15. AFGHAN SQUARE

Ch 8, join with slip st to form a ring.

**Rnd 1** (Right side): Work beginning Cluster as follows: ch 3, (YO, insert hook in ring and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook (**beginning Cluster made**), ch 5, work Cluster in ring as follows: (YO, insert hook in ring and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times, YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook (**Cluster made**), ch 2, * work (Cluster, ch5, Cluster) in ring, ch 2; repeat from * 2 times more; join with slip st to top of beginning Cluster: 8 Clusters.

**Note:** Loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch to mark last rnd as right side.

**Rnd 2:** Slip st in first ch-5 sp, work (beginning Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in same sp, ch2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2. * work (Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning Cluster.

**Rnd 3:** Slip st in first ch-3 sp, work (beginning Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2. * work (Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning Cluster.

**Rnds 4 and 5:** Slip st in first ch-3 sp, work (beginning Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each dc across to next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, * work (Cluster, ch 3, Cluster) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, work 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each dc across to next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; repeat from * around; join with slip st to top of beginning Cluster; do not finish off: 60 dc. Work Edging.

If working in squares, finish off as follows:

**Edging:**

**Round 1:** With right side facing, ch 1, work 3 sc in same corner, * work 25 sc evenly spaced across to next corner, work 3 sc in corner, repeat from * 2 times more, join with slip st to first sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next sc, * sc in next 27 sc, 3 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 times more, sc in each sc across; join with slip st to first sc. Finish off.

To make a blanket using this pattern, make multiple small squares and stitch together, or continue working Rnds 4 and 5, increasing square size in each row by adding dcs.