Knot Your Nanas Crochet

Zoo Blanket

I used Moda Vera Marvel 8ply
350g of the blue
350g of the green
250g of the brown

This blanket fits a single bed and measures 38 x 58 inches

If you would like to make a slightly bigger blanket the pattern for the Little Blossom's Blanket is here http://www.knotyournanascrochet.com/p/little-blossoms-blanket.htmland measures 44 x 62 inches

The other option to get a smaller blanket would be to do only 9 squares, 3x3.

Using a 5.50 mm hook and dk/8 ply yarn (I used Moda Vera Marvel)

Gauge: 7 hdc and 5 rows = 2 inches

Blocks (base for the appliqués)

Make 6 green and 6 blue.

Row 1: Ch 36, hdc in 3rd ch from the hook and across. (35 hdc)
Row 2-30: Ch 2, turn. Hdc across. (35 hdc)

Ch 1, turn. 3 sc into the corner, sc in next 33 st, 3 sc into the corner, place 36 sc evenly down the side of the block, 3 sc into the corner, sc in next 33, 3 sc into the corner, 36 sc evenly back up the side. Join to first sc with a sl st. Finish off and weave in ends.

Border For Each Block (with brown)

Join yarn in a corner stitch, ch 2, 2 hdc into the same space. Hdc in each stitch until corner. When you reach the corner stitch place 3 hdc into the stitch. Continue to hdc in each stitch around placing 3 hdc in each corner. Join to top of ch 2 with a sl st and finish off.

Joining blocks together: (with brown)

There are many ways to join blocks together but for this blanket I decided to single crochet them together which gives each block a raised border. You can find the instructions for this here:http://yscmama.typepad.com/little_purl/2007/04/joining_squares.html

I also have a post here on all the different joining methods you can use:http://www.knotyournanascrochet.com/2013/04/10-different-ways-to-join-granny-squares.html

Border for entire blanket:

Round 1: With brown, join yarn in a corner stitch, ch 2, 2 hdc into the same space. Hdc in each stitch until corner. When you reach the corner stitch place 3 hdc into the stitch. Continue to hdc in each stitch around placing 3 hdc in each corner. Join to top of ch 2 with a sl st and finish off.

It is important to keep the same amount of stitches on each parallel side. The top should have the same as the bottom and both sides should have the same.

Round 2: With green, join yarn in a corner stitch, Ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc into the corner. * skip 2 stitches, dc into the next st, ch 1, dc into the stitch before dc just made* Repeat around placing (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) into each corner. Join to the top of ch 3 with a sl st and finish off. *You are making crossed dc around.*

Round 3: With blue, join yarn in corner space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc into the corner space. {*ch 1, 3 dc into space between each crossed dc (not in the ch 1 space)*. Repeat until corner (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the corner.} Repeat around. Join to top of ch 3 with a sl st and finish off.

Round 4: With green, join yarn in corner space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc into the corner space. {*ch 1, 3 dc into space between each crossed dc (not in the ch 1 space)*. Repeat until corner (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the corner.} Repeat around. Join to top of ch 3 with a sl st and finish off.

Round 5: With blue, join yarn in corner space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc into the corner space. {*ch 1, 3 dc into space between each crossed dc (not in the ch 1 space)*. Repeat until corner (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the corner.} Repeat around. Join to top of ch 3 with a sl st and finish off.

Round 6: I used the double v stitch for my last round http://bunnymummy-jacquie.blogspot.com.au/2010/11/double-v-edging.html