Diamond Blanket
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for Vinnis Colours
Pattern #67

Skill level: Moderate

Finished measurements:
164cm x 130cm
The blanket is made up of 128 diamonds and 16 half diamonds.

Materials:
Vinnis Colours Nikkim
(100% cotton 119m/50g)
14 balls Steel Grey (501)
5 balls Stone (541)
6 balls Blue-Grey (577)
8 balls Blue Canard (549)
2 balls Dunes (545)
1 ball Pacific Blue (548)
1 ball Turquoise (564)
1 ball Plum (583)
1 ball Lavender (551)
1 ball Purple-Pink (525)
1 ball Pale Sage (519)
3.5mm crochet hook
Scissors
Tapestry needle

To Make:

(100% cotton 50g)

Notes:
See diagram for the colour sequence.

Special Stitches:

Magic ring
Begin by wrapping the yarn twice around two fingers. Insert the hook through the centre and pull the working yarn through to create a loop. Work the required amount of stitches into the ring. When first round is completed, insert a pencil into the centre and pull the tail end. Remove the pencil and close the ring firmly. Slip stitch into top of 3-ch. Alternatively, ch 4 and close ring with a sl st.

Puff Stitch
Insert hook in st and pull up a loop, make loop bigger (+- to height of a tr), (yarn over, insert hook into same st and pull up a loop) 4 times, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops, 1 ch st. Pull the ch st tight so it becomes "invisible".

To Make: (solid centres)
Make a magic ring.

Round 1:
Ch3 in ring, tr, ch2, tr, dc, ch2, dc, tr2, ch2, dc, dc. Close the ring and sl st in 3rd of ch3. (12 sts)

Round 2:
Sl st into 1st tr, sl st into 2chsp, [ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] in 2chsp, tr3, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into 2chsp, tr3, [tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] into 2chsp, tr3, [tr1, ch1, tr1], tr3, sl st in 3rd of ch3. Fasten off. (28 sts)

Round 3:
Join Stone 541 to 2chsp, [ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] in 2chsp, tr7, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr7, [tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] into 2chsp, tr7, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr7, sl st in 3rd of ch3. Fasten off. (44 sts)

Round 4:
Join Blue-Grey 577 to 2chsp, [ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] in 2chsp, tr11, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr11, [tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] into 2chsp, tr11, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr11, sl st in 3rd of ch3. Fasten off. (60 sts)

Round 5:
Join Blue Canard 549 to 2chsp, [ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] in 2chsp, tr15, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr15, [tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] into 2chsp, tr15, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, tr15, sl st in 3rd of ch3. Fasten off. (76 sts)

Round 6:
Join Steel-Grey 511 to 2chsp, [ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] in 2chsp, bptr15, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, bptr15, [tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2] into 2chsp, bptr15, [tr1, ch1, tr1] into chsp, bptr15, sl st in 3rd of ch3. Fasten off. (92 sts)

Flower Centre
Make a magic ring.

Round 1:
Ch1, dc6 into ring, join with a sl st in 1st dc.

Round 2:
Pull loop bigger about the height of a tr. Puff in same dc, ch2, (puff, ch2) 5 times, join with sl st in top of 1st puff.

Round 3:
Sl st into 1st ch2 space, (ch3, tr1, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in same space, (tr3, dc1) in next ch2 space, ch1, (dc1, tr3) in next ch2 space, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in next ch2 space; repeat from *-*; join with sl st in top of ch-3. Fasten off. (28 sts)

Continue diamond from round 3 as described in pattern for the diamonds with solid centres.

Half Diamond
Make a magic ring.

Row 1:
Ch1, dc1, tr3, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr3 into ring. Do not sl st into 1st dc. Close ring and Turn.

Row 2:
Ch3, tr3, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in 2chsp, tr4. (14 sts) Turn.

Row 3:
Ch3, tr1 into same st, tr6, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in 2chsp, tr6, 2tr in last st. (22 sts) Turn.

Row 4:
Ch3, tr1 into same st, tr10, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in 2chsp, tr10, 2tr in last st. (30 sts) Turn.

Row 5:
Ch3, tr1 into same st, tr14, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in 2chsp, tr14, 2tr in last st. (38 sts) Turn.

Row 6:
Ch3, tr1 into same st, tr18, (tr2, dtr1, ch2, dtr1, tr2) in 2chsp, tr18, 2tr in last st. (46 sts) Turn.

To make up:
Arrange diamonds as shown in diagram. The rows are joined vertically with a slip stitch into back loop of every treble. Join every chsp with a normal slip stitch. The blanket will need blocking. Spray lightly with water and leave to dry.
List above show the colours for the first 2 rounds. When circled use the flower pattern for rounds 1 - 3.

A = Pacific Blue 548 make 5 with solid centre and 6 with flower
B = Turquoise 564 make 5 with solid centre and 6 with flower
C = Purple-Blue 588 make 7 with solid centre and 5 with flower
D = Sea Green 517 make 5 with solid centre and 5 with flower
E = Plum 583 make 5 with solid centre and 6 with flower
F = Lavender 551 make 7 with solid centre and 5 with flower
G = Dunes 545 make 22 with solid centre and 21 with flower
H = Purple-Pink 525 make 4 with solid centre and 4 with flower
I = Pale Sage 519 make 5 with solid centre and 5 with flower