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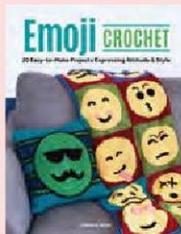
25's A Crowd Blanket

BY CHARLES VOTH

Crochet this blanket with as many faces as you want, and brighten up the room or couch of someone you love.



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This fun design is taken from *Emoji Crochet* by Charles Voth (Spring House Press, \$22.95/£17.61).

MATERIALS

- Cascade Yarns North Shore, 100% acrylic, 100g/200m/220yds
- Yarn A:** Daffodil 18 x 7 balls
- Yarn B:** Black 09 x 2 balls
- Yarn C:** Chrysanthemum 29 x 1 ball
- Yarn D:** Red 10 x 1 ball
- Yarn E:** Sapphire 03 x 2 balls
- Yarn F:** Grasshopper 19 x 1 ball
- Yarn G:** Cherry 24 x 1 ball
- Yarn H:** Violet 04 x 1 ball
- Yarn I:** Teal 22 x 1 ball
- 4mm hook
- Yarn needle

TENSION

Work the first four rounds of Yellow Face to measure 7.5 x 7.5cm/3 x 3in using 4mm hook, or size required to obtain tension.

MEASUREMENTS

Finished blanket is 117 x 117cm/46 x 46in.

DESIGNER BIOGRAPHY

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SPECIAL STITCHES

Sewn invisible join: Cut yarn, leaving a 10cm/4in tail, and pull end out of top of last stitch without tugging too hard.

Thread tail in yarn needle and from WS to RS insert needle under the two top loops of the second stitch of the round. Pull until the stitch looks the same size as neighbouring stitches, insert the needle into the heart of the stitch from which the tail exits. Pull the tail through to the WS of the work. Weave in end.

Linked tr (ltr): Insert hook under middle horizontal strand of previous tr, yoh, pull loop through, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull loop through, [yoh, pull through two loops on hook] twice. To start a ltr row, 2ch (does not count as st), insert hook in blo of second ch from hook and pull up loop, insert hook into first st at base of 2ch, yoh, pull loop through, finish tr as usual.



YELLOW FACE

Make 25

Rnd 1: With yarn A, make an adjustable ring and 1ch, work 10htr into ring, sl st in top of first htr to join – 10htr.

Rnd 2: 2ch (does not count as st here and throughout), 2tr in each htr around, sl st in top of first tr to join – 20tr.

Rnd 3: 2ch, [htr in next st, 2htr in next st] around, sl st in top of first htr to join – 30htr.

Rnd 4: 2ch, 2tr in each of first 2 sts, tr in next st, [2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts] around, sl st in top of first tr to join – 41tr.

Rnd 5: 2ch, [htr in next st, 2htr in next st, htr in next 2 sts] ten times, htr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first htr to join – 51htr.

Rnd 6: 2ch, 2tr in each of first 2 sts, [tr in next 4 sts, 2tr in next st] nine times, tr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first tr to join – 62tr.

Rnd 7: 2ch, [htr in next 5 sts, 2htr in next st] ten times, htr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first htr to join – 72htr.

Rnd 8: 2ch, 2tr in each of first 2 sts, [tr in next 6 sts, 2tr in next st] nine times, tr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first tr to join – 83tr.

Rnd 9: 2ch, htr in next 3 sts, 2htr in each of next 2 sts, [htr in next 7 sts, 2htr in next st] nine times, htr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first htr to join – 94htr.

Rnd 10: 2ch, [tr in next 8 sts, 2tr in next st] ten times, tr in each rem st around, sl st in top of first tr – 104tr.

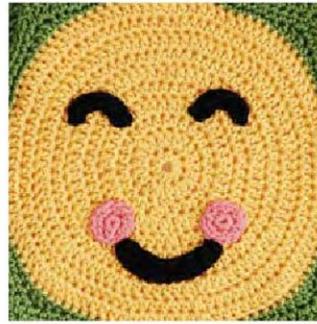
Work **sewn invisible join** (see *Special Stitches*).

Weave in ends.

In this step, you are completing the square around the face.

There are five faces with yarn F, and four faces in each of yarns D, E, G, H and I.

Rnd 11: With contrasting yarn as above, a few stitches away from sewn invisible join, sl st loosely to join, 1ch, dc in same st, with yarn needle pull extra loose end through front and it will fall to the WS, *dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, htr in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked, 1ch, miss first st, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next 4 sts, [2tr in next st] twice,



htr in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in next st, turn, leaving rem sts unworked, miss sl st just made, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next 3 sts, tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 1ch, 2tr in next st, tr in next st, htr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 1dc in end of short row, 1dc in same st as last one worked on Rnd 10, dc in next 8 sts**, 2dc in next st; rep from * around, ending final rep at **, sl st in first dc to join.

Rnd 12: 2ch, tr in first 11 sts, [(tr, 1ch, tr) in corner ch-sp, 35tr evenly across next side of square] 3 times, (tr, 1ch, tr) in fourth corner ch-sp, 24tr evenly across to beg of rnd, sl st in top of first tr to join – 148 tr, 4 corner 1ch-sp.

Rnd 13: 1ch, dc in same st as join, [dc in each st to next corner, 2dc in corner ch sp] three times, dc in each st to end of round. Work sewn invisible join. Weave in ends.

FACES

Note: The row is given as the first number, and the column as the second. The faces are presented as they appear on the photographed blanket from top left to bottom right.

Use the facial elements as below to customise your design. Referring to the photographs or according to your own preferences, with sewing thread and needle, attach facial features to project.

Position: 1-1
Border: Yarn G
Features: Side-Looking Eye 2, Moustache, Eyebrows

Position: 1-2
Border: Yarn H
Features: Squinting Eye, Mouth Large, Rosy Cheeks

Position: 1-3
Border: Yarn F

Features: Closed Eye Small, Mouth Large, Eyebrows

Position: 1-4
Border: Yarn E
Features: Oval Eye Medium, Wide Grin, Tongue

Position: 1-5
Border: Yarn I
Features: Side-Looking Eye 1, Small Mouth

Position: 2-1
Border: Yarn F
Features: Closed Eye Small, Short Curved Mouth, Rosy Cheeks

Position: 2-2
Border: Yarn D
Features: Oval Eye Medium, Smoochy Lips Small, Eyebrows

Position: 2-3
Border: Yarn E
Features: Oval Eye Large x 3, Eyebrows

Position: 2-4
Border: Yarn G
Features: Oval Eye Large, Mouth Large

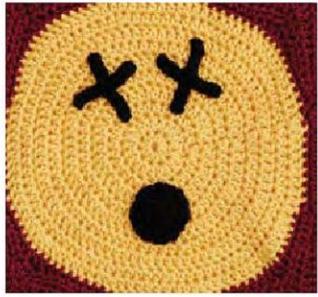
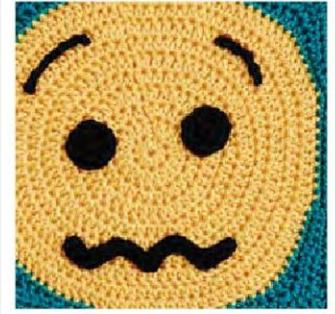
Position: 2-5
Border: Yarn H
Features: Squinting Eye, Wide Grin

Position: 3-1
Border: Yarn D
Features: Closed Eye Small, Short Curved Mouth, Tongue

Position: 3-2
Border: Yarn F
Features: Closed Eye Small, Straight Mouth, Eyebrows

Position: 3-3
Border: Yarn H
Features: Closed Eye Small, Lipstick

Position: 3-4
Border: Yarn E
Features: Oval Eye Medium, Small Mouth



Position: 3-5
Border: Yarn I
Features: Oval Eye Small x 2, Oval Eye Medium (as mouth), Eyebrows, Tears/Sweat

Position: 4-1
Border: Yarn I
Features: True Circle Eye Medium, Grimacing Lips, Eyebrows

Position: 4-2
Border: Yarn G
Features: X Over Eyes, Oval Eye Medium (as mouth)

Position: 4-3
Border: Yarn F
Features: Sunglasses, First Lens; Sunglasses, Second Lens and Frames, Mouth Large

Position: 4-4
Border: Yarn H
Features: Side-Looking Eye 1, Side-Looking Eye 2, Mouth Large, Eyebrows

Position: 4-5
Border: Yarn D
Features: Squinting Eye, Mouth Large, Tongue

Position: 5-1
Border: Yarn D
Features: Hearts Small, Short Curved Mouth

Position: 5-2
Border: Yarn F
Features: True Circle Eye Small, Mouth Large, Closed Eye Small

Position: 5-3
Border: Yarn I
Features: Closed Eye Large, Wide Grin, Tears/Sweat

Position: 5-4
Border: Yarn G
Features: Oval Eye Small, Closed Eye Small, Mouth, Large

Position: 5-5
Border: Yarn E
Features: True Circle Eye Medium, Closed Eye Small, Smoochy Lips Large

ASSEMBLY
 Sew squares to each other with mattress stitch.

BORDER
Rnd 1: With blue, join in any corner, 1ch, *3htr in corner st, work 41htr evenly across side of each square and 1htr in seam to next corner; rep from * around, in last st change to black, sl st to first htr.

Rnd 2: 1ch, 1dc, *3dc in corner, dc in each st to next corner; rep from * around, change to blue in last st, sl st to first.

Rnd 3: 1ch, 2dc, *3dc in corner, dc in each st to next corner; rep from * around, sl st to first st. Fasten off.

FACIAL FEATURES

OVAL EYE SMALL

Rnd 1: With yarn B, work 7dc in adjustable ring, sl st in first dc to join – 7dc.

Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join – 14dc.
Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 10dc, sl st in first dc to join – 15 sts. Fasten off.

OVAL EYE MEDIUM

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small.

Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 10dc, do not join, cont around in the next sts, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, sl st in next st – 17 sts. Fasten off.

OVAL EYE LARGE

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small.

Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 10dc, do not join, continue around in the next sts, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, sl st in next st – 19 sts. Fasten off.

TRUE CIRCLE EYE SMALL

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small – 14 sts. Fasten off.

TRUE CIRCLE EYE MEDIUM

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small.

Rnd 3: 1ch, [1dc, 2dc in next st] seven times, sl st in first dc to join – 21 sts. Fasten off.

SQUINTING EYE

Row 1: With yarn B, 18ch, htr in back ridge of second ch from hook, 5htr, 1dc, 1sl st, miss next ch, 1sl st, 1dc, 5htr, (1htr, 1dc) in last ch. Fasten off.

SIDE-LOOKING EYE 1

This eye has a line that extends to the right.

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small.

Rnd 3: 1ch, [1dc, 2dc in next st] six times, 1htr, 1ftr in next st, 3ftr in base of each prev st, htr in bottom of last ftr made. Fasten off.

SIDE-LOOKING EYE 2

This eye has a line that extends to the left.

Work Rnds 1 & 2 as for Oval Eye Small.

Rnd 3: 1ch, [1dc, 2dc in next st] five times, 5ch, turn.

Rnd 4: Htr in second ch from hook, tr in each of next 3 ch, yoh, insert hook in flo of same st as tr just made, yoh, pull up lp, yoh, pull through 2 lps on hook, miss 1 st, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp, yoh, pull through all lps on hook, dc in each of next 3 sts. Fasten off.

X OVER EYES

Rnd 1: With yarn B, 11ch, [*sl st in back ridge of second ch from hook, sl st in each of next 4 ch*, 6ch], rep btwn [] once, rep btwn * * once, sl st in back ridge of each of first 5 ch. Fasten off.



Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as first tr), 2tr in st at base of 3ch just made, 1htr, 1dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st (heart point made), 1dc, 1htr, (2tr, 3ch, sl st) in next st, sl st in next sl st – 14 sts.

Rnd 3: In each st around work in blo as follows: dc to top of first bump, 2dc in next st, 2dc in each st to heart point, work (1dc, 1ch, sl st) in middle htr, dc in each st to top of second bump, 2dc in next st, dc in last sts, sl st in sl st from prev rnd – 18 sts. Fasten off.

CLOSED EYE SMALL

Row 1: With yarn B, 13ch, dc in back ridge of second ch from hook, [miss next ch, dc in back ridge of next ch] five times, dc in last ch. Fasten off.

CLOSED EYE, LARGE

Row 1: With yarn B, 14ch, dc in back ridge of second ch from hook, dc in back ridge of each of next 11 ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate work 180 degrees with same side facing.
Row 2: Working into other lp of beginning ch, [1dc, dc2tog] twice, [dc2tog, 1dc] twice, 1dc in same st as last dc. Fasten off.

SUNGLASSES, FIRST LENS

Row 1: With yarn B, work 4dc in adjustable ring, turn – 4dc.
Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in each st, turn – 8dc.
Row 3: 1ch, [1dc, 2dc in next st] four times, turn – 12dc.
Row 4: 1ch, [2dc, 2dc in next st] four times, turn – 16dc. Fasten off.

SUNGLASSES, SECOND LENS AND FRAMES

Work Rows 1–4 as for First Lens.
Row 5: 1ch, 9dc evenly across flat side of lens, 2ch, 10dc evenly across flat side of first lens, rotate piece to work around curves with same side facing, 1ch, dc in first st, [2dc in next st, 3dc] three times, dc in last 2 sts, dc in back of each ch, dc in st in next lens, [2dc in next st, 3dc] three times, dc in last 2 sts, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1ch, dc in each st across flat tops of lenses to last st, 2dc in last st, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in next st around lens. Fasten off.

HEARTS SMALL

Rnd 1: With yarn C, work 7dc in adjustable ring, sl st in first dc to join – 7dc.



EYEBROWS

Use Closed Eye, Small or ch desired length, sl st in back ridge of second ch from hook and in each rem ch.

WIDE GRIN

With yarn B, work First Lens of Sunglasses.

Rnd 5: 1ch, 9dc evenly across flat side of lens, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, rotate piece to continue around curve, 2dc in first st, [3dc, 2dc in next st] four times, sl st in side of next st, turn, 2ch, miss sl st just made, sl st in each of next 2 sts.

MOUSTACHE

Row 1: With yarn B, 27ch, sl st in blo of second ch from hook, sl st in blo of each of next 4 ch, 2dc, 2htr, 2ltr (see *Special Stitches*), 1 linked dtr, 1ch, sl st three times alongside dtr just made, sl st in next 2 ch, 3ch, linked dtr in same ch, linked dtr in next ch, 2htr, 2dc, sl st in blo of next 5 ch, 1ch, rotate work 180 degrees – 25 sts.

Row 2: Working in opposite side of starting ch, sl st in next 5 sts, 2dc, sl st in next 5 sts, miss next st, sl st in next 5 sts, 2dc, sl st in each rem st. Fasten off.

LIPSTICK

Row 1: With yarn D, 15ch, dc in second ch from hook, 1htr, 3tr, 1htr, 2dc, 1htr, 3tr, 1htr, (1dc, sl st, 1dc) in last ch, rotate work 180 degrees – 16 sts.
Row 2: Working in opposite side of starting ch, 1htr, 10tr, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in side of first dc. Fasten off.

SHORT CURVED MOUTH

Work as for Larger Closed Eye.

STRAIGHT MOUTH

Row 1: With yarn B, 21ch, htr in second ch from hook, htr in each ch across to last ch, (htr, dc) in last ch, rotate 180 degrees – 21 sts.
Row 2: Dc across opposite side of starting ch in each ch, sl st in side of first htr. Fasten off.

MOUTH LARGE

Row 1: With yarn B, 23ch, dc in second ch from hook, 2dc, [dc2tog, dc] six times, 2dc, 3dc in last ch,

rotate work 180 degrees – 18 sts.
Row 2: Working in opposite side of starting ch, dc in each st across, sl st in side of first dc. Fasten off.

SMOOCHY LIPS, SMALL

Row 1: With yarn B, 15ch, sl st in blo in second ch from hook, 2sl sts in blo, miss 1 ch, 2sl sts in blo, (1dc, 1sl st) in next ch, 3sl sts in blo, miss 1 ch, 3sl sts in blo. Fasten off.

SMOOCHY LIPS, LARGE

Row 1: With yarn B, 18ch, dc in back ridge of second ch from hook, working in back ridges, 2dc, 3dc in next ch, 3dc, miss 1 ch, dc2tog, 2dc, 3dc in next ch, 4dc – 19 sts. Fasten off.

GRIMACING LIPS

With yarn B, 22ch, sl st in blo of second ch from hook, 2sl sts in blo, miss 1 ch, 2sl sts in blo, *(1dc, 1sl st) in next ch, 3sl sts in blo, miss 1 ch, 2sl sts in blo; rep from *, 1 sl st in blo. Fasten off.

TONGUE

Rnd 1: With yarn C, 9ch, (3tr, 1htr) in third ch from hook, dc in each of next 5 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate work, working in opposite side of ch, 8dc – 20 sts.
Rnd 2: Dc in first tr, 2dc in each of next 3 sts, 6dc, 3dc in next st, 9dc, [2dc in next st, 1dc] three times, 4dc, sl st in next st. Fasten off.

TEARS/SWEAT

Rnd 1: With yarn E, work 2ch (counts as first htr), 6htr into adjustable ring, sl st to join in top of beg 2ch – 7htr.
Rnd 2: 1ch, dc in same st as join, 2dc in next st, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in side of last dc made, sl st in top of first dc. Fasten off.

ROSY CHEEKS

With pink, make Small True Circle eyes.

SMALL MOUTH

As Oval Eye Small.

