

## Crocheted Temperature Afghan



*Finished size: 57" wide by 80" long*

Supplies: Medium weight (4) yarn such as LION BRAND Vanna's Choice in colors to correspond to temperature chart – approximately 5100 yds (30- 3.5 oz balls), Size G Aluminum Crochet Hook, Large Eye Needle

*Sample color chart based on each day's high temperature:*

|                           |                             |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Below 30° Eggplant</i> | <i>30-39° Colonial Blue</i> | <i>40-49° Silver Blue</i> | <i>50-59° Fern</i>         |
| <i>60-69° Mustard</i>     | <i>70-79° Rust</i>          | <i>80-89° Cranberry</i>   | <i>90° and up Burgundy</i> |



Abbreviations: ch = chain, sc = single crochet, sp = space

**Notes:** After crocheting each row, leave the yarn attached until you know the high temperature of the next day. If it's the same, chain 1, turn, and work in the same color. If it changes, cut the yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Pull the new color through to complete the last single crochet of the row, chain 1, turn, and single crochet in the first single crochet.

Instructions within ( ) are to be repeated. Except at beginning and end of rows, single crochet are worked into chain spaces.

**Begin:** Using a size G crochet hook and the yarn color that corresponds with the day's high temperature, chain 300.

**Row 1** (Right side): Single Crochet in second chain from hook, (chain 1, skip next chain, single crochet in next chain) across: 299 stitches.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc and in first ch-1 space. (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) across to last sc. sc in last sc.

**Row 3:** Ch1, turn; sc in first sc, ch 1, (sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last 2 sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you have crocheted a row for each day of the year.

Weave in all ends by threading the yarn onto a large eye needle, drawing it through several stitches, then turning and weaving back through a few more stitches. Leave the ends for the last row of each month until after edging is complete.

**Edging Round:** Choose a color to outline the entire afghan. Working in the ends of the rows on the sides of the afghan and the single crochet and chain stitches on the ends of the afghan, single crochet evenly all around with a picot stitch (ch 3, sc in 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch from hook) in the row ends for the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Work corners as follows: sc, picot stitch, sc in the corner. *On the sides, I worked 4 sc in the row ends and then decreased over the next two ends so the edge would lay flat. To decrease, pull up a loop in the next row end and one in the next to have 3 loops on your hook. Then yarn over and pull through all 3 loops, making one stitch over two row ends.*