

Salvation Colors Afghan/Lapghan



A Knit and Crochet Bible Study project
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The COLORS OF SALVATION afghan/lapghan

(this version shows errata of the crochet patterns for purple and for blue)

This lesson on various colors representing God's Plan of Salvation is a fun way to learn Scripture and to tell the Salvation story.

Each color is a reminder of God's love and desire to share eternity with us. Salvation is a FREE GIFT, but must be accepted.

Each panel offers a chance to learn a new stitch pattern. I have offered up stitch patterns for a Knit version and for a Crochet version. Both are finished off with crochet edging.

Mix and match the patterns to your liking. Make the panels long enough for an afghan or smaller for a lapghan or child size cover up. (others have suggested making a tote bag or pillow)



Knit Version



Crochet Version

Materials I used and suggest:

Knitting Needles size 9 for Knit version

Crochet Hook "G" or "H" for both versions

Cable hook for Knit version

Yarn needle for both version

1 Skein each color in Red Heart or I Love This Yarn

- Black
- Orange
- Red
- Gold
- Purple
- Blue
- White
- Green

Each panel represents a part of the Salvation story.

Orange represents the fire of hell. We are condemned to life in hell. Romans 6:23 says “*For the wages of sin is death*”. Not the physical death, but the spiritual second death, life eternally separated from God. It is further described in Revelation 21:8 “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is a second death*”.

Are you anywhere on that list? *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Romans 3:23.

White represents the purity of our hearts being washed whiter than snow. We are condemned to death, but because of the blood of Jesus and the sacrifice made, we are made pure. Romans 10:13 says “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” That whosoever means YOU. It means me, it means anybody!! All you have to do is call upon Him and trust Him. That cleansing is made possible because “*..the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin*” according to 1 John 1:7. “*In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death*” Proverbs 12:28.

When God looks at those who call on Him, he doesn’t see the sin, He sees the purity.

Gold is used to represent heaven as described in Revelation 21:18 “*..and the city was pure gold*”. Jesus is preparing a home for you and me. He promises to take us to that home in John 14:2,3 “*In my Father’s house are many mansions..I am going to prepare a place for you...I will come back and take you to be with me.*” Your heavenly home is under construction right now.

Blue is the color of the waters of baptism. As a symbol of your commitment to the Lord God you are asked to follow Jesus in baptism. Baptism does not save a person any more than putting on a ring makes your married. You must follow through in the action of commitment. “*And he said unto them,*” in Mark 16: 15,16 “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved*”. This is the first command given to a believer. Even Jesus was baptized in Luke 3:21.

Green represents growing in Christ. When you first accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, you are like a baby, needing milk and nourishment. But as you grow you learn more of Him and walk in His ways. You grow away from milk and on to meat. You grow in strength. Hebrews 6:1 says “*let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity*”. Are you growing in Christ?

Purple is the color of royalty. Revelation 11:16 describes Jesus’ return saying “*on his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS*”. Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20 “*All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost and teach them to obey all I have commanded.*” With authority we are given our instruction.

But sin separates us from God. That is why the Black which represents sin is used as a divider between each set of panels. Remember Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” and Romans 6:23 “*the wages of sin is death.*”

That sin has broken the relationship God desires with us.

And that sin can be forgiven. It has been forgiven. Thanks to the Red blood of Jesus. The entire afghan/lapghan is edged in red as a reminder of the price Jesus paid to save you and to save me. That blood was the ransom given for an eternal life with God. Romans 5:8 says “*But God demonstrated his love toward us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” God sent His Son to die so you and I could be with Him in heaven. “*For God so loved the world He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life*” John 3:16. The key word is “whoever”. Anybody. You. Me. “*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*” 1Pet 3:18

Because of the blood shed as a sacrifice, we can live eternally, in heaven with the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

As you work on this project I pray you will think of the meaning of each color, of the love our Lord has for you and the home being prepared for you. Think about each color and what it represents.

Perhaps you can use the blanket to tell the story of salvation to someone else.

Wrap yourself in the blanket and remember the sacrifice made for you, the ransom price that was paid.

PROJECT NOTES:

The pattern for the Knit version is represented with (K) in the title.

The pattern for the Crochet version is represented with (C) in the title

Idea: make some panels in knit and some in crochet.

On the Knit version, the term “tbl” means “through back loop”. This helps reduce curling.

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ORANGE: GATES OF HELL

Alternate Stitch (C)

With orange, loosely chain 23

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (22 sc)

Row 2: (right side) ch1, turn; skip first sc (sc,dc) in next sc,
*skip next sc, (sc,dc) in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3: ch1, turn; (sc,dc) in each dc across.

Repeat Row 3 until desired length is achieved.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Vertical Weave (K)

NOTE: tbl = through back loop

CO 22

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P18, K1, K1tbl

Begin stitch pattern:

Stitch Pattern:

Row 1: (Right Side) K4 *sl 1 as if to Purl, K1, YO, PSSO both the knit st and YO, K2.

Repeat from * across to last 2 stitches, K1, K1tbl

Row 2: K2, P18, K1 K1tbl

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 of stitch pattern until desired length.

Ending Border: same as beginning border

Bind off and weave in ends.



WHITE: PURITY

Half Double Crochet Puffs (C)

White puff of popcorn is the image this pattern brings to my mind. What image do you see?

PUFF STITCH: *YO, insert hook in st indicated, YO and pull up a loop; repeat from * 2 times more. You will now have 7 loops on the hook. YO and draw through all 7 loops.



Loosely chain 23

Row 1: (right side) Work Puff in fifth ch from hook. *ch1, skip next ch, work Puff in next ch. Repeat from * across

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, work Puff in first ch-1 sp, ch 1 * work Puff in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Repeat from * across, work Puff in sp of turning ch.

Repeat Row 2 until desired length.

Finish off and weave in ends.

WHITE: PURITY

Snowflakes (K)

I love the beauty of freshly fallen snow, pure white, before it is tracked and made dirty by passing traffic.

Note: tbl = through back loop

CO 23

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P19, K1, K1tbl



Begin Pattern:

Row 1: (Right Side) K3 *YO, slip 1, K1, PSSO, K1, K2tog, YO, K1. Repeat from * across to last 2 st. K1, K1tbl

Row 2: K2, P19, K1, K1tbl

Row 3: K4, (YO, K3) across to last 4 st. YO, K2, K1, K1tbl (29 st now on needle)

Row 4: K2, P25, K1, K1tbl

Row 5: K2, K2tog, YO, slip 1, K1, PSSO, K1, K2tog *YO, slip 1, K2tog, PSSO, YO, slip 1, K1, PSSO, K1, K2tog, repeat from * across to last 4 st, YO, slip1, K1, PSSO, K1, K1tbl (23 st)

Row 6: K2, P19, K1, K1tbl

Row 7: K3 *K2tog, YO, K1, YO, slip1, K1, PSSO, K1, repeat from * across to last 2 st, K1, K1tbl

Row 8: K2, P19, K1, K1tbl

Row 9: K4, (YO, K3) across to last 4 st, YO, K3, K1tbl (29 st)

Row 10: K2, P25, K1, K1tbl

Row 11: K3 *K2tog, YO, slip1, K2tog, PSSO, YO, slip1, K1, PSSO, K1, repeat from * across to last 2 st, K1, K1tbl (23 st)

Row 12: K2, P19, K1, K1tbl

Repeat pattern rows 1-12 to desired length.

Ending Border: same as beginning border Bind off and weave in ends.

GOLD: HEAVEN

Crosses (C)

I can't help but think of the cross when I think of heaven

Loosely ch 26

TREBLE STITCH (tr) YO twice, insert hook in st indicated. YO and pull up a loop. You now have 4 loops on the hook. (YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3times.



Row 1: (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (25 sc)

Row 2 and 3: ch1, turn, sc across

Row 4: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn; dc in next 2 sts. *skip next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, working *behind* 2 tr just made, tr in 2 skipped sts, skip next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, working in *front* of 2 tr just made, tr in 2 skipped sts, dc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * across.

Row 5: Repeat Row 4.

For pattern, repeat rows 2-5 until desired length.

Finish off and weave in ends.

Trinity Stitch (K)

The trinity stitch made me think of God the Father, The Son, The Spirit. Three in one like the pattern making 3 stitches in one.

Tbl=through back loop

Loosely cast on 24 stitches.

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P20, K1, K1tbl

Begin Pattern:

Row 1: (right side) K2, P20, K1, K1tbl

Row 2: K2 *(K,P,K) all in next st, P3tog, Repeat from * across to last 2 st, K1, K1tbl

Row 3: K2, P20, K1, K1tbl

Row 4: K2, *P3 tog, (K,P,K) all in next st. Repeat from * across to last 2 st, K1, K1tbl.

Repeat rows 1-4 until desired length.

Ending Border: Repeat beginning border Bind off loosely and weave in ends.



BLUE: WATER OF BAPTISM

Lacy V (C)

Loosely ch 26

Row 1: Dc in fifth ch from hook. *skip next 2 ch, (dc,ch 1,dc) in next ch. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: (right side) Ch 3, turn. 2 dc in first ch-1 sp, 3 dc in each ch-sp across.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 dc. *ch 3, skip next 2dc, sc in next dc. Repeat from * across to last st, sc in top of turning ch.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. sc in first sc, ch 3, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) across, skip next sc, sc in last sc.

Row 5: Ch 4, turn; dc in first ch-3 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in each ch-3 sp across.

Repeat Rows 2-5 until desired length is achieved. Finish off and weave in ends.



Little Fountain (K)

The stich called "Little Fountain" seemed appropriate for water symbolism

Tbl=through back loop

Loosely cast on 25

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P21, K1, K1tbl

Begin Pattern:

Row 1: (RS): K3, *YO, K3, YO, K1. Repeat from * across to last 2 st, K1, K1tbl. (35 st)

Row 2: K2, P31, K1, K1tbl

Row 3: K4, [slip 1 as if to knit, K2tog, PSSO] then [K3, slip 1 as if to knit, K2tog, PSSO] across to last 4 sts, K3, K1tbl NOTE: repeat 2nd set of [instructions] (25 st)

Row 4: K2, P21, K1, K1tbl

Repeat rows 1-4 until desired length.

Ending Border: Repeat beginning border Bind off loosely and weave in ends



GREEN: GROWING IN CHRIST

Sweet Pea (C)

Momma always said "eat your peas so you can grow big and strong".

NOTE: once the border row and first row are completed, you will continue repeating only the row 2 instructions.

ALSO NOTE: Usually you SC or DC *into* the stitch; this patterns call for making your stitch in the space between the stitches, so you will go under the stitch and into the space.



Loosely ch 19

Border row: SC in 2nd ch from hook. SC across (18 st)

Begin Pattern:

Row 1: (right side) Ch 3, turn, DC in same st. *Skip next 2 chs, 5 dc in next next st (this will be called the 5-dc group), skip next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts (this is a 2-dc group). Repeat from * across to last 3 sts, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn: dc in sp ***between*** first 2 dc *5 dc in sp ***between*** dc of next 2-dc group, dc in sp ***between*** second and third dc of next 5-dc group and in next sp (***between*** third and fourth dc). Repeat from * across to last 4 sts, 3 dc in sp ***between*** last dc and turning ch.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern until desired length is achieved.

Ending border row: ch1, turn, sc across.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

GREEN: GROWING IN CHRIST

Wheat (K)

Wheat grows tall in the fields of the Midwest. Just as we are to grow tall in Christ.

NOTE: You will need a cable needle to complete this project

Pattern Stitches:

Cable 4 Back (**C4B**): slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold in back of work, K2 from left needle, K2 from cable needle.

Cable 4 Front (**C4F**): slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold in front of work, K2 from left needle, K2 from cable needle.

Tbl=Through Back Loop

Loosely cast on 29

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P25, K1, K1tbl

Pattern:

Row 1: K5, (P8, K3) twice, K1, K1tbl

Row 2: (right side): K2, P1, K1, P1, (C4B, C4F, P1, K1, P1) twice, K1, K1tbl

Row 3: K5, (P8, K3) twice, K1, K1tbl

Row 4: K2, P1, K1, P1, (K8, P1, K1, P1) twice, K1, K1tbl

Repeat Rows 1-4 until desired length.

Ending Border: Repeat beginning border.

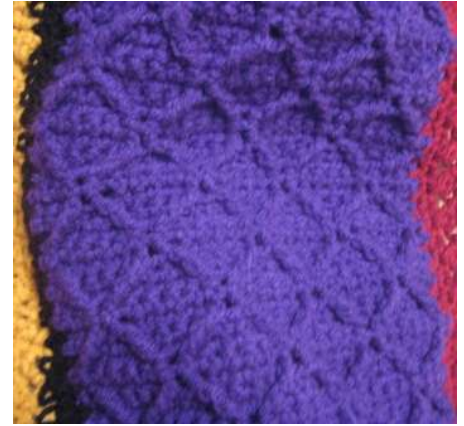
Loosely bind off and weave in ends.



PURPLE: ROYALTY

Diamond (C)

I image royalty to have many diamonds, thus this pattern selection for the purple color.



Pattern note: FPTr = Front Post treble stitch

YO twice. Insert hook from front to back to front going around the post of the stitch indicated (below the are you normally stitch through). YO and draw up a loop. There are now 4 loops on your hook. YO and draw through 2 loops, 3 times.

Loosely ch 26

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (25 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across

Row 3: Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across

Row 4: (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, work FPTr around first sc on 3rd row below, skip next 4 sc on third row below, work FPTr around next sc on third row below. *Skip next 2 sc from last sc made, sc in next 4sc. Work FPTr around next sc on third row below, skip 4 sc in third row, work FPTr in next sc on third row below. Repeat from * across to last 5 sc, skip next 2 sc from last sc made, sc in last 3 sc.

Row 5: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across

Row 6: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across

Row 7: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across

Row 8: Ch 1, turn; work FPTr around 4th sc on third row below, skip first sc, sc in next 4 sc, *work FPTr around next sc on third row below, skip 4 stitches in the third row down, FPTr around the next stitch on the third row below, skip next 2 sc from last sc made, sc in next 4 sc. Repeat from * across to last 2 sc, work FPTr around next sc on third row below, skip next sc from last sc made, sc in last sc.

Row 9: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across

Row 10: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across

Row 11: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Repeat rows 4-11 for pattern, until desired length is complete.

Finish off and weave in ends.

PURPLE: ROYALTY

Diamond Lace (K)

I image royalty to have many diamonds, thus this pattern selection for the purple color.

Tbl=Through Back Loop

Cast on 19 stitches

Beginning Border:

Border Row 1: Knit across

Border Row 2: K2, P15, K1, K1tbl

Begin Pattern:

Row 1: K6, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K1, K1tbl

Row 2 and all even rows: : K2, P15, K1, K1tbl

Row 3: K5, K2tog, YO, K1, (YO, SSK, K1)twice, K2tog, YO, K2, K1tbl

Row 5: K4, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K1, YO, K3tog, YO, K3, K1tbl

Row 7: K3, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K2tog, YO, K4, K1tbl

Row 9: K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K5, K1tbl

Row 11: K3, YO, SSK, K1, (K2tog, YO, K1)twice, YO, SSK, K4, K1tbl

Row 13: K4, YO, Sl 1, K2tog, PSSO, YO, K1, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, K1tbl

Row 15: K5, YO, SSK, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K2, K1tbl

Row 17: K6, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K1, K1tbl

Repeat Rows 2-17 for pattern to desired length.

Ending Border: Repeat beginning border.

Bind off and weave in ends.



Finishing:

The same procedure will be used to complete the project whether knit or crochet.

Because sin separates us from God, I have chosen black to separate each panel.

With black yarn, the size G crochet hook and the right side of the panel facing you, attach yarn to the far right corner with a slip stitch. Sc in same stitch. Sc across entire length of panel. (if desired, at end of panel, ch1, turn and sc in each sc across for a 2nd row). Fasten off. Do the same for the other side of the panel. Try to make the same number of sc on each panel.

Place the colors side by side in the order you prefer. I chose Orange, White, Blue, Green, Gold, Purple, but the order is entirely up to you. Think of how you will tell the story of Salvation when deciding on the placement. Using black yarn, stitch panels together.



We are saved by the blood of Jesus. His blood has cleansed us, covered up all our sins. So the entire blanket is edged completely in red.

Once all the panels are attached, weave in ends. Now with right side of blanket facing you, attach Red at any corner on the outside.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc around the entire piece, placing 3sc in each corner, join by slip st into beginning ch.

Row 2: ch1, turn sc in each sc, placing 3sc in each corner, join by slip st into beginning ch.

Row 3: ch3 (counts as 1 dc), turn, dc in next st,* skip next 2 st dc in next 2. Dc in first skipped st, going behind the 2dc you just made, repeat in 2nd skipped st. Repeat from * around. NOTE: at corner do not make the cross over. Dc each 2 or 3 st before and after each corner, making sure to make 3dc in each corner stitch, join by slip st into beginning ch.

Row 4: ch1, turn, sc in each sc, placing 3 sc in each corner, join by slip st into beginning ch.

Row 5: ch1, turn, sc in each sc, placing 3 sc in each corner, join by slip st into beginning ch.

Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

