

Rainbow Promise



This pattern blends the cuteness of fleece with the softness of yarn. The rainbow of colors around the perimeter represent the promise we make to the pets we adopt. We'll be there for them, good or bad, much like the promise God made to mankind, with the rainbow. So this is one of my favorite blankets to make for pets!

Getting Started! You'll need two crochet hooks, size K and N. You'll also need two 14" wide pieces of fleece, an awl (or rotary cutter) to poke holes around the perimeter, and yarn in the colors of purple, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Of course you can use yarn in any color combination, but I really like to duplicate the colors of the rainbow! I doubled the yarn, and used two strands together, just to make the blanket thicker.

Prep the fleece – Place two pieces of fleece together with the more vibrant sides facing outward. Cut both pieces together, to a perimeter of approximately 14". I used a safety pin to hold them together, since you don't want them to shift at all. I found if they shifted it was hard to line them up perfectly again!

Next, use an awl or rotary cutter with the appropriate blade to cut holes approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart along the perimeter of both pieces of fleece. I kept the pieces pinned and just lifted the top piece a bit to use by rotary cutter. I placed the holes about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge. These holes form the foundation you'll be using as you crochet around the perimeter.

Row 1 in black (*two strands used for all the colors*) – Use crochet hook size K and SC into each hole along the perimeter, tie off and weave in ends.

Row 2 in purple – Switch to crochet hook N, which you'll use for the rest of the blanket. Join new color into any SC stitch. HDC into each SC all around the perimeter, tie off and weave in ends.

Row 3 in blue – Join new color into any HDC stitch. HDC into each stitch all around the perimeter, tie off and weave in ends.

Row 4 in green – Join new color into any HDC stitch. HDC into each stitch all around the perimeter, tie off and weave in ends.

Row 5 in yellow – Join new color into any HDC stitch. For this row, you'll still put HDCs all around the perimeter, but you'll enlarge the row a bit by putting 2 HDCs into every 16th HDC. Then tie off and weave in ends.

Row 6 in orange – Join new color into any HDC stitch. HDC into each HDC all around the perimeter, putting two HDCs every time you run into a double-HDC stitch.

Row 7 in red – Join new color into any HDC stitch. HDC into each HDC all around the perimeter, putting two HDCs every time you run into a double-HDC stitch.

Final Row in black – Your final row should be SC all around the perimeter, tie off and weave in ends.

Key:

HDC - half double crochet

SC – single crochet

