

Entrelac Afghans Adapted Michael Sellick

Intermediate

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(7.1 oz, 200 g / 383 yds, 350 m)



Red Velvet

Baby Size: 36" x 36" - 3 Balls

Throw: 60" x 60" - 7 Balls

Hook

6 mm or US J/10

Abbreviations

Ch = Chain

Rep = Repeat

Sc - Single Crochet

Sl st = Slip Stitch

Ss = Simple Stitch

St = Stitch(es)

Project Size

Baby Size = 36" Square

18 blocks x 18 blocks

Throw = 60" Square

30 blocks x 30 blocks

This project is crocheted in a the Entrelac Square Design. Working from the centre square in a circle around. As you complete each round, the afghan will get bigger on all 4 sides.

Video tutorial is available for this design plus a tutorial for the edging that is done.

This afghan is designed in Tunisian Crochet style. We have various tutorials on Tunisian within our index of free tutorial videos.

This project can be done in various types of yarns as the technique to do this concept is pretty standard. You can opt to change the colours on your own or let the Caron Cakes yarn change the colours for your for this rich looking afghan.

Instructions

Start with Center Square

Ch 7.

Foundation Chain. This the only time you will do this without attaching any Tunisian boxes together to a neighbouring box.

Row 1: Moving Forward: Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop,*keeping loops on hook, draw loop up in next ch. Repeat * across. You will have 7 loops on hook. **Moving Backward:** Yarn over and pull through 1 loop on hook, * yarn over and draw through next 2 loops. Continue * across until one loop is remaining on hook.

Row 2: This is the definition of **Simple Stitch (Ss)** in terms of Tunisian Terminology.

Simple stitch forward by using the vertical bar strands. To do this, insert hook through the vertical strand and draw up a loop. Do this all the way across. You should have 7 loops on the hook at the end of the row.

Return by using the **Moving Backward** instructions above. This is the only time



Close Up Shot, Right Side

you will be using this method of moving backward as it slightly changes after this step.

Repeat Row 2 - 2 more times.

Fasten off Row

To finish off boxes, you need to fasten off as you go around. To do so, * insert hook into next vertical bar. Yarn over

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and pull through vertical bar and loop on hook. You will do * across until 1 loop is left on your hook. Fasten off.

Definition of the Squares

My friend, Diane, who taught me this concept had me look for the Invisible L to dictate my next step. This advice was so important because it dictates how you crochet into the next square. If the L already exists, then you don't need to create it. Refer to the tutorial as I explain.

Corner Squares

The construction of the corner squares is different from the indentation squares. In the video tutorial, I refer to the invisible L that is missing. So you must create the L before you begin. This just means you have to chain 6 to begin. Since there are only 4 corners, you only have to do this 4 times in each round.

Indentation Squares

The indentation squares rest in between the corners. The invisible L exists.

1st Round of Squares - Corner Squares

In this round, every box is a corner square. It's not until the next rounds and for the remaining of the afghan that there will be indentation squares that rest between the corners.

Beginning Chain: With the right side facing up. Attach yarn with a sl st to any corner of the first square.

Row 1: Draw up loops in the next 5 chains. Draw loop through the corner where you had attached the hard. **Moving Backward** by yarn over and draw through 2 loops. Repeat * across. Until 1 loop remains on hook.

Row 2: Simple stitch forward by using the vertical bar strands. To do this, insert hook through the vertical strand and draw up a loop in the next 5 vertical strands. The final loop is through the next layer of stitches in the joining block. **Moving Backward** by yarn over and draw through 2 loops. Repeat * across. Until 1 loop remains on hook.

Repeat Row 2: 2 more times.

Fasten Off Row: To finish off boxes, you need to fasten off as you go around. To do so, * insert hook into next vertical bar. Yarn over and pull through vertical bar and loop on hook. You will do * across until 1 loop is left on your hook. Do not fasten off.

Remaining 3 Boxes: 1 Box is now complete. Without fastening off, rotate original box 90 degrees and start the beginning row and complete the steps to the fasten off row again.

Once Completed Round: You must fasten off. Slip stitching to the next starting point will be extremely obvious on the front side of the work. Fasten off and weave in ends to begin next round.

2nd Round of Squares

In this round, you will have corner squares and indentation squares. The only difference between this round and the remaining of the afghan to the final border is the number of indentation squares that exist between the corners.



Fasten On: Position the project like a plus sign in front of you, with the right side facing towards you. Choose the top box and select the upper righthand corner to attach your new yarn. *If you are left handed, you will select the same box but choose the lefthand side.*

Begin and Complete the First Box: Use the instructions as stated in the Corner Squares earlier in this pattern. Do not fasten off.

Indentation Squares: The invisible L now exists as we move to the next box. Instead of beginning with a chain, we draw up loops along the side edge of the existing box and the final loop is drawing through the side of the next box. Refer to the tutorial for explanation.

The rest of the instructions for this box is completed the same way as a regular box. Do not fasten off.

The Next Block: This happens to be another corner block. The invisible L doesn't exist, so you must start a new box by chaining 6 as stated before. Complete this box.

Continue Around: Determine which type of box you need to complete. When all the way around, fasten off for the reasons stated before.

Begin Next Round: Start next around on the corner and continue around. Continue your afghan until your desired size is met.

For the baby size, you should have 18 squares across by 18 to equal the 36" square. For the throw, you will have 30 boxes x 30 boxes across for the 60" square.



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Border

Due to the technique of simple stitch for entrelac, your pointed edges will have a curled up look. This is normal. With Tunisian, the tension is on the right side (facing you), this means the curl will lift up.

To get the curl under control, you should apply a border. The borders are essentially half squares to rest in between the points of the edges.

If you review the photo of the Square Entrelac below, you will see the final blue is a half square aka triangle. This is very easy to achieve and a tutorial is available.

The border will only fill in the indentation squares. On the corner squares, you will simple single crochet on the corners to get to the next section.

Fasten onto any corner: Ch 1, 1 sc in each stitch across the corner square.

Begin the first indentation square as normal. On the moving backward pass, do it as normal, however, when there are 3 loops remaining on the hook, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. This will eliminate 1 stitch out to create the half square.

Next row: Simple Stitch forward as normal. On moving backward pass, do as normal until 3 loops remain. Yarn over and pull through final 3 loops.

Repeat: Continue to repeat the Next Row instructions until the box is done. One loop will remain on your hook in the end.

Continue to next box like before until the next corner. On the corners, do as stated before with 1 sc in each along the edge.

Final Thoughts

This design looks incredible when changing out colours. However, if you are like me and love Caron Cakes, you may just love how the colours work up naturally right out of the ball. Either way, enjoy your creativity and have fun!

