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This rug is made of a continuous strip of cord, crocheted in different colors, to look like a five sided tube, which is then sewed into the desired shape. It is made with Lily Rug Yarn, using black, 8 skeins and dusty rose 7 skeins in the border. The remainder of the rug is made in a hit and miss effect, using short lengths of the following colors: 1 skein each of cream, beige, yellow, blue, rose pink, light green and emerald green. A Lily Viking Aero Crochet Hook size H-6 will produce a rug approximately 27x41 inches.

**CENTER:** Crocheted Cord: with one of the 8 colors, ch 2, making



1st st about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, 4 sc in this long st. 1 sc in next ch st, 1 sc in back loop of next 4 sc (5 sc in row). Cup circle with right side of sts inside cup. (1 sc in back loop of each sc) repeated around and around, making a 5 sided cord. In this way make about 2 inches of cord. Insert hook in next sc, catch yarn and pull through (2 loops on hook). Drop this color of yarn, draw a loop of another color through the 2 loops on hook, completing sc. Tie the starting end of this 2d color to 1st color in a single knot. Do not pull it up too tight to sc,

but leave it slightly loose. Cut the 2 threads about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from sc, pull the knot and ends over into center of cord, and working around behind them, gradually enclosing them inside cord, continue with 1 sc in back loop of each sc. Make a section of cord with this color, then change colors again. When joining fresh colors, untwist cord so that the joining can be made on the same exact "side" of cord directly in line with previous joining. Then when cords are sewn together, the "jog" in colors at all joinings can be put on back of rug, out of sight. Continue making cord, using all 8 colors, varying the lengths of color sections and joining blending colors;  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches from starting end bend cord back on itself and start sewing it together, using carpet warp or other heavy thread. Work on back of rug with tight over-and-over stitches, 2 sts to each sc, following along exactly this same lengthwise row of sc on each cord; with care, stitches can be invisible, making both sides of rug right. Make and sew cord to 1st  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inch center length, around end and back on opposite side and continue on around and around. Leave 2 lengthwise rows of sc on front and 1 row on back between the sewing rows. This forms a rounded front to cords and a flat back to rug. Continue until center is 24 cords wide. Keep work laid flat on a table while sewing is done, to avoid cupping. Finish at one end by tapering cord to a point, 2 rows of 4 sc each, 2 rows of 3 sc, and close with a few sl sts.

**BORDER:** Make 3 rows of black, 4 rows of dusty rose and 3 rows of black. Each of these rows is a separate length of cord. Finish each by lapping the last end over starting end and sewing together.

Lay rug right side down on a large board or table and steam with a wet cloth and hot iron, then press through a dry cloth until perfectly dry, or let dry naturally over night.