Tic-Tac-Toe Lapghan

While you might not be able to make the entire lapghan in one evening, you *can* crochet a block in one evening and have the entire project completed in less than 2 weeks.

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Skill Level: C2 *Easy*
Fiber: *Red Heart Super Saver No Dye Lot
(364 yds/333 m; 7 oz/198 g per skein)
Yarn A: 0530 Orchid, 2 skeins
Yarn B: 0347 Periwinkle, 2 skeins
(www.coatsandclark.com)*
Gauge: *Pattern stitch, 3 sts and 3 rows per -
inch. Sc border, 4 sts and 4 rows per 1 inch,
using **H** US/5 mm, or size to achieve gauge.*
Finished Dimensions: *approx. 36" x 36"*
Notions: *Tapestry/darning needle*
Stitches: *Dc, sc, sl st, ch.*

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Please Note:

Make 4 blocks using color A; 5 blocks using color B. Block borders are worked in the opposite color, i.e., color A block uses color B for its border; color B block uses color A for its border. Each finished block should measure approximately 10' x 10". The lapghan border is approximately 3' on all sides. Crochet all borders loosely to allow the pattern stitch its fullest stretch.

Always begin and end each row with a sc while maintaining pattern stitch throughout. Turning chain does NOT count as first stitch.

To Make a Block

Select a color and ch 32.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook. Sc across (31 sts.). Ch 1, turn.
Row 2: 1 sc in 1st st of previous row; *dc in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * across row. End with sc in last st. Ch 1, turn.
Row 3: 1 sc in 1st sc of previous row; *sc in next st, dc in next st. Repeat from * across row, ending with 1 sc in each of the last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn.
Rows 4-30: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for pattern stitch. The ending row 30 is a repeat of row 2.
Row 31: Sc across row. End off this color and attach opposite color as you make the last sc. Do NOT turn.

To Make a Block Border

With RS of work facing you:

Rnd 1: Turn the block so that the side of the block is at the top. Ch 1 and sc into each row across the side of the block, 3 sc in the last row to make the corner.

- Turn work and continue to sc across the bottom of the block. 3 sc in the last st to make the corner.
- Turn work again so that the opposite side of the block is at the top. Sc in each row across the side. 3 sc in the last row to make the corner.
- Turn work so that the last row of the block is at the top. Sc across the row. 3 sc in the last stitch to make corner. Sl st to first sc made. Ch 1. Do NOT turn.

Rnd 2: Sc in the 1st st of the previous rnd and around the block, working 3 sc into each corner st. Sl st to first sc of previous row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

To Sew Blocks Together

Sew three separate columns of blocks, 3 blocks per column. The RS's of all blocks should be facing you as you sew them together.

- Columns 1 and 3 should consist of a Color B block at the top, a Color A block in the middle, and a Color B block at the bottom.
- Column 2 should consist of a Color A block at the top, a Color B block in the middle, and a Color A block on the bottom.
- Make sure that you sew the bottom of the top block of each column to the top of the middle block, and the bottom of the middle block to the top of the bottom block.
- Sew the side of column 1 to the side of column 2, and the side of column 2 to the side of column 3 to create the tic-tac-toe pattern.

To Create the Lapghan Border

With RS of lapghan facing you, attach Color B to the top of any seam with a sl st.

Rnd 1: Ch 1 and sc around the entire lapghan, working 3 sc into each corner. Sl st to the 1st sc made. Ch 1, turn.
Rnd 2: Sc in 1st sc of previous rnd and around the entire lapghan, working 3 sc into each corner. Sl st. to the 1st sc made. Ch 1, turn.
Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color A as you make the last sc. Ch 1 turn.
Rnds 4-6: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color B as you make the last sc. Sl st. to the 1st sc made. Ch 1, turn.
Rnds 7-9: Repeat Rnd 2. Change to Color A as you make the last sc. Sl st. to the 1st sc made. Ch 1, turn.
Rnds 10-12. Repeat Rnd 2. Sl st. to the 1st sc made. Fasten off. Weave in ends.