Galaxies Far Away for SC version of CAL – US Terms

a tribute to memorable Star Wars characters

Stitch Abbreviations – US Terms

Sl st – slip stitch
Sc – single crochet
Hdc – half double crochet
Blo – back loop only

Special Surface Stitch: *Some of the characters' details get lost in the stitches, so I thought it would be fun and good to add a little surface embellishment where needed to help the details show, i.e. Muftak (four eyes with a straw for a mouth). His mouth especially ends up looking something like a stain if left as is. Of course, for the blocks it requires more ends to bury which may not be your cup of tea. The surface embellishment within the blocks is totally up to you.*

The Special Surface stitch is merely slip stitching between two rows for the purposes of definition or highlighting or outlining an image or shape. You may use this technique with certain blocks and the final border around your Galaxies Far Away afghan.

With the yarn in back of the character block, holding onto the end so you don't pull it out, insert your hook into the stitch you need to embellish from the top side of your block, draw up a loop to the top surface and then insert the hook in the next stitch on top through the back to draw up another loop and sl-st. Do this for the number of stitches required in that color. After the last surface stitch, you'll want to draw up the yarn through your last loop, cut a 4" length and with a needle bring the 4" to the back to be buried in the same color area. In the case of Muftak, the mouth (straw) is a single column of 3 stitches, so easy-peasy. Sy Snootles, on the other hand, will require at least her tusks to be outlined in the same fashion. You would just follow the white stitches around for each tusk. The slight raised texture will help define them nicely, I think.

Edging round around each block:

Round 1: With black join in the back loop of any middle corner st.
    *3hdc in corner st, hdc in each st to next corner * repeat 3 times more.
    Join with a sl-st in back loop only of 1st hdc. Making sure to have the same number of stitches in each side evenly spaced.
Round 2: With gray join in corner st, 3sc in corner st, sc in each st to next corner

     repeat 3 times more, join with a sl-st in back loop of 1st sc.
Round 3: With Black repeat round 2.

Block Layout for joining: Please see **The Galaxies Far Away Block Reference Sheets file.** This shows all the character blocks available in this afghan CAL to help you choose your layout if you are making a smaller version or to play with whether you want your afghan for a certain size bed or a family night movie couch afghan. I wanted you to be able to read the character name under each block
Joining:

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Row 1 join two blocks across with sc stitch as red stitch line indicates	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶

First it is best to join each row of squares across as a horizontal strip by working the *****sc join** as described below along the inside edges of the squares. Repeat this process for each row of blocks. Then you are ready to join the rows together:

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Row 1	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 2	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 3	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 4	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 5	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 6	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶
Row 7	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶

***SC Join
With Red and with wrong sides facing each other, and right sides facing out using only the back loops from both squares (these will be the 2 loops touching each other),join with a slip st in the middle of the 3 hdc worked in the corner,
ch1, insert your hook into the back loop of first square, then the back loop of the second square, yo and pull through, continue working a back loop sc all the way across the rows. Fasten off.
Repeat this process for each horizontal row, paying attention that the squares are all facing the right direction..

Now for the finishing of your afghan you will use the same stitches as around each block for the last time around your Galaxies Far Away afghan. **Aren't you excited?!?!?!?!!!!! :D**

BORDER: ALL STITCHES WORKED IN BACK LOOP ONLY

Round 1: With black join in the back loop of any middle corner st..
      *3hdc in corner st, hdc in each st to next corner * repeat 3 times more.
      Join with a sl-st in back loop only of 1st hdc.
Round 2: With light gray join in corner st, **3sc in corner st, sc in each st to next corner**
       repeat 3 times more, join with a sl-st in back loop of 1st sc.
Round 3: With Red repeat round 2.
Round 4: With Gray repeat round 2.
Round 5: With Black repeat round 1.

Optional surface round
Using red, work **Special Surface Stitches** around the entire blanket using the row which joins edge of squares to border. This will cover our blankets with a professional finish. If you prefer, you can swap the red for your favorite light saber colour.

I hope you found this CAL a worthwhile project and I really hope it gives you and yours a lifetime of enjoyment.

May the Force be with you all!