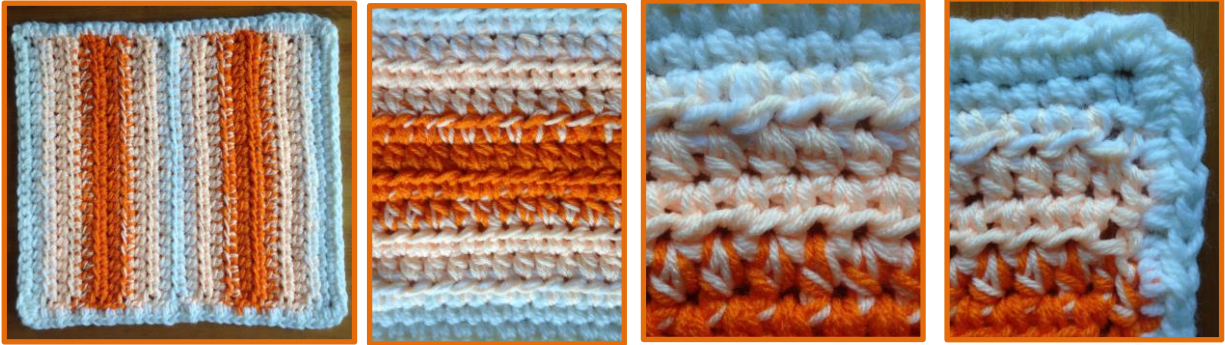


## Fade Away



**Getting Started!** I suggest using 4-ply yarn and a “N” sized hook for best results. For this pattern I used two strands of yarn together to make the transitions smoother and create a thick, soft blanket. If possible, use three shades of a similar color.

**Chain 58** - Use 2 STR of first color (C1)

**Row 1** – SC in second CH from hook and across using 2 STR of C1.

**Row 2** – CH 2, HDC across using 2 STR of C1.

**Row 3** – Cut one strand and tie on next color (C2), CH 2, HDC across with 1 STR of C1 and C2.

**Row 4** – Cut the strand of C1 and tie on C2, CH 2, HDC across with 2 STR of C2.

**Row 5** – CH 2, HDC across using 2 STR of C2.

**Row 6** – Cut one strand and tie on next color (C3), CH 2, HDC across with 1 STR of C2 and C3.

**Row 7** – Cut the strand of C2 and tie on C3, CH 2, HDC across with 2 STR of C3.

**Row 8** – CH 2, HDC across using 2 STR of C3.

**Repeat rows 3 through 8** – This time reverse the colors, so that they fade back down to C1. Repeat again, fading up or down, as many times as needed for a rectangular pet blanket.

**Edging** - Edge with SC crochet, using 2 STR of the color of your choice, putting 3 stitches into each corner.

### Key:

STR – Strand of yarn

C1 – Color one, lightest shade

C2 – Color two, medium shade

C3 – Color three, darkest shade

CH- Chain

SC – Single crochet

HDC – Half double crochet