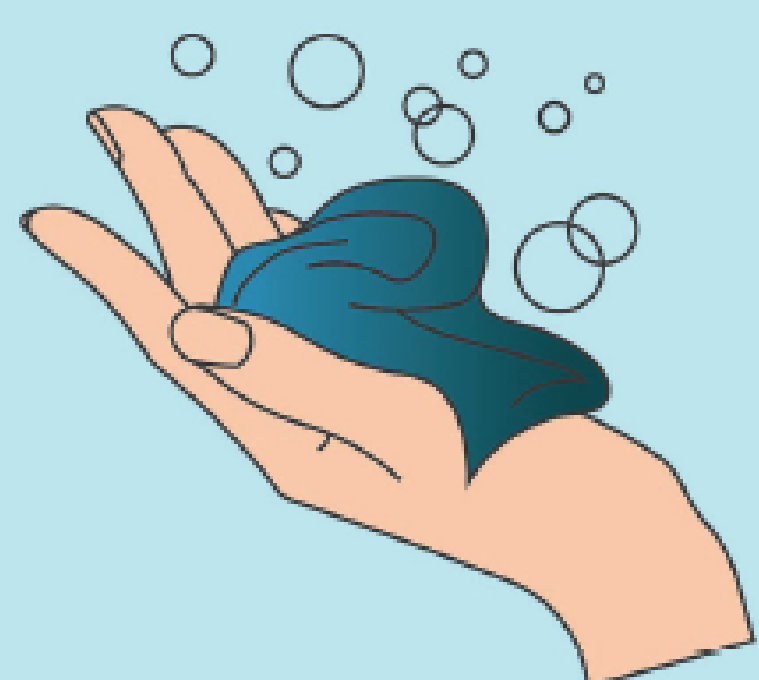


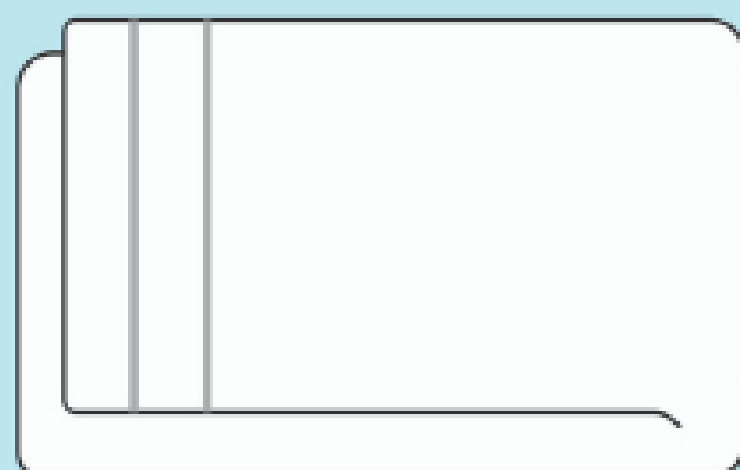
Crochet Blocking

WET BLOCKING

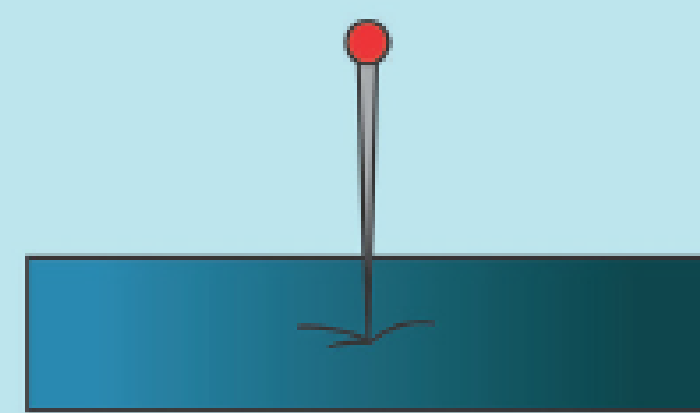
- 1 Start off by washing your afghan.



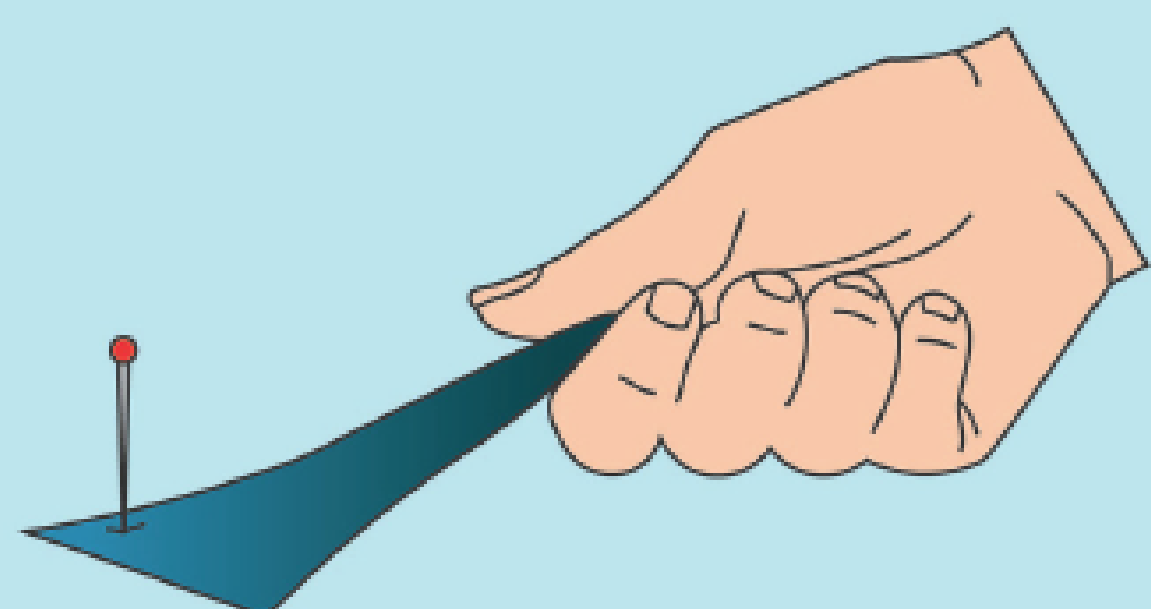
- 2 Find a good spot to lay out your project, like a spare bed in a bedroom or on clean towels on a carpeted floor.



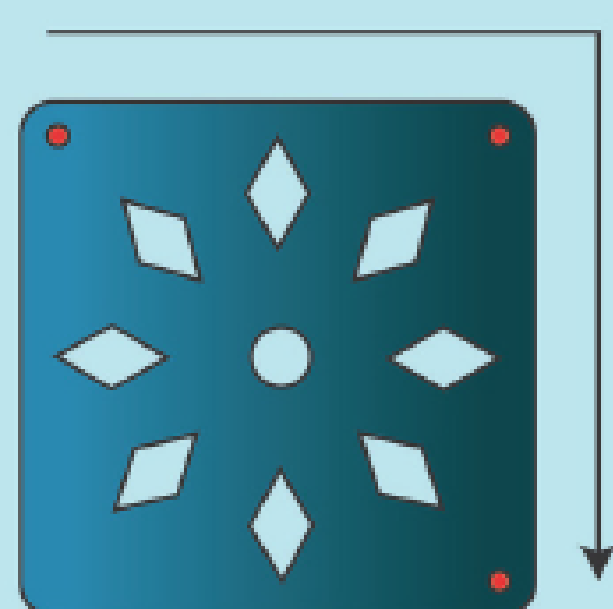
- 3 Pin your afghan in place with steel rust-proof pins to avoid any rust stains on your finished afghan.



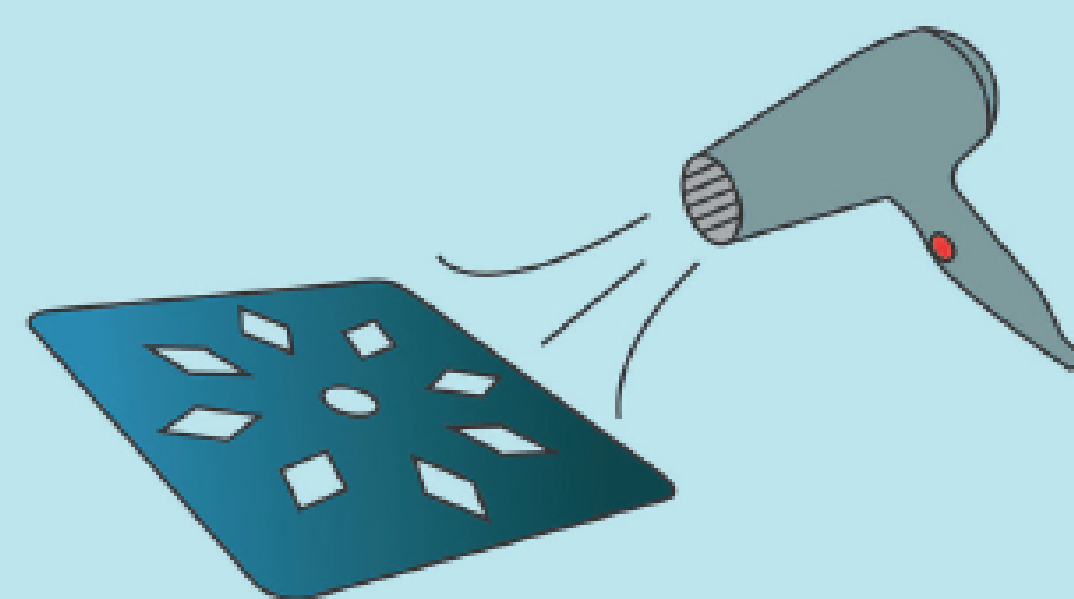
- 4 Begin on one side and gently pull to straighten your work, adding in pins as you go.



- 5 Work around the afghan, pulling and pinning as you go. Make sure to keep your edges straight.



- 6 Once you have everything in place, let it fully dry over a full day or two.

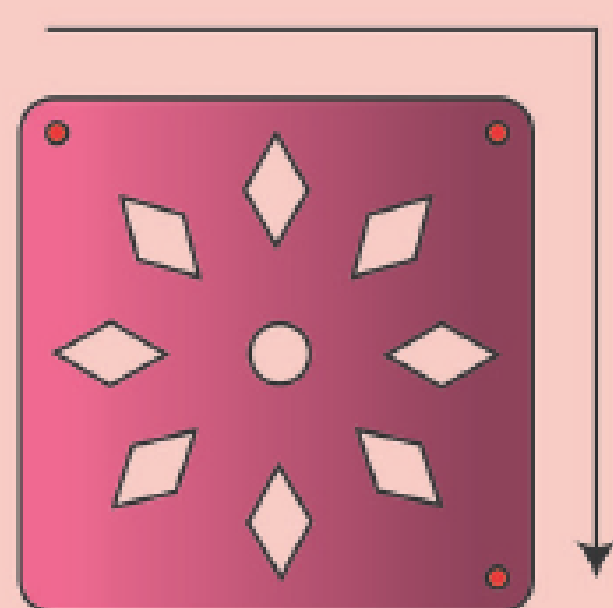


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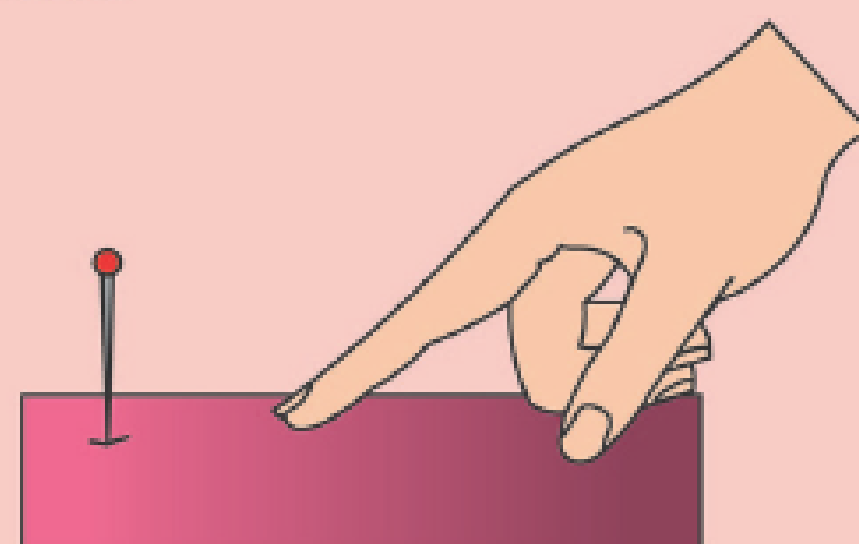
- 1 Do not wash your afghan. Instead, spread your crocheted afghan out over your desired surface.



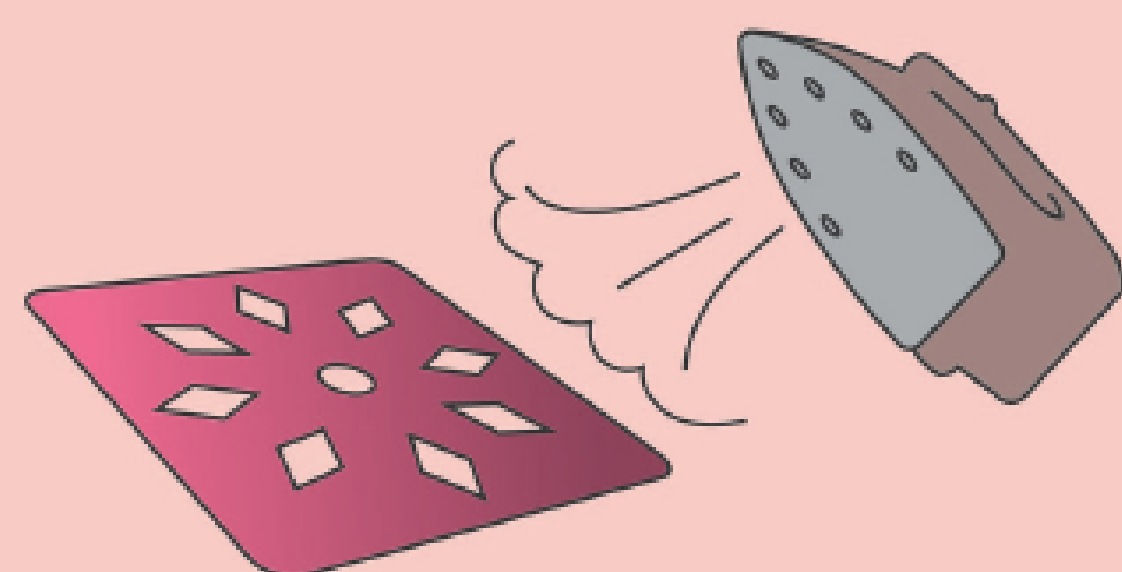
- 2 Working around your afghan, pin the afghan in place.



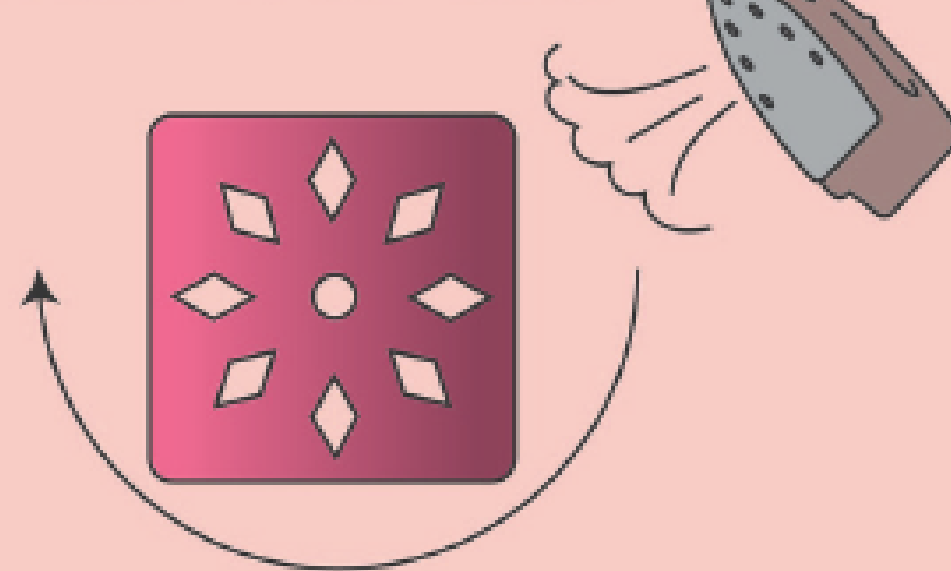
- 3 Smooth and flatten your afghan with your fingers as much as possible, again, working your way around.



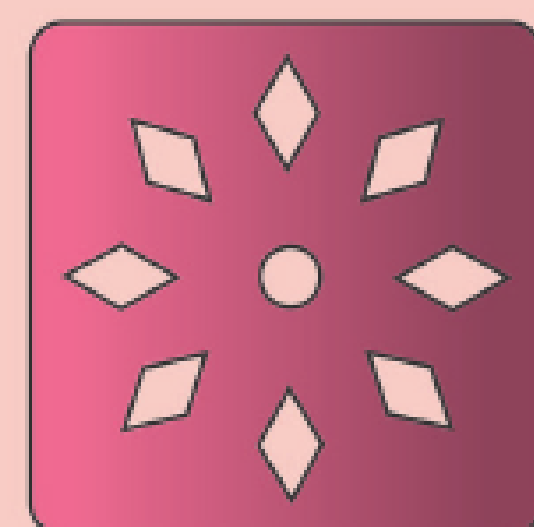
- 4 With a steamer or steam iron held an inch or more above the afghan, steam the fabric slowly.



- 5 Move the steamer or iron around the surface of the afghan, steaming as you go. Be sure not to press down or to let the iron touch the surface of the fabric.

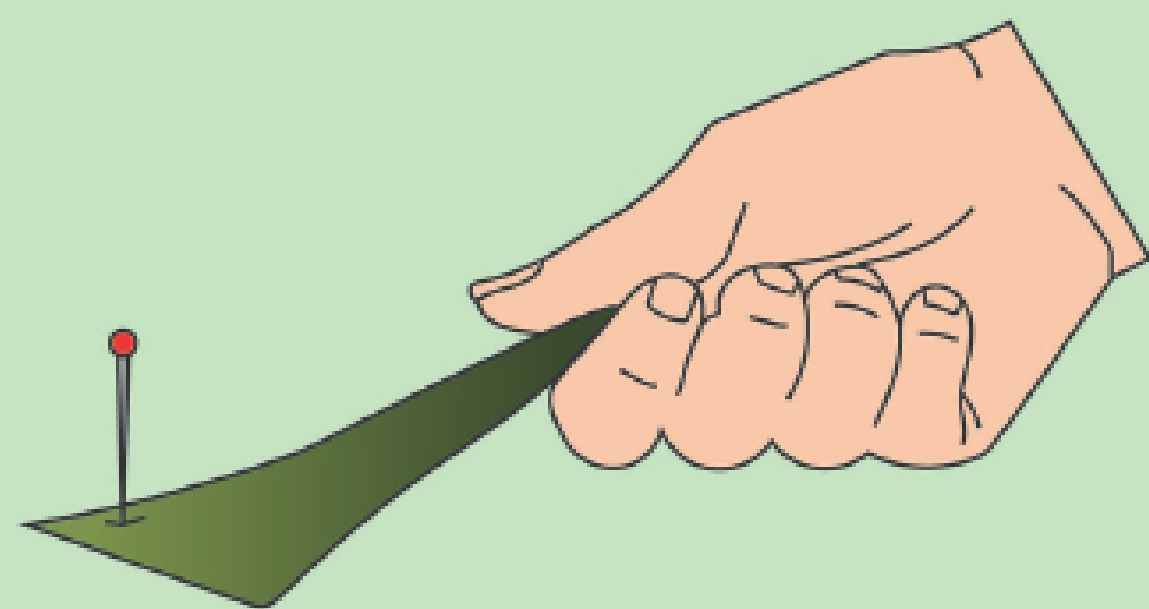


- 6 When you're done, let the crocheted afghan cool and dry completely.

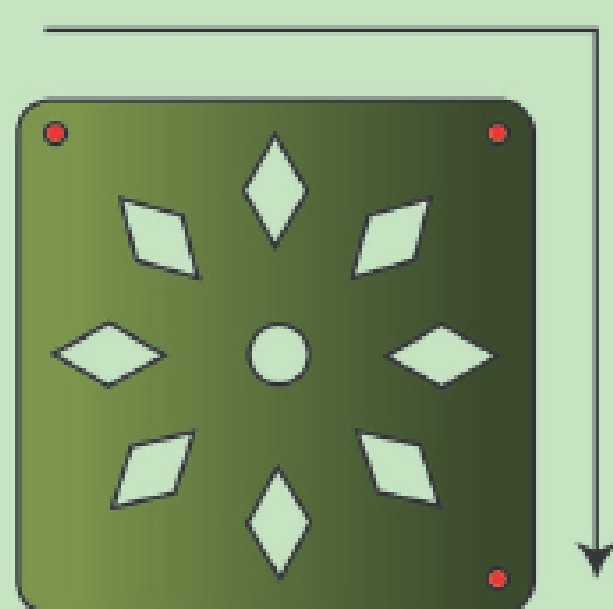


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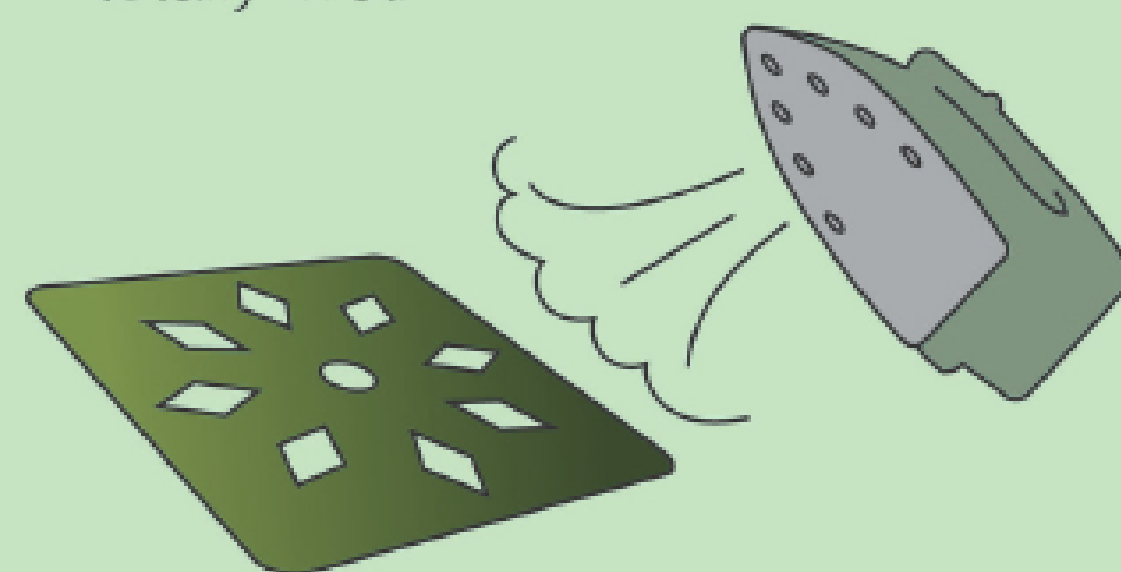
- 1 Spread your crocheted afghan out over your desired surface.



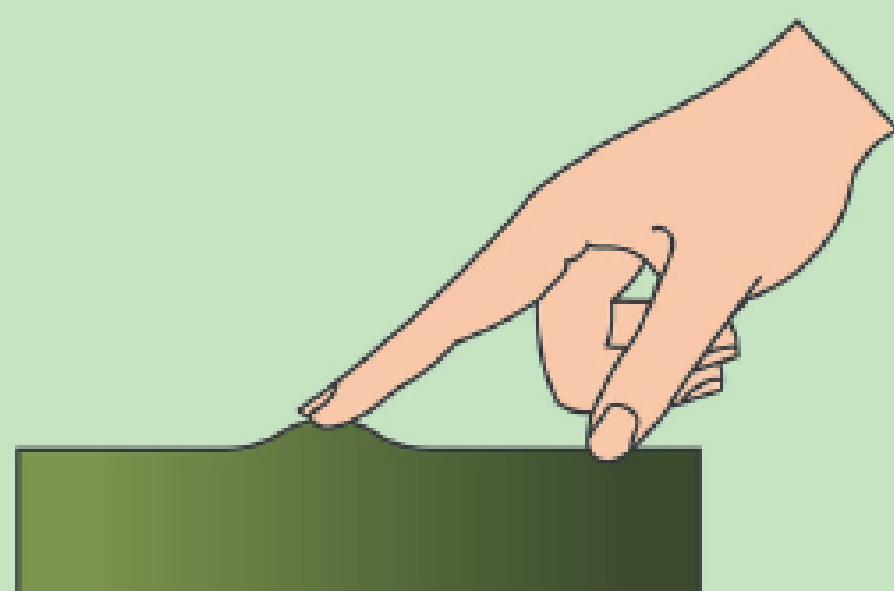
- 2 Work your way around the afghan and pin it in place as you go, similar to the other methods.



- 3 Like you did with the iron or steamer, mist your way around the afghan with a spray bottle of clean water until your afghan is totally wet.



- 4 Press down on the afghan or use more water if areas pucker up.



- 5 When you finish, let the afghan dry completely.

