares in same manner, joining into the ch-1 sps and corner ch-3 sps of the previous row of small squares. Join the inner corner to the corresponding corner of the square diagonally across from the current square.

BEGINNING LARGE SQUARE

Note: Follow these instructions when working first square of strips #2 and #5 only. For all other large squares, follow the instructions in the Joined Large Square section (below).

Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), [dc in ring, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps.

Round 2: Ch 3, beg-Cl in first ch-1 sp, *ch 3, Cl in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around, ch 1, hdc in beg-Cl (forming last ch-sp)—12 clusters and 12 ch-sps.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in first ch-sp (formed by ch-1, hdc at end of last round), *ch 5, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, ch 2, dc in first sc (forming last ch-5 sp)—12 sc and 12 ch-5 sps.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first ch-5 sp (formed by last ch-2 and dc of previous round), ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp (corner made), *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * around; ch 1, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

JOINED LARGE SQUARE

Mark Joining Locations:

1. Before joining first large square to top of partially completed strip, place 9 stitch markers evenly spaced across the top edge. Place the first marker in one corner and the last marker in the opposite corner. Space the other 7 markers evenly between the first and last marker. These markers indicate the joining locations for the 2 large squares that will be joined to the top edge.

2. When joining the edge of the 2nd large square to the edge of the first large square, the joining locations are the corner ch-3 sps and the center ch-5 sp across the edge. Place markers in these locations on the previous large square, if desired.

Begin Square: Work same as beginning large square, through Round 3.

Work one of the following Round 4 joining rounds, as appropriate. When instructed to make-join, insert hook in next joining location (marked location on top of strip, or next joining ch-sp on edge of first square).

Joining First Large Square to Top of Strip

Round 4 (joining round): Ch 1, sc in first ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, **join next edge of current square to**

top of strip, as follows: (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, make-join, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp;

complete unjoined sides, as follows: *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * around; ch 1, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining 2nd Large Square to Top of Strip and First Large Square

Round 4 (joining round): Ch 1, sc in first ch-sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1;

join next edge of current square to side edge of first square, as follows: (5 dc, ch 2, make-join inserting hook in top corner ch-3 sp of first square, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, make-join, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join inserting hook in same joining location as corner of first square, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp;

join next edge of current square to top of strip, as follows: ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, make-join, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp;

complete unjoined sides, as follows: *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp; ch 1, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Note: Join 2nd row of large squares in same manner, joining into the corner ch-3 sps and side ch-5 sps of the previous row of large squares. Join the inner corner to the corresponding corner of the square diagonally across from the current square.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block strips.

Seam Strips: Holding WS of strip #1 and strip #2 together (RS facing you) and working through both thicknesses, join E with sc at beginning of strips, sc evenly across to join strips together. Fasten off. Repeat to join strip #3, #4, and #5.

Edging

With RS facing, join E with sc anywhere in edge of throw.

Round 1: Sc evenly spaced around all edges, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc around, working 2 sc in each corner; join witih sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

strip #1

CCCBBAA DDGGG			
JJBB	DDEE		
CCFF	GGAA		
AE	BF	IH	GD
HG	DI	CB	FA
JHBFDA GGGEEE			
CCAA	IIDD		
DDBB	FFGG		
BBBBAA AACCCC			
IJ	FG	AD	CI
GA	BC	HB	DF
HHDD	DDII		
GGCC	AAFF		
DF	BJ	ID	CA
AB	HI	EC	GF
IIIIIIDDDDDD			

strip #2

HD	FC	HD	GB
AADDIICC BBEE			
FFBB	CCDD		
EEHBCG DEHBCG			
AAGG	IIBB		
HHCC	DDFF		
IIBBBB DDAAAA			
JC	BA	FH	GE
HF	EG	DI	CA
AD	IB	GC	BJ
HHHDDG GCCFFF			
BBDD	GGII		
CC	DD	GG	BB
DDFAFH FCFBFA			
IIAA	BBHH		
CCJJ	FFGG		

strip #3

DDDAAA IIIHHH			
EH	BG	DC	GA
AADDFF FFBBII			
CCJJ		AAHH	
GGGDDD			
IB	GH	BC	EA
AE	DF	HI	CG
BBEBFB CBGBDB			
CCII		AADD	
HHGG		FFJJ	
BBAABB			
AAFF		IIDD	
EEEAADD BBIICCCCCCC			
GGCC		HHFF	
EEDD		CCFF	
HHBBFF			

strip #4

GGIBFA DCIBFF			
CCEE		HHAA	
GGFF		DDBB	
FC	BH	ID	CA
EI	DB	AG	HJ
FFFFFF GGHHCC			
DDJJAA			
BBBB		CCCC	
IIII		EEEE	
GGAGAG IHBHBH			
GB	FC	HI	DE
IH	ED	CA	BF
AAJJ		FFGG	
DDCC		HHBB	
EB	IJ	BA	EF
AE	DH	FG	CB
AAACCDD GGIII			

strip #5

AAAGGG			
FFDD		CCEE	
CC	GG	BB	HH
HB	DJ	IC	EA
FF	AA	DD	II
FFJBJH			
IIGG		EEAA	
HHDD		BBCC	
GGFFGG FFGGFF			
CG	EH	AE	DF
CCEEAA BBBBBB			
AAGG		FFHH	
DDDDDD			
DG	FC	ED	BI
IE	GA	AD	CF
EEDDFF GGAAII			
BBBB		CCCC	
FFFF		GGGG	

The letters in each shape indicate the sequence of colors used in that shape.
For example, in the large square below, Rnds 1 and 2 were worked with Color A and Rnds 3 and 4 were worked with color G.

AAGG

_____ single crochet seam