

Catherine Wheel Stitch Afghan

There are two strands being used at one time. This is creating a double thickness. Where you see a solid colour circle, there are actually two strands of the same colour being used at the same time. One colour is overlapping over three circles as it transitions in, full colour and then transitions out. This is creating the vibrant colour bleeding that is looking like the colours are melting together.

Here are the circle combinations to help you understand this further.



Circle	Colour 1	Colour 2
1	Black	Black
2	Black	Red
3	Red	Red
4	Red	Orange
5	Orange	Orange
6	Orange	Yellow
7	Yellow	Yellow
8	Yellow	Green
9	Green	Green
10	Green	Blue
11	Blue	Blue
12	Blue	Purple

13	Purple	Purple
14	Purple	Black

Dimensions

- 54" Wide x 44" Long
- When counting circles, there is a total of 41 circles seen from top to bottom. The final circle is the same as the starting row to bring consistency to the look.
- The repeat of the colouring of circles appears 4 times.
- This afghan when on a bed is actually sideways as it's wider than it is tall.

Help

- You can substitute colours and yarn to match your own colouring ideas. You can use more colours or less. Choice is up to you.

Materials Used

- **Size K Crochet Hook, 6.5 MM**
- **This afghan is a bit of a yarn pig.**
- **You will need between 3 - 4 balls of each of the 7 colours. Red Heart With Love or Super Saver 7 oz or 198 g.**
- **Colours suggested above.**

Free Pattern:

Abbreviations: CH = Chain, ST ST = SL ST, BEG = Beginning, DC = Double Crochet,

HELP Below for the circles (bottom of circles as seen in this pattern)

CL - Cluster (Begin double crochet as normal and stopping one step before finalizing the stitch. This will keep the loops adding onto the crochet hook. For this pattern, you will end up with a total of 8 loops before pulling the yarn through all loops to form the under side of the circle.) This has multiple sets of 10. There are 8 sets of 10 stitches in this pattern. If you want a larger or smaller mat, reduce the stitch sets or add more stitch sets. At the end of the desired length of chain, add 3 extra chains.

Vibrant Catherine Wheel Afghan

Pattern below is for the identical version for what is seen in this picture. You can use this pattern for a throw, afghan or any other creative idea you may have. Change colours as you want to.

1. CH 253

2. CH 1, SC in stitch 2nd from hook, SC in next. *SKIP 2 stitches, 7 DC into the next stitch. SKIP 2 Stitches, 1 SC into the next three stitches, Repeat from *. Very End of line will finish with only 2 SC's in a row and not three. Turn.
3. If desired, this is where you would change your colour to ensure the circles stay the same colours if desired. If pulling off the same effect you see in my pictures, don't worry about it and carry on.
4. Ch 3, Form CL with only 3 DC's. This creates a partial circle on the edging that is required. CH 2, 1 SC into the next three stitches. *CH 3, CL using the next 7 stitches together, (you will have 8 loops on your hook before forming the cluster.) SC the next three stitches which is over the circle in the line below, Repeat from * all the way across until the final partial circle. End of line will finish off with a partial cluster by CH 3, CL using next 3 Stitches. Turn
5. CH 3, 3 DC into the same stitch under the CH 3. *SC in each of the next three stitches (where SC's are in the line under it). 7 DC's into the centre of the circle in the line below. Repeat from * all the way across. Finish the final partial circle with 4 DC's into the centre of the partial circle on the end. Turn.
6. If desired, this is where you change the colour again if wanting solid colour circles.
7. CH 1, 1 SC into the first two stitches. *CH 3, CL the next 7 Stitches Together, CH 2, 1 SC into each of the next three Stitches. Repeat from *. Final will end with only 2 single crochets in a row to match the starting side.
8. Repeat lines 2 - 7. There will be a total of 43 circles shown after finishing the borders.
9. I repeated the final circle of the afghan to be the same colour as the starting row to bring consistency. Choice is yours.



Finish Starting Row

1. The starting row is flat where the final row you finished with will be a full circle.
2. Go back over the first row using the same colour as the row and creating the top half of the circle so both sides will have a nice circling affect on the top and bottom borders.
3. I didn't do this for the side borders due to the many colours running down the sides. The circles would look mismatched.