

# LION BRAND® MANDALA® ROUNABOUT MANDALA AFGHAN

**INTERMEDIATE +**

## **SIZE**

About 50 x 50 in. (127 x 127 cm)

## **MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND® MANDALA® (Art. #525)
  - #207 Thunderbird 2 balls (A)
  - #205 Pixie 1 ball (B)
  - #208 Valkyrie 1 ball (C)
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size H-8 (5 mm)
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle

## **GAUGE**

Rnds 1-5 of Center = about 6 in. (15 cm) diameter.  
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## **STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**Beg Cl (beginning 2 double crochet cluster)** Ch 2, yarn over, insert hook in same st as join and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook); yarn over and draw through rem 2 loops on hook.

**Cl (2 double crochet cluster)** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook), yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops rem on hook), yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

### **Beg-Cl2tog (beginning cluster 2 together – skipping sts or sp between legs)**

1. Work first leg: Ch 2, yarn over, insert hook in same st as join and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook).
2. Skip indicated st(s) or sp.
3. Work second leg: Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops rem on hook), yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (4 loops rem on hook).
4. Complete Beg-Cl2tog: Yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

### **Cl2tog (cluster 2 together – skipping sts or sps between legs)**

1. Work first leg: Yarn over, insert hook in same st as previous st or last leg of previous Cl2tog and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook), yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops rem on hook).

2. Skip indicated st(s) or sp.
3. Work second leg: Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (4 loops rem on hook), yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (5 loops rem on hook).
4. Complete Cl2tog: Yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

**Beg-Puff (beginning puff stitch)** Ch 2, yarn over, insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop; (yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over, draw through all 7 loops on hook.

**Puff (puff stitch)** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, (yarn over, insert hook in *same* st and draw up a loop) 3 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

**V-st (V-stitch)** (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st or sp.

## NOTES

1. Afghan is worked in one piece beg at center and in 5 steps: Center, inner corners, inner square, outer corners, and border.
2. Center of Afghan is worked in joined rnds with RS always facing. Four inner corners are worked back and forth in rows along edge of center to form a square. An inner square is then worked in joined rnds all the way around the outer edges of the piece. Read the inner square rnd instructions carefully; the work is turned at the beg of some rnds and not at the beg of others. Four outer corners are worked back and forth in rows along each side edge of the inner square. Finally a border is worked in joined rnds all the way around the outer edges of the piece.
3. Yarn color is changed each time all of the current ball has been used. To change yarn color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete st. Proceed with new color.
4. For those who find a visual helpful, we have included stitch diagrams of the center, inner corners, inner square, outer corners, and outer border.

## AFGHAN

### Center

With A, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Continue to work with A until all of one ball has been used then work with B, C, and 2nd ball of A until all of each ball has been used.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc – you will have 12 sc.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 – 24 dc.

**Rnd 3:** Beg-Cl2tog (skipping 1 dc between legs), \*ch 2, Cl2tog (skipping 1 dc between legs); rep from \* around working last leg of last Cl2tog in same st as first leg of Beg-Cl2tog, ch 2; join with sl st in top of Beg-Cl2tog – 12 Cltog and 12 ch-2 sps.

**Rnd 4:** Beg-CI (counts as part of Beg-Cl2tog), \*ch 3, Cl2tog (skipping ch-2 sp between legs); rep from \* around, ch 3, CI in same st as last leg of previous Cl2tog (to complete Beg-Cl2tog); join with sl st in top of Beg-CI – 12 Cltog and 12 ch-3 sps.

**Rnd 5:** Beg-Puff in same st as join, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, \*Puff in next st, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp; rep from \* around; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 6 Puffs and 66 dc (11 dc between Puffs).

**Rnd 6:** Beg-Cl2tog (skipping 2 dc between legs), \*ch 3, Cl2tog (skipping 2 dc between legs); rep from \* around working last leg of last Cl2tog in same st as first leg of Beg-Cl2tog, ch 3; join with sl st in top of Beg-Cl2tog – 24 Cltog and 24 ch-3 sps.

**Rnd 7:** Beg-Cl (counts as part of Beg-Cl2tog), \*ch 4, Cl2tog (skipping ch-3 sp between legs); rep from \* around, ch 4, Cl in same st as last leg of previous Cl2tog (to complete Beg-Cl2tog); join with sl st in top of Beg-Cl – 24 Cltog and 24 ch-4 sps.

**Rnd 8:** Beg-Puff in same st as join, 4 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, \*Puff in next st, 4 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp; rep from \* around; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 12 Puffs and 96 dc (8 dc between Puffs).

**Rnds 9 and 10:** Rep Rnds 6 and 7 – 36 Cltog and 36 ch-4 sps in Rnd 10.

**Rnd 11:** Beg-Puff in same st as join, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, \*Puff in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp; rep from \* around; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 18 Puffs and 126 dc (7 dc between Puffs).

**Rnds 12 and 13:** Rep Rnds 6 and 7 – 48 Cltog and 48 ch-4 sps in Rnd 13.  
Fasten off.

Four corners are now worked back and forth in rows. Each corner is worked beg over 12 ch-4 sps of Rnd 13.

### **First Inner Corner**

From RS, join yarn with a sl st in any ch-4 sp.

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 1, sc in same ch-4 sp, \*ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp; rep from \* 10 more times – 12 sc and 11 ch-4 sps.

**Row 2:** Turn, sl st in first 2 ch of first ch-4 sp, sc in same ch-4 sp, \*ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp; rep from \* across – 11 sc and 10 ch-4 sps.

**Rows 3-10:** Rep Row 2 for 8 more times – 3 sc and 2 ch-4 sps in Row 10.

**Row 11:** Turn, sl st in first 2 ch of first ch-4 sp, sc in same ch-4 sp, ch 4, sc in last ch-4 sp – 2 sc and 1 ch-4 sp.

Fasten off.

### **Next 3 Corners**

From RS, join yarn with a sl st in next unworked ch-4 sp of Rnd 13. Rep Rows 1-11 of first corner.

Fasten off.

Rep until you've made all 4 corners.

### **Inner Square**

From RS, join yarn with sl st in ch-4 sp at tip of any corner.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** (Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in same ch-4 sp; \*working along side edge, (ch 1, Puff in ch-sp at end of next row) to end of current corner, ch 1, Puff in next

ch-sp of Rnd 13 (same ch-sp as last sc of first row of current corner), ch 1, Puff in next ch-1 sp of Rnd 13 (same ch-sp as first sc of first row of next corner); working along side edge of next corner, (ch 1, Puff in ch-sp at end of next row) to ch-4 sp at tip of corner, ch 1, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in ch-4 sp at tip of corner; rep from \* 2 more times; working along last side edge (ch 1, Puff in ch-sp at end of next row) to end of last corner, (ch 1, puff in next ch-sp of Rnd 13) twice; working along side edge of first corner, (ch 1, Puff in ch-sp at end of next row to Beg-Puff, ch 1; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 96 Puffs, 92 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (24 Puffs and 23 ch-1 sps between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 2 (RS):** (Sl st, Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first corner ch-3 sp, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next Puff) to next corner ch-3 sp, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* 2 more times, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next Puff) to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 92 (3-dc groups), 8 Puffs, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (23 groups and 2 Puffs between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 3 (WS):** Sl st in first corner ch-3 sp, turn, (Beg-Puff, V-st) in same corner ch-3 sp, \*V-st in center dc of each 3-dc group to next corner ch-3 sp, (V-st, Puff, ch 3, Puff, V-st) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* 2 more times, V-st in center dc of each 3-dc group to end of rnd, (V-st, Puff) in first corner ch-3 sp, ch 3; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 100 V-sts, 8 Puffs, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (25 V-sts and 2 Puffs between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 4 (RS):** Turn, (sl st, Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first corner ch-3 sp, \*3 dc in ch-1 sp of each V-st to next corner ch-3 sp, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* 2 more times, 3 dc in ch-1 sp of each V-st to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 100 (3-dc groups), 8 Puffs, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (25 groups and 2 Puffs between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnds 5 and 6:** Rep Rnds 3 and 4 – 108 (3-dc groups), 8 Puffs, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (27 groups and 2 Puffs between corner ch-3 sps) in Rnd 6.

**Rnd 7:** Rep Rnd 3 – 116 V-sts, 8 Puffs, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (29 V-sts and 2 Puffs between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 8 (RS):** Turn, (sl st, Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first corner ch-3 sp, \*(ch 1, Puff in ch-1 sp of next V-st) to next corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* 2 more times, (ch 1, Puff in ch-1 sp of next V-st) to end of rnd, ch 1; join with sl st in top of Beg-Puff – 124 Puffs, 120 ch-1 sps and 4 corner ch-3 sps (31 Puffs and 30 ch-1 sps between corner ch-3 sps).

Fasten off.

Four corners are now worked back and forth in rows. Each corner is worked beg over one side edge of inner square.

### **First Outer Corner**

From RS, join yarn with a sl st in any corner ch-3 sp.

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next ch-1 sp, (3 dc in next ch-1, sk next Puff) rep from \* to ch-1 sp before next corner ch-3 sp, dc in ch-1 sp before corner, dc in corner ch-3 sp – 28 (3-dc groups) and 2 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, V-st in center dc of each 3-dc group across, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 28 V-sts and 1 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 3:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in ch-1 sp of first V-st, \*ch 1, Puff in ch-1 sp of next V-st; rep from \* to last V-st, ch 1, dc in ch-1 sp of last V-st, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 27 ch-1 sps, 26 Puffs and 2 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 4:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in first ch-1 sp, 3 dc in each ch-1 sp to last ch-1 sp, dc in last ch-1 sp, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 25 (3-dc groups) and 2 dc at beg and end of row.

**Rows 5-22:** Rep Rows 2-4 for 6 more times – 7 (3-dc groups) and 2 dc at beg and end of Row 22.

**Row 23:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in center dc of first 3-dc group, V-st in center dc of each 3-dc group to last 3-dc group, dc in center dc of last 3-dc group, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 5 V-sts and 2 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 24:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, Puff in ch-1 sp of first V-st, \*ch 1, Puff in ch-1 sp of next V-st; rep from \* across, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 5 Puffs, 4 ch-1 sps, and 1 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 25:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in first ch-1 sp, 3 dc in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, dc in last ch-1 sp, dc in top of beg ch-3 - 2 (3-dc groups) and 2 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 26:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in center st of each 3-dc group, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 4 dc.

**Row 27:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first 2 dc, Puff in next sp between sts, sk next dc, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 1 Puff and 1 dc at beg and end of row.

**Row 28:** Ch 1, turn, sk Puff, sc in top of beg ch-3.  
Fasten off.

### Next 3 Corners

From RS, join yarn with sl st in same corner ch-3 sp as last st of Row 1 of previous corner. Rep Rows 1-28 of first corner.

Fasten off.

Rep until you've made all 4 corners.

### Border

From RS, join yarn in end of Row 27 of any corner, so that you are ready to work along the side edge of the corner.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Beg-Puff in same sp, \*(ch 1, Puff in end of next row) to end of current corner, ch 1, Puff in ch-3 sp at corner of inner square; working along side edge of next corner, (ch 1, Puff in end of next row) to Row 28 (tip) of corner, ch 3 \*\*; working along next side of same corner, Puff in end of Row 27; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 220 Puffs and 4 corner ch-3 sps (55 Puffs along each side between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 2 (RS):** Beg-Puff in last ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the last ch-3 sp), \*2 sc in next ch-1 sp, (3 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in each of next 2 ch-1 sps) 3 times, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp, (3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, 2 hdc in each of next 2 ch-1 sps) 3 times, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in each of next 2 sps) twice, 3 dc in each of next 2 sps, (2 dc in next of next 2 sps, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice, (2 hdc in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp, (2 sc in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, 3 sc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in beg ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-

Puff – 512 sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (128 sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 3 (WS):** Turn, (Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first ch-3 sp, \*sc in sp between Puff and next sc, (sc in each sc, hdc in each hdc, and dc in each dc) to next Puff, sc in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 520 sts (130 sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 4 (RS):** Turn, Beg-Puff in first ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the first ch-3 sp), \*dc in sp between Puff and next sc, dc in each st to next Puff, dc in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in first ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 528 sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (132 sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 5:** Turn, (Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first ch-3 sp, \*sc in sp between Puff and next dc, sc in next 25 sts, hdc in next 23 sts, dc in next 34 sts, hdc in next 23 sts, sc in next 25 sts, sc in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 536 sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (134 sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 6:** Rep Rnd 4 – 544 sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (136 sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 7:** Turn, (Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first ch-3 sp, \*hdc in sp between Puff and next dc, (ch 2, sk next 2 dc, hdc in next dc) to 2 sts before next Puff, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, hdc in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 8 Puffs, 184 hdc, 180 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs, 46 hdc and 45 ch-1 sps along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 8:** Turn, Beg-Puff in first ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the first ch-3 sp), \*dc in sp between Puff and next hdc, 3 dc in each ch-2 sp to next Puff, dc in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in first ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 8 Puffs, 548 dc, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs, 2 separate dc and forty-five 3-dc groups along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 9:** Turn, (Beg-Puff, ch 3, Puff) in first ch-3 sp, \*V-st in sp between Puff and next dc, V-st in center dc of each 3-dc group to next Puff, V-st in sp before Puff\*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 8 Puffs, 188 V-sts, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and 47 V-sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 10 (RS):** Turn, Beg-Puff in first ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the first ch-3 sp), \*ch 1, Puff in sp between Puff and next V-st, (ch 1, Puff in ch-1 sp of next V-st) to next Puff, ch 1, Puff in sp before Puff \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in first ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 204 Puffs, 200 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (51 Puffs and 50 ch-1 sps along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 11 (RS):** Beg-Puff in last ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the last ch-3 sp), \*3 dc in each ch-1 sp to next corner \*\*, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in

first ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 8 Puffs, two-hundred 3-dc groups, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and fifty 3-dc groups along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 12 (WS):** Rep Rnd 9 – 8 Puffs, 208 V-sts, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and 52 V-sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 13:** Turn, Beg-Puff in first ch-3 sp made in previous rnd (angle your hook slightly to reach back to the first ch-3 sp), \*3 dc in ch-1 sp of each V-st to next corner, (Puff, ch 3, Puff) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* around ending last rep at \*\*, Puff in first ch-3 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in Beg-Puff – 8 Puffs, two-hundred and eight 3-dc groups and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and fifty-two 3-dc groups along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 14:** Rep Rnd 12 – 8 Puffs, 216 V-sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and 54 V-sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnds 15 and 16:** Rep Rnds 13 and 14. At the end of Rnd 16 you will have 8 Puffs, 224 V-sts and 4 corner ch-3 sps (2 Puffs and 56 V-sts along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

**Rnd 17:** Rep Rnd 10 – 240 Puffs, 236 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (60 Puffs and 59 ch-1 sps along each of 4 sides between corner ch-3 sps).

Fasten off.

## **FINISHING**

Weave in ends.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)(s)

ch = chain

ch-sp(s) = chain space(s) previously made

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

rem = remain(ning)(s)

rep(s) = repeat(s)

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

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