

Wordless FCS (Front Cross Stitch) Doll Afghan

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Materials: H hook, #16 needle, scissors, 2.5 ozs. Red Heart 4-ply, worsted weight yarn gold or yellow, black, red, white, blue and green

Special Stitches:

Front Cross-stitch (FCS) - skip next stitch, work dc in next stitch, crossing in front of stitch just made, work dc in skipped stitch

Reverse single crochet (rsc) - after completing a row of sc, do not turn, ch 1, insert hk into next stitch to the right (not in the stitch you just completed, but the next one), yo, draw through (2 lps on hk), yo, draw through both loops

Size: approx. 13" square

With gold (or yellow), chain 42 (or any even number)

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hk, dc in each chain across, ch 3, turn. (40dc)

Row 2: skip st at base of last st on previous row, (sk next st, in next st work dc, then passing in front of st just made, work dc in skipped st) (FCS made), work FCS across to last st, dc in last st, ch 3, turn. (19 FCS)

Row 3: FCS in each FCS across to last st, dc in last st, ch 3, turn.

Row 4: dc in ea st across, changing color in last stitch, ch 3 (with new color), turn.

Row 5: dc in ea stitch across, ch 3, turn.

Rows 6-8: repeat rows 2-4

Repeat rows 5-8 for pattern (pattern = 1 row ea dc, fcs, fcs, dc), changing colors as follows:

Rows 1-4: gold (heaven)

Rows 5-8: black (sin)

Rows 9-12: red (blood)

Row 13-16: white (cleansed)

Rows 17-20: blue (baptism)

Rows 21-24: green (growth)

Do not finish off. Attach white.

Note: I sew the ends in here, but you can do it after if you'd rather.

Border: (note: count does not include corner sts)

Rnd 1: ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first stitch, sc in next 38 st, 3sc in corner st, 1 sc in first row along end, 2 sc in ea row along side, 1 sc in last row (46), then 3 sc in corner; sc in ea rem loop of foundation chain (38sc), 3sc in corner, 1 sc in first row along side, 2 sc in ea row along side, 1 sc in last row (46), 1 sc in same st as first 2 sc, join to first sc.

Rnd 2: ch 1, do not turn, rsc around, working only 1 rsc in each st, including corners