Diamond Temperature Blanket

F		C	Yarn
100		38	Dark Red
90		32	Red
80		27	Scarlet
70		21	Orange
60		16	Yellow
50		10	Rich Green
40		4	Green
30		-1	Sky Blue
20		-7	Blue
10		-12	Purple
0		-18	Pinky Purple
-10		-23	Magenta

When choosing colors for your blanket, choose a palette that blends well together.

You will also have to decide if you are doing low temps, high temps or averages for the day. This will affect the number of colors you are going to use, depending on the area you live in. If you get a large range of temperatures, you may need two shades of one color, a lighter shade and a darker shade. Keep track of which color goes with which temperature range, using a chart or a piece of cardboard with yarn attached. If you get fewer variations in temperature, you may only need to use one shade of each color. Do some research to find out what the historical temperature ranges are in your area to get an idea of what range of temperatures you'll have. https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/ is a good site for this.

Purchasing yarn: If you aren't near a yarn store, you may be able to order from Joann.com, or some other site that sells yarn. Amazon typically charges more than most for yarn, so it's better to go to a craft store than buy from them. If you've done your research, you'll have a general idea of how many rows you may end up with in each color. Choose a yarn that is popular/common, because it will be most likely to be in stock at any given time. Don't buy fancy yarns for this, because you *will* run out of a color and you may not be able to get that same color again. Stick with the same brand/style as much as possible, too.

Possible options for yarn: Caron Simply Soft, Caron One Pound, Lion Pound of Love (pastels), Red Heart Super Saver/Jumbo

You will go through a LOT of yarn for this blanket. Consider getting bigger skeins (one pound goes a long way) rather than smaller, and depending on your budget, cheaper is better, too! (And remember the coupons!!)

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Pattern Information:

"Navajo Diamond" pattern temperature blanket with H (5.00mm) hook (using Caron Simply Soft)

4"x4"= approximately 18 stitches/18 rows

 313 stitches = 70"

375 rows=84"

Each row is worked separately. You will leave about a 5" tail at the start and end of each row that will be tied off in sections.

Do not turn, start each new row on the same side (like a typewriter, but right to left).

This pattern will make a continuous year, with **_no_** month marking rows.

SCs are made in *Back Loops*

DCs are made in **Front Loops of the second row below current row.**

(For beginners: when crocheting, there are two loops on the top of the previous row, and usually you would take your hook through both loops to make a new stitch, but for this pattern, you are only using the back loops for the SC stitches, and front loops for DC stitches. Alternatively, another way you could do the blanket is to SC through both loops, and do a "front post double crochet" on the second row below by taking your hook from right to left behind the entire "post" or stitch, and doing the regular DC stitch.)

Close-up detail for reference:

Beginning of Pattern:

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Start with a border color for 5 row border (use a darker color you are not using in your temperature pattern, such as black or grey)

With border color: Leaving 5" tail, loosely chain 313 (*to keep track, use safety pin markers every 10-20!). Cut 5" tail and pull through final stitch to tie off chain.

For wider or thinner blankets add or subtract 28 stitches (one pattern repeat). You will have two stitches on either end of the rows that are NOT included in the repeats.
[Stitch counts for various widths: 285 (10 diamonds), 341 (12 diamonds), 369 (13 diamonds), 397 (14 diamonds), 453 (16 diamonds)]

Border: Rows 1-5:
Row 1: Continuing with border color, right side facing, insert hook in back loop of first chain and pull through a loop, chain 2 (**On every row, this will count as your first sc**), leaving a 5" length of yarn at the beginning of the row.
Sc in each back loop across with border color, chain one and cut a 5" tail, pull end through to finish row.
Row 2-5: Right side facing, Insert hook in back loop of ch2. Leaving a 5" length of yarn, chain 2 for first SC, SC across, bind off with a ch1 and cut 5" tail, pulling end through to finish row.
Remember to fasten off at the end of each row and DO NOT TURN, go back to the beginning of your rows each time, like a typewriter. (Sorry, I know this is repetitive, but it's very important!)

Note: you will not need to weave in the ends. This blanket calls for fringe! You will finish with 376 rows of fringe, so it's a good idea to tie off the ends into a simple knot every few rows. I would recommend 3 strands at a time (you'll have 125 knots on each side of the blanket at the end--the last 4 will be together because you'll have one extra due to your foundation row), tying them as close to the blanket as possible without pulling too tightly on your stitches. Take all three strands together and loop them through together in a basic knot, the strands should look like a tassel. You may need to trim some of the tassels when finished, depending on the lengths of each. Try to cut them no shorter than 4" long (after tying off).

Diamond Pattern:
Repeat pattern in [ ]. Pattern repeats 11 times per row for 313 stitches per row.

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With yarn color for day 1/Jan. 1, you will begin the diamond pattern.

Row 6: Right side facing, insert hook in first back loop st and pull through a loop of the new color, chain 2 (**On every row, this will count as your first sc**), 1 more sc , 1 dc in 2nd front loop below, [27 sc, 1 dc] end with 2 sc. Be sure to skip 1 back loop when doing each dc.

Row 7: 3 sc (**remember, ch 2 counts as first sc**), 1 dc, [25 sc, 1 dc, 1 sc, 1 dc], 3 sc.

Row 8: 4 sc, 1 dc, [23 sc, 1 dc, 3 sc, 1 dc], 4 sc.

Row 9: 5 sc, 1 dc, [21 sc, 1 dc, 5 sc, 1 dc], 5 sc.

Row 10: 6 sc, 1 dc, [19 sc, 1 dc, 7 sc, 1 dc], 6 sc.

Row 11: 7 sc, 1 dc, [17 sc, 1 dc, 9 sc, 1 dc], 7 sc.

Row 12: 8 sc, 1 dc, [15 sc, 1 dc, 11 sc, 1 dc], 8 sc.

Row 13: 9 sc, 1 dc, [13 sc, 1 dc], 9 sc.

Row 14: 10 sc, 1 dc, [11 sc, 1 dc, 15 sc, 1 dc], 10 sc.

Row 15: 11 sc, 1 dc, [9 sc, 1 dc, 17 sc, 1 dc] 11 sc.

Row 16: 12 sc, 1 dc, [7 sc, 1 dc, 19 sc, 1 dc], 12 sc.

Row 17: 13 sc, 1 dc, [5 sc, 1 dc, 21 sc, 1 dc], 13 sc.

Row 18: 14 sc, 1 dc, [3 sc, 1 dc, 23 sc, 1 dc], 14 sc.

Row 19: 15 sc, 1 dc, [1 sc, 1 dc, 25 sc, 1 dc], 15 sc.

Row 20: 16 sc, 1 dc, [27 sc, 1 dc], 16 sc.

Row 21: 15 sc, 1 dc, [1 sc, 1 dc, 25 sc, 1 dc], 15 sc.

Row 22: 14 sc, 1 dc, [3 sc, 1 dc, 23 sc, 1 dc], 14 sc.

Row 23: 13 sc, 1 dc, [5 sc, 1 dc, 21 sc, 1 dc], 13 sc.

Row 24: 12 sc, 1 dc, [7 sc, 1 dc, 19 sc, 1 dc], 12 sc.

Row 25: 11 sc, 1 dc, [9 sc, 1 dc, 17 sc, 1 dc] 11 sc.

Row 26: 10 sc, 1 dc, [11 sc, 1 dc, 15 sc, 1 dc], 10 sc.

Row 27: 9 sc, 1 dc, [13 sc, 1 dc], 9 sc.

Row 28: 8 sc, 1 dc, [15 sc, 1 dc, 11 sc, 1 dc], 8 sc.

Row 29: 7 sc, 1 dc, [17 sc, 1 dc, 9 sc, 1 dc], 7 sc.

Row 30: 6 sc, 1 dc, [19 sc, 1 dc, 7 sc, 1 dc], 6 sc.

Row 31: 5 sc, 1 dc, [21 sc, 1 dc, 5 sc, 1 dc], 5 sc.

Row 32: 4 sc, 1 dc, [23 sc, 1 dc, 3 sc, 1 dc], 4 sc.

Row 33: 3 sc, 1 dc, [25 sc, 1 dc, 1 sc, 1 dc], 3 sc.

Repeat Pattern Rows 6-33. (repeats 13 times for 364 days/rows)

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Last pattern row (day 365): Repeat Pattern Row 6.

Finish with beginning border color for 5 rows of sc.

Remember to tie off all of your fringe and trim as needed.

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