

PANDA LOVEY (SECURITY BLANKET)

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MATERIALS:

- white DK yarn (I used *Lollipop Double Knitting* in colour *White*)
- DK yarn in various colours to acquire rainbow effect (I used *Lollipop Double Knitting* in colour *Dusty Pink*, *Sirdar Snuggly Double Knitting* in shade 0451, *Elle Family Knit Classic Double Knit* in colour *Lemon*, *Lollipop Double Knitting* in colour *Mint Green*, *Lollipop Double Knitting* in colour *Aqua*, *Elle Family Knit Classic Double Knit* in colour *Wintersky*, and *Elle Family Knit Classic Double Knit* in colour *Crocus*)
- black DK yarn (I used *Lollipop Double Knitting* in colour *Black*)
- G (4.00 mm) crochet hook (gauge is not important for this pattern)
- E (3.50 mm) crochet hook – this may be necessary for panda head and arms if tension with G (4.00 mm) crochet hook causes stitches to be too loose
- darning needle
- teddy filling (I used fibre curl)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMINOLOGY):

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet
cont	continue
inc	increase/increasing
sc	single crochet
st(s)	stitch(es)
MR	magic ring
sc2tog	single crochet two stitches together
dec	decrease
hdc	half double crochet
* *	repeat instructions between asterisks as many times as directed

- () where not obvious additional information, work a group of stitches all in the same space or stitch

PATTERN – GRANNY SQUARE LOVEY:

- Start: make slip knot on hook with white yarn, ch 4, join with sl st to first ch to form ring
- Round 1: ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in centre of ring, ch 2 (to make corner), *3 dc in centre of ring, ch 2*, repeat 2 more times, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Round 2: with sl st, attach yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same space, *ch 2 (to make corner), 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next space*, repeat 2 more times, ch 2, 3 dc in same space, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Round 3: with sl st, attach yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same space, *ch 2 (to make corner), 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 2 spaces*, repeat 2 more times, ch 2, 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next space, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Round 4: with sl st, attach first colour yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same space, *ch 2 (to make corner), 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 3 spaces*, repeat 2 more times, ch 2, 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 2 spaces, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Round 5: with sl st, attach second colour yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same space, *ch 2 (to make corner), 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 4 spaces*, repeat 2 more times, ch 2, 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 3 spaces, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Round 6: with sl st, attach third colour yarn to any corner space, ch 2 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same space, *ch 2 (to make corner), 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 5 spaces*, repeat 2 more times, ch 2, 3 dc in same space, 3 dc in next 4 spaces, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, turn work
- Rounds 7-10: cont inc (attach new colour at beginning of each round)
- Rounds 11-13: cont inc (attach white yarn at beginning of each round)
- Round 14: with sl st, attach white yarn to any stitch, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in each st around (making 3 sc in each corner), sl st to ch 1, tie off
- Round 15: make interlocking border with white and black yarn:
white: with sl st, attach yarn to any stitch, ch 5 (ch 6 around corner), gently remove hook
black: with sl st, attach yarn to next stitch, ch 5 (ch 6 around corner), gently remove hook
white: replace hook, bring to front, sl st to next st, ch 5, gently remove hook
black: replace hook, bring to front, sl st to next st, ch 5, gently remove hook
continue around, sl st to base of beginning ch 5 in corresponding colour, tie off, and weave in all ends

PATTERN – PANDA (HEAD AND ARMS):

Head (work continuously – do not join after each round):

- Round 1: with white yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 5 sc in MR (6 sts)
- Round 2: 2 sc in ch 1 and each st around (12 sts)

Round 3: *2 sc, sc*, cont inc around (18 sts)
 Round 4: *2 sc, sc in next 2 sts*, cont inc around (24 sts)
 Round 5: *2 sc, sc in next 3 sts*, cont inc around (30 sts)
 Round 6: *2 sc, sc in next 4 sts*, cont inc around (36 sts)
 Rounds 7-12: sc in each st around (36 sts)
 Round 13: *sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts*, cont dec around (30 sts)
 Round 14: *sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts*, cont dec around (24 sts)
 Round 15: *sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts*, cont dec around (18 sts)
 Round 16: *sc2tog, sc*, cont dec around (12 sts)
 Round 17: sc2tog around, sl st to next st, tie off, leaving long tail to sew head to middle of lovey (6 sts)

Stuff head firmly with teddy filling before sewing to lovey.

Nose (work continuously – do not join after each round):

Round 1: with white yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 4 sc in MR (5 sts)
 Round 2: 2 sc in ch 1 and each st around (10 sts)
 Round 3: *2 sc, sc*, cont inc around (15 sts)
 Round 4: sc in each st around (15 sts)
 Round 5: sc in first 10 sts, sl st to next st, tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to head (10 sts)

Stuff nose lightly with teddy filling before sewing to head.

Tip of nose:

Start: with black yarn, ch 3
 Row 1: sc in third ch from hook, tie off, leaving long tail to sew tip of nose to nose, and embroider mouth

Ears (make two; work continuously – do not join after each round):

Round 1: with black yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 5 sc in MR (6 sts)
 Round 2: *2 sc, sc in next 2 sts*, cont inc around (8 sts)
 Round 3: *2 sc, sc in next 3 sts*, cont inc around (10 sts)
 Round 4: *2 sc, sc in next 4 sts*, cont inc around, sl st to next st, tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to head (12 sts)

Eye patches (make two):

Round 1: with black yarn, MR, ch 2, (2 dc, hdc, sc, dc, hdc) in MR, sl st to top of ch 2, tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye patch to head (embroider tiny white fleck for eye, before sewing to head)

Arms (make two; work continuously – do not join after each round):

Round 1: with black yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 5 sc in MR (6 sts)
 Round 2: 2 sc in ch 1 and each st around (12 sts)
 Round 3: *2 sc, sc in next 3 sts*, cont inc around (15 sts)
 Rounds 4-12: sc in each st around (15 sts)
 Round 13: *sc2tog, sc*, cont dec around (10 sts)

Round 14: sc2tog around, sl st to next st, tie off, leaving long tail to sew arm to lovey
(5 sts)

Stuff each arm firmly with teddy filling before sewing to lovey.

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