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Merry-Go-Round Blanket (Free Crochet Pattern)

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Source instructions

Hello fellow crafters, I'm pretty thrilled to share with you the pattern for my Merry-Go-Round Blanket! Merry-Go-Rounds go 'round and 'round, just like the rounds in this blanket! It is made in a continuous spiral, with NO joining, which makes it a great pattern to show off the beautiful color changes of ombre yarns!

I used four balls of Lion Brand's Ice Cream® Yarn . I loved seeing the lovely color changes as I worked in spiral on this repetitive and therapeutic pattern! Here are three of the balls that I got a shot of.

What yuuuummmmy yarn! I must say, I have a huge affinity for soft, squishy yarns, and I had a little too much fun petting these skeins before crocheting them into a blanket. :) After I had used the pink, purple, and blue, with white in-between , I decided to add the mint color as well, to make the blanket a bit larger! All of the colored skeins are Lion Brand's Ice Cream® Yarn , with the color names listed below each image.

Strawberry Grape Blueberry Mint For the white, I used Lion Brand's Jamie® Yarn (now discontinued), which is the same, light-weight (3) yarn as the Ice Cream yarns.

Overall, I used four full balls of colored yarn, and most of the white yarn that I had.

The repetitive pattern is both fun and therapeutic to crochet, and after getting the hang of it in just a few rounds, you'll be able to put down and pick up this project to start whenever you want, without having to look back at the pattern instructions! While I love the beauty of more complex projects, I'll have to say these are the types that work well for when I'm multi-tasking (listening to music, watching television, or chatting) because it doesn't require intense concentration!

Scroll down for the free, written crochet pattern, as well as the video tutorial! If you'd like to download the beautifully-formatted, ad-free, and easy-to-read PDF version with large photo references (see preview below), click here to purchase it for a small fee in my shop . Thank you for supporting Sweet Softies designs!

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Introduction: The Merry-Go-Round blanket is a lovely design that is perfect to show off the beautiful color changes in ombre yarn, such as yarn cakes and self striping yarn. Like a Merry-Go-Round, this pattern’s rounds go around and around, worked in continuous spirals without joining. The repetitive pattern is both fun and therapeutic to crochet, and easy to get a hang of in just a few rounds. The size of the blanket can easily be adjusted to be however large or small as you'd like, depending on how much yarn you use.

Note: If you get stuck, check out the Merry-Go-Round Crochet Technique Video Tutorial on the Sweet Softies Youtube Channel . Finished Measurement: As large as you want to make it! More yarn = bigger blanket! Thus, it can be made for a newborn, baby, toddler, child, teen, and adult.

Level: Beginner. Requires familiarity with stitches used (below).

Stitches/Terms Used (US Terminology): MR : magic ring (a.k.a. magic circle, magic loop) Ch : chain Sc : single crochet Materials: Light weight (3) yarn. Yardage is up to you; the more yarn you use, the larger your blanket will be.

(I used 4 skeins of Lion Brand's Ice Cream® Yarn in the colors: Strawberry, Grape, Blueberry, and Mint. I used 1 skein of Lion Brand's Jamie® Yarn i n the color White.) 4.50 mm hook Scissors

~ VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS ~

Below is the video tutorial for this pattern's crochet technique.

~ WRITTEN PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS ~

Notes (Read Before Beginning!) This pattern is worked in a continuous spiral! The only time you will "join" a round is at a corner of your very last round.

The ch-2 spaces in this pattern make the corners of the blanket.

R1 : In a magic ring (MR): Ch 1, (sc, ch 2) x 4. Pull the MR to tighten and close, but do not join.

R2 : In the first ch-2 space: sc, ch 2, sc, ch 1. (In the next ch-2 space, sc, ch2, sc, ch 1) x 3. Do not join.

R3 : In the first ch-2 space (ch-2 spaces are the corners)

: sc, ch 2, sc, ch 1. In the ch-1 space: sc, ch 1. (In the ch-2 corner space: sc, ch 2, sc, ch 1. In the ch-1 space: sc, ch 1.) x 3. Do not join.

R4 : In the first ch-2 corner space: sc, ch 2, sc, ch 1. (Sc, ch 1) in each of the ch-1 spaces until you reach the next corner. In the next ch-2 corner space: sc, ch 2, sc, ch 1. Repeat around.

R5 and onwards : Continue working this pattern in rounds until it reaches the desired size.

If you are using ombre yarn, color changes will occur naturally as you crochet. When I finished using the pink yarn, I crocheted a couple rounds of white, and then switched to the next color (purple). After purple, several rounds of white again, then blue, several rounds of white, and finally mint, with several rounds of white to finish the border.

To avoid abrupt color changes, try to match the yarn colors up. For example, with the pink, I ended with the white part of the skein, and then attached the white part of the purple skein for a seamless transition. Using a filler color (in my case, I used white yarn) for several rounds in-between different colors also helps!

Once you are satisfied with the size of your blanket, you will fasten off in one of the corners. To do so, insert just ONE sc when you reach your last corner (it can be any of the four corners), and cut the yarn.

Fasten off and weave in the ends. That's it, you're done! Congratulations on finishing your Merry-Go-Round Blanket!

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Best wishes,

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