

## Diamonds In Pink

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This Beautiful afghan has three different stitches; Catherine Diamond Stitch and two textured

stitches. It is pieced together by Slip stitching which adds to the overall style and texture.

Materials: Caron Simply Soft yarn; 1 skein - Pistachio, 4 skein - Bone, 5 Skeins - Soft Pink; Size H hook.

CH = Chain

SC = Single Crochet

HDC = Half Double Crochet

DC = Double Crochet

TR = Treble Crochet

DC5tog = Double Crochet 5 Together

DC9tog = Double Crochet 9 together

Make 1 Pink Center Squares: Catherine Diamond Stitch.

Base: CH 63

Row 1: 62 SC across, Ch 1, Turn. Row 2: 62 SC across, Ch 2, Turn.

Row 3: 3 HDC, \*SK 3 sp, 9 DC in next, SK 3 sp, 1 SC, Rep across from \* to last 4 sts, 4 HDC, CH 3, Turn.

Row 4: (Ch 3 acts as 1<sup>st</sup> DC), 1 DC in 2<sup>nd</sup> SC sp, 1 DC, Dc5tog over (hdc, 4 DCS), \*Ch 3, 1 SC, Ch 3, Dc9tog over (4 DCS, SC, 4 DCS), Rep 5 times from\*, Ch 3, 1 SC, CH 3, Dc5tog over (4 DCS, HDC), 2 DC in next, 1 DC, CH3, Turn.

Row 5: (CH 3 acts as 1<sup>st</sup> DC),1 DC in 2<sup>nd</sup> SC SP,1 DC, 5 DC in Dc5tog sp, Sk CH 3 Sp,\* 1 SC in SC, Sk CH 3sp, 9 DC in DC9tog sp, Sk Ch 3 sp,Rep 5 times from\*, 1 SC, 5 DC in DC5tog sp, 3 DC, CH 2, turn.

Row 6: 4HDC, \*Ch 3, Dc9tog over (4 DCS, SC 4 DCS), Ch 3, 1 SC, \*Rep 6 times from \* to last 4 sps, 4 HDC, CH 2, Turn. Note: on 6<sup>th</sup> repeat no need to 1 SC.

Row 7: 3 HDC,\*SK CH 3 sp, 9 DC in DC9tog sp, Sk CH 3 sp, SC in SC, Rep 5 times from \*, 9 DC in DC9tog sp, Sk CH 3 SP, 4 HDC, CH 3, Turn.

Rows 8- 30: Rep rows 4-7. Note: Row 30 will end on a rep of row 6.

Rnd 31: 62 SC, 3 SC in next sp (corner), 63 SC on left side, 3 SC in next sp, 61 SC on bottom, 3 SC in next sp, 63 on right side, 2 SC in next (corner), SL to 1<sup>st</sup> SC made. Tie off and hide string.

Make 28 Tan Squares

Base: Ch 22

Row 1-3: SC across, CH 1, turn.

Row 4: 2 SC, \*Tr, 3 SC, Rep 3 times from\* TR 2 SC, Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: SC across, Ch 1, turn.

Row 6: 4 SC, \*TR, 3 SC, Rep from \* 2 times, TR, 4 SC, Ch 1, Turn.

Row 7: SC across, Ch 1, turn.

Row 8-18 Rep rows 4-7.

Row 19-20: SC across, Ch 1, turn.

Rnd 21: 20 SC, 3 SC in next sp, 19 SC, 3 in next sp(corner), 19 SC, 3 in next sp (corner), 19 SC, 2 SC in next sp (corner), SL to first SC made. Tie off.

Make 8 Green Squares

Base: Ch 22

Row 1-2: SC across, CH 1, Turn.

Row 3: 3 SC, \*1 DC, 1 SC, rep across to last 3 sts, 3 SC, Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: 2 SC, 1 DC, \*1 SC, 1 DC, Rep across to last 2 sts, 2 SC, Ch 1, turn.

Row 5-19: Rep Rows 3 and 4

Row 20: SC across, Ch 1, turn.

Rnd 21: 20 SC, 3 SC in next sp (corner), 19 SC, 3 sc in next sp (corner), 19 SC, 3 in next sp (corner), 19 SC,

2 SC in next sp (corner), SL to 1<sup>st</sup> SC made, Tie off. Hide string.

Make 18 - Small Pink Squares: Catherine Diamond Stitch

Base: CH 22

Row 1: 21 SC across, Ch 1, Turn.

Row 2: 21 SC across, Ch 2, Turn.

Row 3: 3 HDC, Sk 3 SC sps, 9 DC in next SC sp, SK 3, 1 SC, CH 3, SK 3, 9 SC in next SC sp, SK 2 SP, 4 HDC, Ch 3, turn.

Row 4: CH 3 acts as 1<sup>st</sup> DC, DC in 2ns SC sp, 1 Dc, Dc5tog over (sc and 4 DCS), CH 3, 1 SC, CH 3, Dc9tog over (4 dcs, sc, 4 dcs), CH 3, 1 SC, CH 3, Dc5tog over (4dcs, 1sc), 2 DC in next sp, 1 DC, Ch 3, turn.

Row 5: CH 3 acts as 1<sup>st</sup> DC, DC in 2<sup>nd</sup> SC sp, 1 Dc, 5 Dc in dc5tog sp, SK CH 3 sp, SC in SC, SK CH 3 sp, 9 DCS in Dc9tog sp, Sk Ch 3 sp, SC in SC, Sk CH 3 SP, 5 Dc in Dc5tog sp, 3 DC, CH 2, turn.

Row 6: 4 HDC, CH 3, Dc9tog over (4dcs, 1 SC, 4 DCS), CH3, SC in next sp, CH 3, Dc9tog over (4dcs, 1 SC, 4 DCS), CH 3,4 HDC, CH 2, turn.

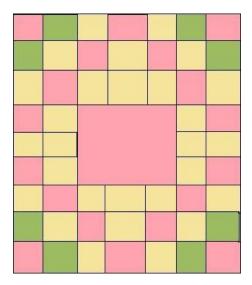
Row 7: 3 HDC, SK ch 3 sp, 9 DC in DC9tog sp, SK CH 3 sp, SC in SC,SK CH 3 sp, 9 DC in DC9tog sp, Sk CH 3 sp, 4 HDC, CH 3, turn.

Rows 8-10 Rep row 4-6

Row 11: 4 SC, 3 SC in CH 3 sp, 1 SC in DC9tog sp, 3 SC in Ch 3 sp, SC in SC, 3 Sc in CH 3 sp, 1 SC in DC 9tog sp, 2 SC in CH 3 sp, 3 SC, Ch 1 Turn,

Row 12: 21 SC across, CH 1, turn.

Rnd 13: 20 SC, 3 SC in next, 19 SC down left side, 3 SC in corner, 19 SC along bottom, 3 SC in corner, 19 SC along right side, 2 SC in corner, SL to 1<sup>st</sup> SC made, tie off, hide string.



After you have made your squares it is time to SL St them together with backs together. This gives you a raised look to your afghan. Starting with the center Square; attach the smaller squares in rows and then attach to center square working out wards. If you do not want a raised look attach together as you please.

After you finish placing your squares in appropriate places you then need to continue with the border. Start with the bottom and top borders:

Base: Ch 154

Rows 1-10: 153 SC across, Ch 1, turn.

At the end of row 10, Tie off.

Repeat one more time.

Attach the bottom and top to afghan by taking pieces and placing backsides together and SL st across ( make sure to start and stop in corner sp). Do to different styles of piecing the afghan together, it is best to safety pin them in place to make sure you evenly attach the pieces.

Left and Right Side pieces:

Base: CH 208

Row 1-10: 207 SC across, Ch 1 turn.

At the end of row 10, Tie off.

Repeat one more time.

Attach the Sides to the afghan by taking pieces and placing backsides together and SL st across (make sure to start and stop in corner sp). Do to different styles of piecing the afghan together, it is best to safety pin them in place to make sure you evenly attach the pieces.  Finishing touch: SC around blanket, 3 SC in same sp for the corners.				