

# Coral Reef Shell Stitch Crochet Afghan Pattern



You'll want to be snorkeling somewhere in the vast ocean when you see this Coral Reef Shell Stitch Crochet Afghan Pattern. Made using the shell stitch, this crochet pattern is super easy to work up. Its beauty is in its simplicity, and it would look lovely in any room of your home or across anyone's lap.

This crochet blanket almost looks lacy and would work well in any season. You'll be craving a vacation to somewhere with coral reefs in the Caribbean or the Pacific Ocean when you start this pattern. With the vintage look of the shell stitches to the stripes of pretty coral and white, this will be your new favorite crochet afghan.

**Crochet Hook** H/8 or 5 mm hook

**Yarn Weight** (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

**Crochet Gauge** Rows 2-9 4; Shell, sc 2

**Finished Size** 43" x 55"

## Materials List

- **RED HEART Super Saver Yarn:** 3 skeins each: 0313 Aran, 0726 Coral
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook or size needed for gauge

## Crochet Afghan Pattern:

**Special Stitch:** Shell – 7 dc in space or stitch as indicated in instructions.

**Note:** Afghan is crocheted in multiples of 8 plus 3 chs.

1. **Row 1 (RS):** With Aran ch 155, dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 2, skip 2 chs, dc in next ch, \*ch 2, skip 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, ch 2, skip 2 chs, dc in next ch, repeat from \* across to last 4 chs, ch 2, skip 2 chs, dc in last 2 chs, turn.
2. **Row 2:** Ch 5, sc in ch 2 space, ch 3, sc in next ch 2 space, \*ch 5, sc in next ch 2 space, ch 3, sc in next ch 2 space, repeat from \* across to last 2 dc, ch 2, skip 1 dc, dc in last dc, turn.
3. **Row 3:** Ch 3, 3 dc in first ch 2 space, sc in next ch 3 space, (Shell in ch 5 space, sc in next ch 3 space) across to last ch 3 space, 3 dc in last ch 2 space, dc in last dc, turn.
4. **Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in first 2 dc, ch 2, skip 2 dc, dc in next sc, \*ch 2, skip 2 dc, sc in next 3 dc, ch 2, skip 2 dc, dc in next sc, repeat from \* across to last 4 dc, ch 2, skip 2 dc, sc in last 2 dc, fasten off and turn.
5. **Row 5:** Join Coral in first stitch, ch 3, dc in next sc, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2, \* dc in next 3 sc, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2, repeat from \* across to last 2 sc, ch 2, dc in last 2 sc, turn.
6. **Row 6:** Repeat Row 2.
7. **Row 7:** Repeat Row 3.
8. **Row 8:** Repeat Row 4, fasten off and turn.
9. **Row 9:** Join Aran in first stitch and continue with Row 5.

**See image bellow**



## Color Scheme

Continue pattern repeating Rows 2 – 9 as follows:  
(4 rows Aran, 4 rows Coral) 9 more times; 4 rows Aran)

## Edging

1. **Round 1:** With Coral work along top edge (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in right corner sc, \*3 dc in next dc, skip 1 sc, (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in next sc, repeat from \* across ending (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in last sc, Work along side edge 3 dc in first dc space,, \*skip 1 dc space, (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in next dc space, 3 dc in next dc, space, repeat from \* across. Work along bottom edge (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in first dc, \*skip 1 dc, 3 dc in ch below next dc, skip 1 dc, (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in ch below next dc, repeat from \* across ending (2 dc, ch 4, 2 dc) in last dc. Work along side edge matching stitches, join to beginning dc.
2. **Round 2:** Slip stitch to ch 4 space sc in same space, ch 4, \*skip 2 dc, sc in space before next 3 dc, ch 3, skip 3 dc, sc in space before next 2 dc, ch 3, sc in ch 4 space, ch 3, repeat from \* across ending ch 4, sc in corner ch 4 space, ch 4, repeat pattern around entire throw ending ch 4, join to beginning sc and fasten off.