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## Sunflowers Lap Warmer

Design by Diane Doty

## SKILL LEVEL

 - $\square$ INTERMEDIATE
## SIZE

$38 \times 48$ inches

## MATERIALS

- Coats \& Clark Red Heart Fiesta medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/174 yds/ 170 g per skein): 18 oz \#6013 wheat
- Medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/174 yds/85g per skein):
3 oz gold
3 oz cedar
2 oz each hunter
2 oz medium sage
2 oz dark brown Small amount dark gold
- Sizes F/5/3.75mm and G/6/ 4 mm crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle


## GAUGE

[Ch 1, sc] twice = 1 inch; 3 rows = 1 inch
Check gauge to save time.

## PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Afghan has 48 squares. Sunflowers and stems are made in square form. Blooms, buds and leaves will be sewn on after squares are joined and border is finished.

When joining squares, be sure to have stitches facing in the same direction.

Use hook size G throughout, except for leaves, which use hook size F.

## PATTERN STITCHES

Long sc (lsc): Insert hook in next st 1 row below, yo, draw up a lp level with working row, yo, draw through both lps on hook.

Picot (p): Ch 3, sc in top of last st.

## BASIC SQUARE (A) (make 13)

Row 1 (RS): With hook size G and wheat, ch 16 , sc in 2 nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch] 7 times, turn. ( $8 \mathrm{sc} ; 7 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sps}$ )

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 $\mathrm{sp}] 6$ times, sc in last sc, turn. ( 9 sc ; 6 ch-1 sps)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [ch 1, sc in next ch- 1 sp ] 6 times, ch 1 , sc in last sc, turn. ( $8 \mathrm{sc} ; 7 \mathrm{ch}-1 \mathrm{sps}$ )

Rows 4-13: Rep Rows 2 and 3. At the end of Row 13 , do not turn.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, [3 sc in corner st, work 13 sc across side edge of square] 4 times, join in beg sc, fasten off.

## CENTER STEM SQUARE (B)

 (make 14)Rows 1-6: Rep Rows 1-6 of basic square. At the end of Row 6 , change to hunter in last sc, turn.

Row 7: Ch 1, sc in each sc and each ch across, turn. (15 sc)

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, change to wheat in last sc, turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 10-13: Rep Rows 10-13 of basic square.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of basic square.

## LEFT CENTER STEM SQUARE (C) (make 4)

Rows 1 \& 2: Rep Rows 1 and 2 of basic square. At the end of Row 2, change to hunter, turn.


A field of vivid sunflowers covers this wonderfully golden autumn afghan. Great to snuggle under!

Rows 3-5: Rep Rows 7-9 of center stem square.

Rows 6-13: Rep Rows 6-13 of basic square.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of basic square.

## RIGHT CENTER STEM SQUARE (D) (make 4)

Rows 1-8: Rep Rows 1-8 of basic square. At the end of Row 8, change to hunter, turn.

Rows 9-11: Rep Rows 7-9 of center stem square.

Rows 12 \& 13: Rep Rows 12 and 13 of basic square.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of basic square.

## RIGHT END STEM SQUARE (E) (make 2)

Rows 1-10: Rep Rows 1-10 of basic square. At the end of Rnd 10, change to hunter, turn.

Rows 11-13: Rep Rows 7-9 of center stem square.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of basic square.

## LEFT END STEM SQUARE (F) (make 4)

Row 1: With hook size G and hunter, ch $16, \mathrm{sc}$ in 2 nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. ( 15 sc )

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, changing to wheat in last sc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [ch 1 , sk next sc , sc in next sc ] rep across, turn.

Row 5: Rep Row 3 of basic square.

Rows 6-13: Rep Rows 2 and 3.
Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 14 of basic square.

## SUNFLOWER SQUARE (G)

## (make 7)

Rnd 1: With hook size G and dark brown, ch 2, 6 sc in 2 nd ch from hook, join in beg sc. $(6 \mathrm{sc})$

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, join in beg sc. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2, changing to cedar in last sc. ( 24 sc )

Rnd 4: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc
in next sc] rep around, join in beg sc. ( $36 s c$ )

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in each st around, change to dark brown in last sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 6: Ch 1 , [sc in each of next 8 $\mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}$ in next sc$] 4$ times, changing to dark gold in last sc, join in beg sc. (40 sc)

Rnd 7: Ch 1, [sc in next st, lsc in next st, sc in next st, 2 lsc in next st, sk next st] 8 times, join in beg sc, fasten off. (40 sts)

Rnd 8: Working in front lps only, attach gold, [ch 2, dc, p, ch 2, sc] in same st, [sc in next st, \{sc, ch $2, d c, p$, ch $2, \mathrm{sc}\}$ in next st] rep around, ending with sc in same st as beg ch-2, fasten off. (20 petals)

Rnd 9: With RS facing, attach wheat in rem back lp of Rnd 7, ch 1, sc in same st, $*[$ ch 1 , sk next st, sc in next st] 5 times, ch $2 * *$, sc in same st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. (4 corner ch-2 sps; 5 ch-2 sps each side edge)

Rnd 10: Sl st into next ch- 1 sp , ch 1 , sc in same ch- 1 sp , [ch $1, \mathrm{sc}$ in next ch- 1 sp$] 4$ times ch $1, *[\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{ch} 2, \mathrm{sc}]$ in corner ch-2 sp, ch $1^{* *}$, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 times, rep from * around, ending last rep at ${ }^{* *}$, join in beg sc.

Rnd 11: Sl st into ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in each sc and each ch around, working [sc, ch 1, sc] in each corner ch- 2 sp, join in beg sc, fasten off.

## BLOOM (make 5)

Row 1: With hook size G and hunter, ch $4,4 \mathrm{dc}$ in first ch, changing to gold in last dc, turn. ( 5 dc )

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same dc as beg ch-3, 2 dc in each of next 4 dc , turn. ( 10 dc )

Row 3: Working in front lps only, [ $\{\mathrm{ch} 3, \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{ch} 3$, sc〕in next st, sc in next st] 8 times, fasten off, turn. (8 petals)

Row 4: Attach cedar with sl st in first rem free lp of Row 2, ch 1, sc in each of next 9 sts , turn. ( 9 sc )

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, fasten off, do not turn.

Row 6: Attach gold in first sc of Row 5 and working in both lps, [(ch 3, dc, p, ch $3, \mathrm{sc}$ ) in next st, sc in next st] 8 times, join with sl st in last st of Row 3 , fasten off.

## BUD (make 4)

Row 1: With hook size $G$ and hunter, ch $4,3 \mathrm{dc}$ in first ch of ch-4, turn. (4dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as beg ch-3, dc in each of next 3 sts, changing to gold in last st, turn. ( 5 dc )

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in same st as beg ch-3, dc in each of next $3 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, turn. (7dc)

Row 4: Ch 3, [dc dec over next 2 dc] 3 times, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first dc, sc dec over next 2 sts, fasten off.

## LARGE LEAF (make 12)

Row 1: With size $F$ hook and medium sage, ch $4,4 \mathrm{dc}$ in first ch, turn. (5dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in same dc as beg ch-3, 2 dc in each of next 3 dc , dc in last dc, turn. ( 9 dc )

Rows 3 \& 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as beg ch-3, dc in each rem dc across, turn. (11 dc)

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 dc , dc in each of next 3 dc , dc dec over next 2 dc , dc in each of next 2 dc , turn. $(9 \mathrm{dc})$

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 dc , dc in next dc, dc dec over next $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{dc}$ in each of next 2 dc , turn. (7dc)

Row 7: Ch 3, dc dec over next 2 dc , dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 dc , dc in next dc, turn. (5dc)

Row 8: Ch 1, sc dec over next 2 dc , sc in next dc, sc dec over next 2 dc , fasten off.

Rnd 9: Attach hunter with sl st in base of leaf, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 4 chs, sc evenly sp up side edge of leaf, 2 sc in center sc of Row 8, sc evenly sp down opposite edge of leaf to foundation ch, sl st in each of next 5 chs of stem, fasten off.

## ANGLED LEAF (make 14)

Row 1: With size $F$ hook and medium sage, ch 16 , sl st in 2 nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, dtr in next ch, 4 dtr in next ch, dtr in next ch, tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in each of next 2 chs , fasten off.

Note: Left and right stem shaping are worked around angled leaves.

## LEFT STEM SHAPING (make 8)

Rnd 1: Attach hunter with sl st in last sl st worked on left tip of leaf, ch 5 , sc in 2 nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each of next 14 chs, sl st in next ch, ch 1 , working across sts of row, sl st in each of next 2 sl sts, sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts , sl st in each of next 2 sl sts , sl st in each of next 4 chs , fasten off.

## RIGHT STEM SHAPING (make 6)

Rnd 1: Attach hunter with a sl st in right tip of leaf, ch 5 , sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each of next 3 chs, working across sts of row, sl st in each of next 2 sl sts , sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts , sc in each of next 6 sts , sl st in each of next 2 sl sts, ch 1, working on opposite side of foundation $\mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{sl} \mathrm{st}$ in next $\mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{sc}$ in each of next 14 chs , sc in each of next 4 chs of stem, fasten off.

## ASSEMBLY

Follow square placement, with RS
tog. Using care to match sts, with wheat, sew or sl st squares tog working horizontal strips of $6 \times 8$ squares. Sew or sl st strips tog in following manner.

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## BORDER

Rnd 1 (RS): With hook size G, attach wheat in lower right corner, ch 1, 2 sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc in each sc across side edge, [3 sc in center corner st, sc in each st across side edge] rep around, ending with sc in same st as beg sc sts, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1,2 sc in same sc as joining (center sc of corner), [ch 1, sk $1 \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{sc}$ in next sc] rep around entire outer edge, working 3 sc in each center corner sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining (center sc of corner), [ch 1, sk 1 sc , sc in next ch- 1 sp ] rep around outer edge, working 3 sc in each center corner sc, join in beg sc.

Rnds 4 \& 5: Rep Rnd 3. At the end of Rnd 5, change to cedar in last corner st, join in beg sc.

Rnd 6: Ch 1,3 sc in each center corner st, sc in each sc and each ch around outer edge, join in beg sc.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, 3 sc in center corner sc, sc in each rem sc around, change to dark brown in last corner st, join in beg sc.

Rnd 8: Rep Rnd 7, fasten off.
Rnd 9: Attach gold with sl st in first sc of any 3 -sc group of corner, ch 1 , sc in same sc as beg ch-1, 2 lsc in corner, [sc in next sc, lsc in next sc, sc in next $\mathrm{sc}, 2$ lsc in next sc] rep around, working 2 lsc in each center corner st, join in beg sc.

Rnd 10: Ch 1 , sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each center corner st, join in beg sc.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, sc in center corner $\mathrm{sc},[\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{ch} 1$, sc in each of next 2 sc$]$ rep around, join in beg sc.

## FINISHING

Sew buds, blooms and leaves to afghan, being sure to have one leaf stem to cover stem square gaps. Randomly tack sunflower petals to afghan.

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