

Woven With Happy - part 1

About This Crochet Along

This is part one of my “Woven With Happy” project. I am sure you have questions and are wondering “what on earth is this crazy lady up to now?”

I see lots of people looking for projects that fit the following: things that can be made with what they have, easy enough for beginners, something kids can help with and more. I hope the projects I have come up with fit those.



Choosing Colors

I love color and it brings me happiness. Different colors mean different things to each person. I am letting my 13 year old son choose the colors for the blanket we will be making for this project. He is choosing his favorites.

Here are some suggestions for choosing colors: I love creating things with meanings and this blanket is all about “weaving in the happiness”. Maybe you will weave in strands of color that represent different people in your family. If others will be involved they could each choose the color on their day. You could assign a color to each day of the week and use that color on the day you weave. However you choose to do this, it will be GREAT! Don’t worry. Just do.

Choosing Yarns

Take a look at your stash and see what you have before you begin. My son wanted his blanket to be mostly red. Can you believe I do not have a full skein of red ww yarn?? I do have odds and ends of red heart chunky weight so that is what I will be using for our mesh base. He likes thicker blankets and I thought it would be easier for him to weave through thicker yarn so this works great. You could use 2 strands ww held together if doing the blanket. It is EASY to add yarns throughout, even during the mesh base, so don’t worry about using lots of odds and ends. We will be using some ww yarns to weave through the holes so a variety of sizes of yarns will work too.

The Projects

If you follow me you know I like to get the most out of a design and try to give lots of uses for a pattern. This includes a bunch of projects you can make PLUS I have included the recipe for you to create your own custom project.

Please Help Spread The Word

I hope you will share pix of your crochet progress and include #BeTheHappy so we can see them all.

Now Where To Start

First, no matter which project you choose to create, we will start with a “mesh base” made with the “filet crochet” technique... which just means we are going to crochet a rectangle shape with lots of holes we can weave through later.... info about weaving in part 2 (available 4/2/20.)

- For the smaller projects I suggest completing the mesh base first. These whip up super quick!
- For blankets, I suggest creating at least a foot length of the mesh base and then start on the weaving. Add more length to the mesh base and then more weaving, working back and forth.

Materials

The yarn amounts will vary depending on whether you choose to make one of the smaller or bigger projects. I have listed approximate yardage and hook size for each project. PLEASE use up what you have. These all will look GREAT in random yarns and can even incorporate different sizes in one.

REMEMBER: This is just PART ONE of the project. We are just getting started and the MAIN POINT to focus on is to ENJOY the process and make happy moments.

Tips

- Customize: **These projects can be made any size** by starting with an even number of chains. The st count after step 1 needs to be an odd number of sc sts. If you need any help with this please let me know.
- Numbers at the beginning of each line may refer to steps and not indicate number of rows.

If you have any questions about this pattern, customizing, color choice, et. please as in [our facebook group](#) or contact heidi@snappy-tots.com.

Samples: PLEASE BE AWARE this part of the pattern is just the mesh base. Yours will not have the weaving (as shown in some of the samples below) until part two (4/2/20).

		
<p>Sample by Stacy Dilts. Tip: If you plan on doing two rows of stripes as shown, make sure your mesh base has an even number of "hole rows".</p>	<p>Sample by Debbie Asbury. She used white for the mesh base and a variegated yarn for the weaving.</p>	<p>Sample by Lisa Hudson. She is making a pillow with Bernat Softee Chunky and started with a ch 50. It is the right size to fit a 16" pillow form.</p>



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Small Projects

This size is great for a washcloth/dish cloth, hand towel, placemat, bag, pillow.

Yarn Suggestions and Sizes

- Washcloth/dish cloth, hand towel - 100% cotton yarn so the piece is absorbent. 75 yards for the mesh base and up to 50 yards for the weaving. Length: repeat mesh until 10" for a square cloth or longer for the hand towel.
- Placemat - any ww yarn. 100-130 yards for the mesh base and 50-75 yards for the weaving. Length: repeat mesh until 18" or desired length.
- Bag (make 2 mesh bases) - any ww yarn. 75-100 yards for the mesh base and 50-75 yards for the weaving. Length: repeat mesh until 10" for a small, square bag or longer for a rectangle. Assembly instructions will be for a vertical bag that is 10" across x length.
- Pillow (make 2 mesh bases) - made from ww yarn the pillow will be approximately 10". any ww yarn. 100 yards for the mesh base and 100-125 yards for the weaving. Length: repeat mesh until 10" for a square pillow or longer for a rectangle pillow.

For a larger pillow, consider using 2 strands ww held together or a thicker yarn. For my sample I used Bernat Softee Chunky for the mesh base. I didn't have enough of it for the weaving so I did that with ww yarn (more on that in part 2).

- Custom sizes will require an adjustment to the yardage.

Materials and Details

- Yarn: worsted weight in a variety of colors. Yardage for mesh base - see sizes above.
- Crochet Hook: I (5.5mm) or size for yarn
- Notions: Yarn needle for weaving
- Measurements: 10" wide by desired length

Directions for Mesh Base

Size: 10" x desired length

1. With an I hook and ww yarn, ch 38, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (37sts)
2. TURN, ch 3 (counts as the first dc + ch 1), sk next st, dc in next st (which is actually the third st of the row), *ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st*, repeat to end of row.

Note: After trying different things, I found starting with a ch 3 worked best for a more even edge in the end.

3. TURN, ch 3, sk next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st*, repeat to end of row, working last dc in the 2nd ch of the ch 3 from the previous row.

4. Repeat step 3 until piece is desired length (see "[yarn suggestions and sizes](#)" above).

For my sample, I have 18 open hole rows and it ends up a rectangle.

5. Ch 1, turn, sc in the same st and in each st to end of row. (37sts)

Note: The piece will be shaped a little wonky due to the construction. Give it a few tugs to create a square/rectangle, depending on the length you have chosen.

Weaving

This will be covered in part 2 which will be available on 4/2/20. Please wait for the pattern because I have a few options (crochet chain vs strands of yarn) and LOTS of tips to make it super easy to finish off.



Blanket - Multiple Sizes

Materials and Details - See individual sizes below for this information.

Mesh Base - all sizes

This part is created basically the same way, no matter the size. Please choose which size you would like to make and follow that information for the first step. Continue with step 2 for all sizes.

Step 1: Choose blanket size

- **Lapghan** - 48" wide x 60" (or desired length)
Yarn: Size 5-6 weight yarn or 2-3 strands ww yarn held together. 500 yards for the mesh base (2-3 times that amount if using ww yarn). Weaving yarn yardage is unknown at this time.
Crochet Hook: J (6mm) or hook size needed for measurement.
Note: If you have a hard time matching the 48" width, follow the instructions below for "custom" blankets.

Ch 150, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (149sts). Skip to "step 2" below.

- **Custom Sizes/Yarns**

Yarn: Choice of yarn weight. Yardage will depend on the weight of yarn and blanket size.
Crochet Hook: size needed for yarn weight.

Create a chain the desired width of your blanket, making sure there are an even number of chains. When measuring your chain, remember not to pull the chain. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Make sure the total number of sts at this point is an ODD number. Continue to "step 2" below.

Step 2: Continue here for all blanket sizes.

1. TURN, ch 3 (counts as the first dc + ch 1), sk next st, dc in next st (which is actually the third st of the row), *ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st*, repeat to end of row.

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2. TURN, ch 3, sk next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st*, repeat to end of row, working last dc in the 2nd ch of the ch 3 from the previous row.

3. Repeat step 2 until piece is 12-24" long at this point. After that we will start weaving strands of color and then add more to the base mesh when needed (more information in part 2, available 4/2/20).

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