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# Onward and Upward Afghan

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## Size:

You decide! I designed my afghan to be 50 inches wide and will stop working when it is approximately 60 inches tall. Follow the directions below to determine the correct starting chains to get started.

## Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn. Pattern is adjustable for other weight yarns, but it is best to be consistent (use all one type of yarn)
- US H8/5 mm crochet hook, or size that works with your chosen yarn
- Tapestry needle and scissors

## Special Note:

Following the pattern is a tutorial on how to work the post stitches.

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Stitch Repeat:

The stitch repeat is 4 stitches. You will need a multiple of  $4 + 3 + 2$ . What this means is you should start with a multiple of 4 stitches that you think will be the width you want for your afghan. You can chain along until it "looks right" and then just make sure the number of chains is divisible by 4. THEN you need to add a total of 5 more chains.

As an explanation, the "3" part of that gives you the extra stitches after the drop-down stitch so that the left side matches the right side. And the the "2" part of that is for the chain up for that very stitch of the first row. If you don't want to think about all that, start with something divisible by 4 and then chain 5 more.

The instructions that follow are for a 50" wide afghan:

For a 50" Wide Afghan, using Worsted Weight and a H hook:

Chain 165. If you chain tight, you might want to go up a hook size so that the bottom of the afghan is not pulled too tight (this is what I did, by the way).

Row 1: dc in 4th chain from hook (this is the first stitch now and throughout all dc rows) and dc across the chains. You should have a total of 163 stitches.

Row 2: ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc across the rows, changing to next color in the last stitch (163 stitches)

Row 3: Using new color, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in next 2 st, \*FPtr in the stitch 2 rows below (read above for how to do this), skip the stitch in the current row, dc in next 3 st. Repeat from \* until the end of the row. *Note: This row ends with a FPtr followed by 3 dc stitches.*(163 st)

Row 4: ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc across row, changing to new color in last stitch (163 st)

Row 5: Using new color, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), \*FPtr in the stitch 2 rows below (read above for how to do this), skip the stitch in the current row, dc in next 3 st. Repeat from \* until the end of the row. (163 st). *Note: This row ends with a FPtr followed by ONE dc stitch.* (163 st)

Row 6: ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc across row, changing to new color in last stitch (163 st)

Repeat rows 3-6 for pattern repeat.

### Weaving in Ends

I hate weaving in ends, so what I'm doing is working over the ends in the dc rows. Then cutting off and leaving a bit. Then stopping and weaving those back over themselves to make sure they are secure. That way I don't have a daunting task when I am done.

### Finishing and Options

I plan on finishing my Onward and Upward scrap afghan with a few rounds of sc (working 3 sc in each corner). Once the afghan is complete, I will come back and update this post with finished photos and directions for the border. If you do NOT want to work rounds of single crochet, you may wish to omit the first and last post stitch when working row 5. That will give you a bit more of a 'border' around the last post stitch in each row.

Remember, we are working through this Onward and Upward Scrap Afghan Project over in the [Crochet365KnitToo Club](#). Pop over and share a photo! I love to see your work! If you're on [Instagram](#), be sure to tag me @crochet365knittoo.

### How to Work a Front Post Triple (or Treble) Crochet (FPtr)

If you are unfamiliar with post stitches, check out this post [here](#). Note that this particular one is worked with a TREBLE crochet.

Here are step by step photos for working the FPtr in this project:



Step 1:

Wrap yarn around hook 2 times (as though you were making a regular TR stitch). Then insert hook around the post of the double crochet stitch 2 rows down (see above photo).

Step 2:

Then pull up a loop. This looks like the photo below:



Then, it is just like a regular TR stitch; yarn over and pull through 2 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, yarn over and pull through last 2 loops.

As you are working this stitch, pull up on the stitch so that when you are done, it is level with the other stitches of that row. You then skip the stitch on the current row and continue working stitches in the next stitches as per the instructions.

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