

Shoots and Ladders Afghan

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LEVEL

Experienced



MATERIALS

- 4-ply worsted weight yarn
 - Light Sage (35 oz, 1,820 yds)
 - Gray Heather (8 oz, 420 yds)
 - Ranch Red (5 oz, 230 yds)
 - Buff (4 oz, 200 yds)
 - Gold (4 oz, 200 yds)
 - Black (4 oz, 200 yds)
- Knitting needles, size U.S. 6 (4.0 mm) or size to obtain gauge
- Crochet hook, size G-6 (4.0 mm)
- Tapestry needle



AFGHAN FINISHED SIZE

Approx 55" × 55"

AFGHAN GAUGE

16 sts = 4" on a plain St st swatch

STITCH GUIDE

inc as to p (increase as to purl): Purl into front and then into back of next st.

inc as to k (increase as to knit): Knit into front and then into back of next st.

garter stitch: Knit across.

skpo: With yarn in back, sl 1, k1, pss0. (1 dec)

SEED STITCH PANEL (MAKE 3)

With Light sage, cast on 50 sts.

Work garter stitch for 20 rows. Then work in pat as follows:

- **Row 1:** K6, * k2, p2; rep from * across row to last 6 sts, k6.
- **Row 2:** K6, * p2, k2; rep from * across row to last 6 sts, k6.



- **Row 3:** Rep Row 2.

- **Row 4:** Rep Row 1.

Rep Rows 1-4 for a total of 320 rows. Work garter stitch for 20 rows. BO. (360 rows)

SHOOTS PANEL (MAKE 2)

FIRST PANEL

With Light Sage, cast on 49 sts. Work garter stitch for 20 rows. Then work in pat as follows:

- **Row 1 (RS):** K10, p13, k3, p13, k10.
- **Row 2:** K5, p5, k13, p3, k13, p5, k5.
- **Row 3:** K10, p11, p2tog, inc as to k, k1, inc as to k, p2tog, p11, k10.
- **Row 4:** K5, p5, k12, p5, k12, p5, k5.

Note: From this point on the number of sts in the pat varies from row to row, due to the 3-dimensional effect of the leaf pattern. As a guide, the number of sts is given at the end of each row in parentheses.

- **Row 5:** K10, p10, p2tog, yo, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, yo, p2tog, p10, k10. (51 sts)
- **Row 6:** K5, p5, k11, p3, inc as to p, p1, inc as to p, p3, k11, p5, k5. (53 sts)
- **Row 7:** K10, p9, p2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1, p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2tog, p9, k10. (55 sts)

- Row 8: K5, p5, k10, p5, k1, inc as to k, p1, inc as to k, k1, p5, k10, p5, k5. (57 sts)
 - Row 9: K10, p8, p2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p3, k1, p3, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2tog, p8, k10. (59 sts)
 - Row 10: K5, p5, k9, p7, k1, inc as to k, k1, p1, k1, inc as to k, k1, p7, k9, p5, k5. (61 sts)
 - Row 11: K10, p7, p2tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p3, k3, p3, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p2tog, p7, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 12: K5, p5, k8, p9, k1, inc as to k, k1, p3, k1, inc as to k, k1, p9, k8, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 13: K10, p6, p2tog, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p4, k3, p4, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p2tog, p6, k10. (67 sts)
 - Row 14: K5, p5, k7, p11, k1, inc as to k, k2, p3, k2, inc as to k, k1, p11, k7, p5, k5. (69 sts)
 - Row 15: K10, p5, p2tog, skpo, k7, k2 tog, p5, k3, p5, skpo, k7, k2 tog, p2tog, p5, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 16: K5, p5, k6, p9, k5, inc as to p, p1, inc as to p, k5, p9, k6, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 17: K10, p4, p2tog, skpo, k5, k2tog, p5, yo, k1, yo, p1, k1, p1, yo, k1, yo, p5, skpo, k5, k2tog, p2tog, p4, k10. (63 sts)
- Note: Be careful when purling the yarn overs in Row 17, as these tend to twist around the needle when going from knit to purl sts, and from purl to knit sts.*
- Row 18: K5, p5, k5, p7, k5, p3, inc as to k, p1, inc as to k, p3, k5, p7, k5, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 19: K10, p3, p2tog, skp, k3, k2tog, p5, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1, p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p5, skp, k3, k2tog, p2tog, p3, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 20: K5, p5, k4, p5, k5, p5, k1, inc as to k, p1, inc as to k, k1, p5, k5, p5, k4, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 21: K10, p2, p2tog, skpo, k1, k2tog, p5, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p3, k1, p3, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p5, skpo, k1, k2tog, p2tog, p2, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 22: K5, p5, k3, p3, k5, p7, k1, inc as to k, p3, inc as to k, k1, p7, k5, p3, k3, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 23: K10, p1, p2tog, k3tog, p5, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p3, k3, p3, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p5, k3 tog, p2tog, p1, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 24: Rep Row 12. (65 sts)
 - Row 25: Rep Row 13. (67 sts)
 - Row 26: Rep Row 14. (69 sts)
 - Row 27: K10, p5, p2tog, skpo, k7, k2tog, p6, yo, k1, yo, p6, skpo, k7, k2tog, p2tog, p5, k10. (65 sts)
 - Row 28: K5, p5, k6, p9, k6, p3, k6, p9, k6, p5, k5. (65 sts)
 - Row 29: K10, p6, skpo, k5, k2tog, p6, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p6, skpo, k5, k2tog, p6, k10. (63 sts)
 - Row 30: K5, p5, k6, p7, k6, p5, k6, p7, k6, p5, k5. (63 sts)
 - Row 31: K10, p6, skpo, k3, k2tog, p6, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p6, skpo, k3, k2tog, p6, k10. (61 sts)
 - Row 32: K5, p5, k6, p5, k6, p7, k6, p5, k6, p5, k5. (61 sts)
 - Row 33: K10, p6, skpo, k1, k2tog, p6, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p6, skpo, k1, k2tog, p6, k10. (59 sts)
 - Row 34: K5, p5, k6, p3, k6, p9, k6, p3, k6, p5, k5. (59 sts)
 - Row 35: K10, p6, k3tog, p6, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p6, k3tog, p6, k10. (57 sts)
 - Row 36: K5, p5, k13, p11, k13, p5, k5. (57 sts)
 - Row 37: K10, p13, skpo, k7, k2tog, p13, k10. (55 sts)
 - Row 38: K5, p5, k13, p9, k13, p5, k5. (55 sts)
 - Row 39: K10, p13, skpo, k5, k2tog, p13, k10. (53 sts)
 - Row 40: K5, p5, k13, p7, k13, p5, k5. (53 sts)
 - Row 41: K10, p13, skpo, k3, k2tog, p13, k10. (51 sts)
 - Row 42: K5, p5, k13, p5, k13, p5, k5. (51 sts)
 - Row 43: K10, p13, skpo, k1, k2tog, p13, k10. (49 sts)
 - Row 44: K5, p5, k13, p3, k13, p5, k5. (49 sts)
 - Row 45: K10, p13, k3tog, p13, k10. (47 sts)
 - Row 46: K5, p5, k12, inc as to k, k1, inc as to k, k12, p5, k5. (49 sts)
 - Row 47: K10, p29, k10. (49 sts)
 - Row 48: K5, p5, k29, p5, k5. (49 sts)
- Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Change to Gold. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Rep Rows 1-48 of panel pat. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Change to Gray Heather. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Rep Rows 1-48 of panel pat. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Change to Buff. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Rep Rows 1-48 of panel pat. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Change to Ranch Red. Work garter stitch for 10 rows.
 Rep Rows 1-48 of panel pat. Work garter stitch for 20 rows.
 BO while knitting.

SECOND PANEL

With Ranch Red, cast on 49 sts. Work garter stitch for 20 rows. Follow as for first panel with color change next to Buff, then Gray Heather, then Gold, then Light Sage.

FINISHING

With Light Sage and tapestry needle, join panels per photo. Attach Gray Heather at top of afghan, pick up and knit 1 st in each st across. Knit 30 rows. BO in knitting. Attach Gray Heather to bottom and rep as for top.

BORDER

- **Row 1:** Join Black in any corner with Sl st and crochet hook, work single crochet around outer edge, with 3 sc in each corner. Join to first sc with Sl st.
- **Row 2:** Sc through back lp of each sc around. Join with Sl st, fasten off.

OUTLINING COLOR BLOCKS

With RS up, hold Black yarn on WS of afghan. Beg at lower end of each section, insert crochet hook into first st bet 2 colors. Pull up a lp of Black. Insert hook into next st up, and pull up a lp of Black. Pull this lp through the first lp on hook. (Sl st made) Cont up the afghan bet each of the colors. Fasten off yarn. Weave in on WS. ❖

Suggested Materials

[Red Heart® Super Saver® Yarn](#)
Herrschners Item #: ID010527

[Herrschners® 14" Single Point Knitting Needles, Pair](#)
Herrschners Item #: ID015107

[Herrschners® Crochet Hook Set with Case](#)
Herrschners Item #: ID010049

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Abbreviations

begbeginning
betbetween
CCContrasting Color
cncable needle
decdecrease
hdchalf double crochet(s)
incincrease
k (K)knit
lp(s)loop(s)
MCMain Color
patpattern
p (P)purl
remremaining
reprepeat
scsingle crochet(s)
skskip
slslip
sl stslip stitch
sp(s)space(s)
st(s)stitch(es)
St ststockinette stitch
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