

## Afghan Squares Belt



**SIZE:** Adjustable.

**MATERIALS:** Unpolished jute, such as Lily Mills Jute-Tone, (1) 4-oz. spool each of rose (A), pink (B) and red (C). Aluminum crochet hook size I (Or English size 5.)

**GAUGE:** Each small square = 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; each large square = 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

**Notes:** Hook size and yarn determine size of square. Squares are worked tightly to minimize stretching. When changing colors, work over all short ends of yarn to hide them. Work over short ends when crocheting edging.

**SQUARE:** With A, ch 3, join with sl st to form ring.

**RND 1:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), make 2 dc in ring, ch 3, \* 3 dc in ring, ch 3, repeat from \* twice, join with sl st to top of ch 3. End off A.

**RND 2:** Join B in a ch-3 sp, ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), 2 hdc in same sp, hdc in 2nd dc of 3-dc cluster, \* (3 hdc, ch 1, 3 hdc) in corner ch-3 sp, hdc in 2nd dc of 3-dc cluster, repeat from \* twice, 3 hdc, ch 1 in same sp as first 3 hdc, join with sl st to top of ch 2. End off B.

**RND 3:** Join C in a ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp as joining, \* sc in each of 7 hdc, work sc, ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp at corner, repeat from \* 3 times, end last repeat sc in same sp as joining. Join with sl st to ch 1. End off C.

**EDGING:** Attach C in 2nd sc on long edge. Work same as for other belt to first corner, ch 2; on short edge, work 1 sc in each of 2 sc, ch 2, skip 1 sc, work 1 sc in each of 3 sc, ch 2, skip 1 sc, work 1 sc in each of 2 sc, ch 2, work sc across long edge as before, work 4 loops on short edge as before. Join with sl st to first sc on edging.

**LACING:** Using 1 strand of each color, make a twisted cord desired length. (see below). Lace through front as shown.

### **MAKE A TWISTED CORD (Optional)**

Method requires two people. Tie one end of yarn around pencil. Loop yarn over center of second pencil, back to and around first, and back to second, making as many strands between pencils as needed for thickness of cord; knot end of pencil. Length of yarn between pencils should be three times length of cord desired. Each person holds yarn just below pencil with one hand and twists pencil with other hand, keeping yarn taut. When yarn begins to kink, catch center over doorknob or hook. Bring pencils together for one person to hold, while other grasps center of yarn, sliding hand down at short intervals, letting yarn twist.