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Afghan is by Dora Lurepa Ramirez and Pillow is by Annie Parton

Stars & Stripes

FINISHED SIZE: Afghan is about 39" x 60".

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 16 oz. red
 - 15 oz. white
 - 4 oz. blue
- Tapestry needle
- K hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE: 7 dc = 2"; 4 dc rows = 3". Each Block is 3" x 3".

AFGHAN

Solid Block (make 113 red, 93 white)

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3, 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 3, join with sl st in top of ch 3. (12 dc made)

Rnd 2: Sl st in next 2 sts, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in each ch-3 sp around, join. Fasten off.

Star Block (make 50)

Rnd 1: With white, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3, 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 3, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off. (12 dc made)

Rnd 2: Join blue with (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in any ch-3 sp, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in each ch-3 sp around, join. Fasten off.

Black Half Block (make 8)

Row 1: With blue, ch 14, dc in fourth ch from hook, dc in next ch, ch 1, skip next 2 ch, 3 dc in next ch, ch 1, dc in last 3 ch, turn. (9 dc made)

Row 2: Ch 4, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, skip next 3 sts, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 sts, dc in last st. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

NOTE: All Blocks are sewn together, stitching through **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide*).

Sew four strips with 20 red Blocks each and three strips with 11 red Blocks each. Sew three strips

with 20 white Blocks each and three strips with 11 white Blocks each. Beginning with long strips at bottom, sew strips together beginning with red and alternating red and white. Sew five strips with six Star Blocks each, sew four strips with five Star Blocks each and a Half Block on each end.

Beginning with strips of six Star Blocks, sew strips together alternating six Star and five Star strips. Sew field of Stars in place at top corner of stripes.

Edging

Working around entire outer edge, with right side of Afghan facing you, join red with (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in seam between red stripe and field of stars, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in center dc of each 3-dc group and in each seam around edge to field of stripes changing to blue in last st made, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in center dc of each 3-dc group and in each seam around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

PILLOW

FINISHED SIZE: About 12" x 16½" without Fringe.

MATERIALS:

- Worsted yarn:
 - 6 oz. blue
 - 2½ oz. each red, white and gold
- Fifty small star appliqués
- Polyester fiberfill
- Sewing needle and thread
- Tapestry needle
- F hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE: 9 sc = 2"; 9 sc rows = 2".

FRONT

Row 1: With red, ch 71, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (70 sc made)

Rows 2-4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. At end of row 4, fasten off.

Row 5: Join white with sc in first st, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 6–24: Alternating red and white, repeat rows 2–5 consecutively.

Row 25: Join red with sc in first st, sc in next 35 sts changing to blue in last st made (*see Stitch Guide*), sc in last 34 sts, turn.

Row 26: Ch 1, sc in first 34 sts changing to red in last st made, sc in last 36 sts, turn.

Row 27: Ch 1, sc in first 36 sts changing to blue in last st made, sc in last 34 sts, turn.

Row 28: Ch 1, sc in first 34 sts changing to red in last st made, sc in last 36 sts, turn. Fasten off.

Rows 29–52: Alternating white and red, repeat rows 25–28 consecutively. At end of row 52, fasten off. Sew stars in position on blue field.

BACK

Row 1: With blue, ch 71, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (*70 sc made*)

Rows 2–52: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. At end of row 52, fasten off.

Matching sts and ends of rows, sew Front and Back together, stuffing before closing.

FRINGE

For each **Fringe**, from gold, cut 5" strand. Fold strand in half, insert hook through st, pull fold through, pull ends through fold and tighten. Fringe in each st and end of each row around edge. ☺