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You knit, crochet, loom  
squares and rectangles in assorted colors and patterns.  
Your hooks and needles, on a sacred mission, never stop  
in spite of illness, disappointment, loss.  
Traditions preserved to serve in new ways.  
Each piece carefully arranged,  
compared, analyzed, and reorganized  
until a pleasing design is agreed upon.  
Stitched into a unitary whole – a beautiful afghan emerges  
to ease the burden and pain of a stranger.  
Katherine of Aragon would be pleased.

Katherine of Aragon – Henry VIII's first wife, credited with bringing blackwork embroidery  
from Spain to England, proponent of fine needlework