

Easy to Crochet Vintage Scrap Afghans: Squares and Shapes

Crocheting vintage scrap afghans is a wonderful way to use up leftover yarn and create beautiful, heirloom pieces. Afghans made from squares and shapes are especially versatile, as you can customize the size, shape, and colors to create a one-of-a-kind piece. In this comprehensive guide, we will provide step-by-step instructions, patterns, and tips for crocheting easy vintage scrap afghans using squares and shapes.

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn in various colors
- Crochet hook size H (5.00 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Basic Stitches

Before we begin crocheting our afghan, let's review the basic stitches you will need to know:



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- **Single crochet (sc):** Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook.
- **Double crochet (dc):** Yarn over the hook, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops on the hook.
- **Slip stitch (sl st):** Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook.

Square Motif

The square motif is a classic and versatile shape for crocheting afghans. To make a square motif, follow these steps:

1. **Round 1:** Ch 4, join with a sl st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc 11 into the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (12 dc)
2. **Round 2:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 2 dc in each dc around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (24 dc)
3. **Round 3:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc; repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (36 dc)
4. **Round 4:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *dc in the next 2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc; repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (48 dc)

Triangle Motif

The triangle motif is a great way to add interest and variety to your afghan. To make a triangle motif, follow these steps:

1. **Row 1:** Ch 3, dc in the second ch from the hook. Dc in each ch across.
(2 dc)
2. **Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in each dc across. (3 dc)
3. **Row 3:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc. (5 dc)
4. **Row 4:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(7 dc)
5. **Row 5:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(9 dc)
6. **Row 6:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 4 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(11 dc)
7. **Row 7:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 5 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(13 dc)
8. **Row 8:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 6 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(15 dc)
9. **Row 9:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 7 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(17 dc)
10. **Row 10:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc),dc in the next 8 dc, 2 dc in the next dc.
(19 dc)

Hexagon Motif

The hexagon motif is a beautiful and unique shape for crocheting afghans. To make a hexagon motif, follow these steps:

1. **Round 1:** Ch 3, join with a sl st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 2 dc in the ring, ch 2, 3 dc in the ring. Repeat around the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (6 dc groups)
2. **Round 2:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in the next dc, ch 2, 2 dc in the next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in the next dc, ch 2. Repeat around the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (12 dc groups)
3. **Round 3:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in the next dc, ch 2, *2 dc in the next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in the next dc, ch 2; repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (18 dc groups)
4. **Round 4:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in the next 2 dc, ch 2, *2 dc in the next ch-2 space, ch 2, dc in the next 3 dc; repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (24 dc groups)

Assembly

Once you have crocheted your squares, triangles, and hexagons, it's time to assemble them into an afghan. Here are some tips for assembling your afghan:

- **Layout your motifs:** Arrange your motifs on a flat surface to plan the layout of your afghan.
- **Join the motifs:** Use a yarn needle to join the motifs together using a whip stitch.
- **Border the afghan:** Once your motifs are joined, you can add a border around the edge of the afghan. A simple single crochet border

is a great option.

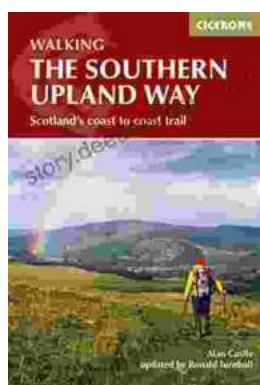
Congratulations on completing your vintage scrap afghan! With a little bit of time and effort, you have created a beautiful and unique heirloom piece that you can cherish for years to come. We hope that this guide has provided you with the knowledge and inspiration you need to create your own stunning vintage scrap afghan.



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