



Busy Bees (Crochet)

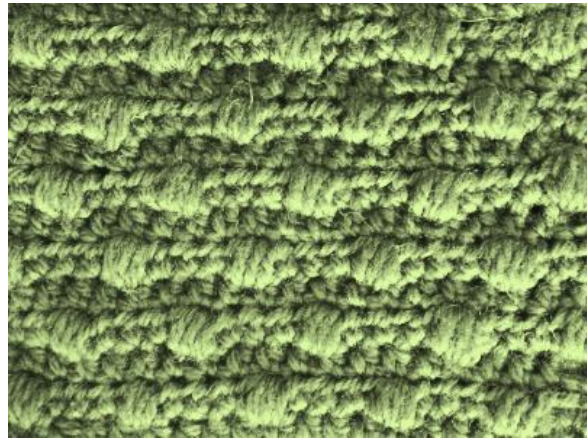
Tupperware was everywhere in our house. Mom was a Tupperware manager when we were growing up. The name of her sales team was Busy Bees. She was quite successful being a Tupperware manager. She traveled all over the Sacramento area having parties in every corner of the surrounding cities. As a young girl, I remember going with her when it was time for deliveries. I know that all that driving around helped me to get to know all the different neighborhoods - near and far. Those drives are fond memories for me.

Mom earned a new station wagon every two years. Boy, when that new car came it was always so exciting for us. Those wood paneled wagons were so cool!!



Alice's Embrace is devoted to providing hand-knit and hand-crocheted prayer shawls and lap blankets to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease. We seek volunteers to knit and crochet the patterns that we have created. Through the loving hands of many generous and talented people, this endeavor will help ease the anxiety that is often present in those suffering from the disease.

Busy Bees (Crochet) Lap Blanket



Skill Level: 

Size: Approximately 30" x 40"

Materials: 1600 yards worsted weight yarn

Hook: US G-6 (4mm)

Notions: Right side marker, tapestry needle

Gauge: 13 stitches and 11 rows = 4" in pattern stitch

Abbreviations:

Ch = Chain

CL = Cluster (yo, insert hook, pull up loop) 4x in same st, yo, pull loop thru all loops

Hdc = Half double crochet

St = Stitch

Note:

Although this stitch is reversible, in the sample swatch, the clusters "pop" better from the wrong side (i.e. Row 1 & 3 being WS rows). Nevertheless, it will look beautiful from both sides. You will hold the yarn single stranded while crocheting this lap blanket.

The Pattern:

Ch 98

Set up row (RS): 1hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. (Place marker on this row to denote right side of lap blanket)

Row 1: Ch2 (counts as 1hdc), *CL in next st, 1hdc in each of next 3 sts; rep from * across.

Row 2: Ch2, 1hdc in each st across.

Row 3: Ch2 (counts as 1hdc), *1hdc in each of next 2 sts, CL in next st, 1hdc in next st; rep from * across.

Row 4: Ch2, 1hdc in each st across.

Repeat rows 1-4 until lap blanket measures 40".
Cut yarn. Finish off.

Finishing:

Weave in ends.