

Allen, Carrie, Terrece Beesley, and Jo Packham. *Country Afghans*. Birmingham, Alabama: Oxmoor House, 1994. Print. Vanessa-Ann Collection.

This is another book I have tucked away in my crafting supplies, I ruffled through it to find blanket patterns earlier during Capstone Week. As the name would imply, it has pattern pertaining to afghans with Western attributes. Most of the patterns featured are brightly colored and are weaved into particular shapes. I honestly was wasn't expecting to find to many useful patterns in the book, and that turned out to be partially true. There aren't patterns in there that I would follow verbatim but it did give the idea to make my blankets triangles, well this book and my Mentor. I realized, with both of their help that triangles are the easiest and quickest blankets to make.

Care & Wash. *Washing Crochet*. Creative World DMC . March 18, 2014. Web. February 3, 2017. <<http://www.dmc-usa.com/Education/How-To/Care-and-Wash/Washing-Crochet.aspx>>.

This is a website that is dedicated to helping beginner crafters understand the fundamentals of caring for their projects beyond completion. It includes instructions on how to block and finish projects, how to clean needles, how to remove stains from certain fabrics, and more. I'm not particularly adept in any one of those fields since I've focused mainly on learning new stitches and techniques but not methods on how to manage my projects afterwards. In order to be able to donate my blankets I'll have to spend at least a week washing and drying them appropriately. Though I'm sure my Mentor also has techniques she'll show me come May.

Chachula, Robyn. *Crochet Stitches Visual Encyclopedia: 300 Stitch Patterns, Edgings, and More*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley, 2011. Print.

Like *Knitting 101*, this book was gifted to me about eight years ago by my Aunt and Mentor when I first began to learn Needle Crafting. It taught me all the basics of Crocheting, everything from abbreviations to stitch extensions. And since I took up Crocheting more adamantly, I've used this book as a near constant reference when I find myself stuck on a Project. Now, it helps me manage the unique Projects of Crochet Club Members. As a booked filled with the basics of Crochet, it was the perfect resource to find Beginner Level Projects that I wanted to introduce to the Club.

Chan, Doris. *Convertible Crochet: Customizable Designs For Stylish Garments*. New York: Potter Craft, 2013. Print.

This is an advanced crochet book I bought several years ago, it contains patterns for both motifs and clothing items. All the patterns are written by a Crafter I'm very fond of, Doris Chan, and I've used it in the past to find inspiration when I undertook clothing projects. At first I didn't think it would be relevant to my Capstone Project in any way, it doesn't include any pattern relevant to infants, so I overlooked it when I sorted through my books. But as time passed, and I became less resolved on what items to make for donations, I flipped through the book for ideas. And I found some, the book does contain motif patterns and seeing them made me understand that blankets would with the most useful items I could make for donation.

Hammett, Carri. *Knitting 101*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Creative Pub. International, 2012. Print.

Back when I first began to learn Needle Crafting, when I was about nine-years old, this was one the first books on the subject my Aunt gave to me. She was the one who introduced me to Crocheting and Knitting, though I admittedly favored the latter over the former. Nevertheless, when I told my Aunt that I wanted to take up that long forgotten Needle Craft she instructed me to locate this book and review it while she sent over supplies. The book itself is simply filled from cover-to-cover with the basics of Knitting, it contains everything from beginners stitches to gauge measurements. It's been very helpful to have a book that my Mentor gifted to me.

Childs, Anne. *Afghans For All Seasons*. Little Rock, Arkansas: Leisure Arts Inc, 1993. Print. Crochet Treasury.

In the beginning, after I had used Doris Chan's writings to decide on making blankets in bulk, I was still struggling to find blankets patterns that I could make in my allotted time. As the name would imply, the book consists of Afghans patterns that can be used year round. Which, I thought, would be helpful seeing as though I would be making blankets, particularly baby blankets, in bulk nearly all year round for my Capstone. But I found that most of the patterns listed in the book were either too time consuming or costly for me to undertake. While I scrapped most of the patterns I had made from the book due to these complications, I kept some patterns that managed to fit my time and price range.

*Donate Toys, Games, and Supplies to Child Life.* June 23, 2016. Web. February 3, 2017.  
<<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/child-life-education-and-creative-arts-therapy/donate-to-ys>>.

A major aspect of how I'll complete my Capstone Project is where I'll donate all the blankets I'll produce. At one of my previous schools, I had been a member of Warm Hearts, Warm Heads a crafter clubs that collectively made blankets and donated them to the Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia. So I was already predisposed to take my donation there but I didn't know what standards my blankets would have to meet in order to be fit for donation. I found that all items must be individually washed, dried, and packaged in order to be accepted. I'm glad I looked into this, as it would have been heartbreaking to make everything and not be able to donate it.

*Eckman, Edie. Around The Corner Crochet Borders: 150 Colorful, Creative Crocheted Edgings With Charts & Instructions For Turning The corner Perfectly Every Time.* North Adams, Massachusetts: Storey Publishing, 2010. Print.

I found this book online a couple years ago, it's filled from cover-to-cover with ways of personalizing a projects. Borders, as the name implies, are the rows of stitches that run the perimeter of projects. This book helps me add a unique touch to each of my blankets as I face the unexpected problem of redundancy when I'm creating the blankets. As I've been focusing on completing blankets for my Capstone more and more, the quickest blankets to make are type of the triangle variety. I can make one triangle blanket in about thirty-six hours, whereas it takes about twenty-four hours to complete a square blanket and even more time to complete a blanket with more sides. I want to complete my goals but I'd also like for my creations to have a personal touch to them, this book has helped me do so.

*Red Heart. Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Thread Crochet .* Red Heart Inc. October 5, 2015. Web. February 3, 2017.  
<<http://www.redheart.com/learn/articles/ultimate-beginners-guide-to-thread-crochet>>.

Since the final products of my Capstone Project will end up in close proximity to children, I found it necessary to research the healthiest yarns for infants and small children. This website was composed by experienced crafters, most of which of mothers. I found, or rather confirmed since it's common knowledge within the Crafter community, that Acrylic yarns are best when making baby blankets. The fabric is light enough as to not smother the child but also durable enough to withstand roughhousing. Most brands of yarn will have a branch section that is exclusively Acrylic and targeted for baby blankets or other baby products, like booties and

mittens. I've been making my blanket, for my Capstone, exclusively with Acrylic yarns from Bernat.

Simcik, Jennifer. *Afghan Enchantment*. Big Sandy, Texas: Needlecraft Shop, 1996. Print.

In my search for the ideal pattern to make in bulk, I turned to *Afghan Enchantments* for inspiration. It a book filled with blanket patterns tailored for infants and young children that one could make for expecting mothers. Most of the patterns listed I couldn't use, like before, either because they were time consuming or went above my weekly budget. But after briefly speaking with my Mentor about what patterns would be best to use, I went back through the book and found several useful ones. My Capstone isn't as meticulously as others may be but it's important to find patterns that will allow me to meet me goals.