



Nihao, Knitters!

This is Cate Carter-Evans from Infinite Twist. "Nihao" (pronounced like knee-how) means hello in Chinese. Thanks so much for joining me on the Six Bits Podcast!

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Since every adventurer needs a map, I thought I'd put together a yarn color wheel to help you find your own pathway through the bright and glorious world of color.

Hue = what we most often think of when we think of color. Bright red, cobalt blue, and chrome yellow are examples of hues.

Tint = Any hue plus white, e.g. pink is a tint of red. Tints are clustered in the center of the yarn color wheel.

Shade = Any hue plus black, e.g. navy blue is a shade of blue. Shades can be found around the edges of the yarn color wheel.



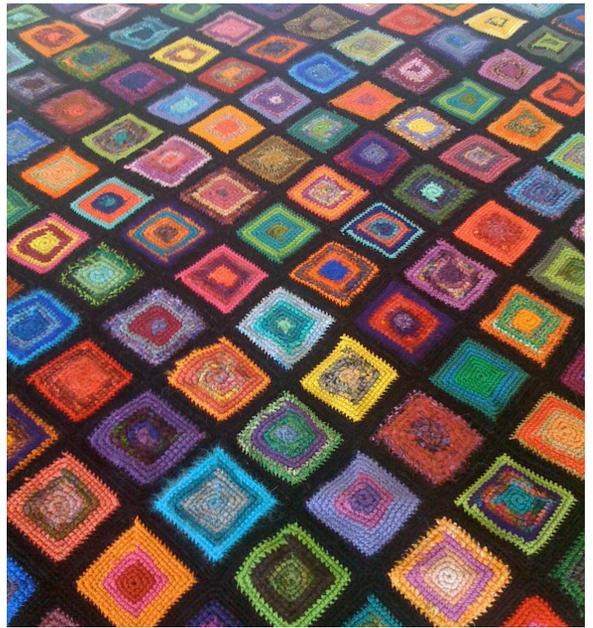
And remember, color is perceptual, and perception varies from person to person. If it looks good to you, it looks good!





Scrapitty Scrap! Stash Buster Crochet Afghan Recipe

By Cate Carter-Evans



Perfect for travel and crafting on-the-go, this colorful afghan accommodates scraps in multiple yarn weights and comes together more quickly than you might think.

Worked in single crochet, each square is a quick to complete and the pattern is easy to remember. Dig deep in your stash, unearth your favorite scraps, and get hooked!

About this Pattern

Skill Level: Beginner

Skills Needed: chain, single crochet.

Finished Size: Flexible.

Yarn for squares:

Scraps in various weights, textures, and colors. You can use lengths as short as 3 y / 3 m. Thin yarns can be held double and used together with heavier yarns. Be sure to check bright and saturated colors or vintage yarns for bleeding before using them in your squares.

Yarn for borders:

Approx. 15% of the volume of the colored scraps in a neutral color (black or grey recommended). Yarn weight should match the majority of the colored yarn.

Hooks and Notions

Sized to match yarn (F / 3.75, G / 4.0, and H / 5.0 recommended), yarn needle, snips or scissors.

Gauge:

Not important to pattern, but all squares should be the roughly the same size (½ inch / 1 cm tolerance).

Pattern Notes

As written, the squares in this afghan are worked in a spiral rather than discrete rounds of color.

Working in a spiral lets you use up every last bit of your scrap yarns, and you can change colors as needed at any point in your square. It also creates squares that are, to borrow a term from quilting, "wonky"—i.e. they are neither perfectly square, nor are the bands of color exactly even.

I strongly recommend that you weave in your ends or crochet over them as you go, and work the two rounds of border yarn as you complete each square. Leaving these steps to the end and doing them all at once is no fun at all.



Instructions

Following the square instructions below, make a square roughly 8 cm (or desired length) on each side without borders in the yarn weight which is most prevalent in your collection of scraps. This is your control square. Keep the control square with your project to check the size of all subsequent squares.

Square Instructions

Round 1: Using a short length from your colored scraps, make a slip knot and chain 3. Work 4 single crochet sts (SC) into first chain. You now have a tiny spiral with four stitches.

Round 2: Work 2 SC in each stitch. 8 sts.

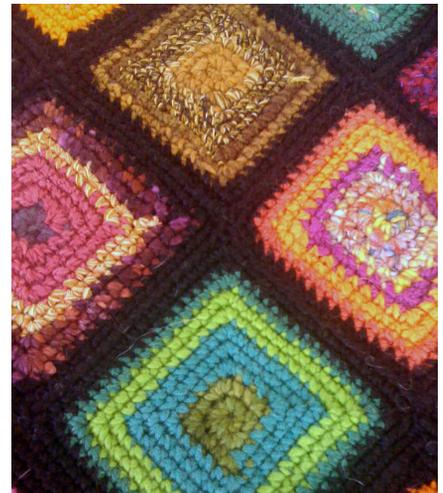
Round 3: [SC, work 3 SC in next st] 4 times. 16 sts.

Round 4: [SC twice, work 3 SC in next st] 4 times. 20 sts.

Round 5: [SC 3 times, work 3 SC in next st] 4 times. 24 sts.
Continue as established until square reaches desired size.

For all subsequent squares, follow square instructions until work matches the size of your control square, and then work two rounds in border yarn.

Your squares may have different numbers of rounds depending on the gauge of the yarn and the hook size used, but be sure to use the same hook size for all borders.



When you have your desired number of squares (around 400 for a queen sized coverlet), assemble them by whipstitching the border stitches together using two strands of border yarn. You can use either a grid design, or assemble on point as shown. Work at least one full round around edge in border yarn. Block as desired, and enjoy your new afghan!