Granny Spikes

I just love making granny squares, so I'm always on the lookout for similar stitches. I found this stitch that is like a granny stitch, but adds a spike to it. I helps the colors blend into each other, and I think makes a very nice effect. It's also a great pattern to use up remnant yarn you may have. Since there will be a lot of tails to weave in, I'd suggest leaving the tails very long, when you cut the yarn at the end of each row. It made it so much easier to weave them all in.

Gather your comfort tools: I suggest using leftover 4-ply yarn and a "I" sized hook for best results.

Get started helping pets - CH 56 in your starting color!

Row 1 – Work 3DC into the 5th CH from the hook, CH1, * skip 3 CH, 3DC in next CH, CH1, repeat from * until you near the end. Once you reach the last 4 CH, skip 3 CH, work 2 DC into last CH, turn.

Row 2 – CH2, * work (DC, long DC into the middle chain from foundation row, DC) into next CH1 space, CH1, repeat from * across to the end. Put 2DC into beginning CH, turn.

Row 3 – CH2, * work (DC, SPIKE, DC), into next CH1 space, CH1, repeat from * across to end. Work 2DC in beginning CH2, turn.

Row 4 to 38 – Repeat row 3 for pattern.

Row 39 – *Do this row in black, or whatever color you'll use for the border.* CH2, HDC into the top of each stitch. When you reach the CH1 space, put a "long" HDC into the top of the SC two rows down (to close up the gap). Your pattern will be * HDC into 3 stitches, HDC into stitch two rows down, repeat from * across.

Border – Once you reach the end of row 39, just continue around the perimeter, putting 3 HDCs into each corner and HDC along each side. For the sample I then added a second row of DCs all around (putting 3 into each corner).

Key:
CH – chain   DC – double crochet   SPIKE – long DC worked into the middle stitch 2 rows below