Hearth & Home Rug

Bring interesting texture to a space with a contemporary crocheted rug. Choose any two colors that blend or contrast with your décor. If placed on hard flooring, use it with a non-slip rug pad for safety.
RUG
With A, ch 79.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—78 st.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc; change to B, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, sc in back loops only of next 2 sc; repeat from * to last 2 sc, sc in last 2 sc, turn.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc; change to A, turn.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, tr in front loops only of next 2 sc 2 rows below, *sc in next 4 sc, tr in front loops only of next 2 sc 2 rows below; repeat from * to last 2 sc, sc in last 2 sc, turn.
Rows 6–8: Ch 1, sc in each sc; change to B at end of Row 8, turn.
Row 9: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, sc in back loops only of next 2 sc; *sc in next 4 sc, sc in back loops only of next 2 sc; repeat from * to last 5 sc, sc in last 5 sc, turn.
Row 10: Ch 1, sc in each sc; change to A, turn.
Row 11: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, tr in front loops only of next 2 sc 2 rows below, *sc in next 4 sc, tr in front loops only of next 2 sc 2 rows below; repeat from * to last 5 sc, sc in last 5 sc, turn.
Rows 12–14: Ch 1, sc in each sc; change to B at end of Row 14, turn.
Rows 13–48: Repeat Rows 3–14 three times.
Rows 49–52: Repeat Rows 3–6 once, turn.
Do not fasten off. Continue working in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.

Border
With right side facing, join A with slip st in first sc.
Row 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in first sc (corner made), dc in each sc to last sc, 3 dc in last sc (corner made); working across ends of rows of first side, skip first row, dc in next 6 rows, *[skip next row, dc in next 7 rows] twice, skip next row, dc in next 6 rows; repeat from * to * once, skip last row; working across opposite side of foundation ch, 3 dc in first ch (corner made), dc in each ch to last ch, 3 dc in last ch (corner made); working across ends of rows of 2nd side, skip first row, dc in next 6 rows; repeat from * to * once, skip last row; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—256 dc.

Rounds 2 and 3: Slip st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *[fpdc around next dc, bpdc around next dc] across to center dc of next corner, 3 dc in center dc, [bpdc around next dc, fpdc around next dc] across to center dc of next corner,* 3 dc in center dc; repeat from * to * once; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—272 dc.

Round 4: Slip st in each dc; join with slip st to first slip st. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B = Color A, Color B; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; sp(s) = space(s); st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble (triple) crochet; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.