Arcade stitch throw

Standard · US terms

Finished size
About 50¼ × 60 in (128 × 152 cm)

Skill
Easy
Skipped stitches, chain spaces, groups in one place

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In arcade stitch.

You will need

Yarn: any color, medium (4) **about 2,725 yd (2,492 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the size of the blanket, at 0.9 yd of yarn for each square inch. A fabric with open spaces may take less. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in arcade stitch.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: two repeats of the bracketed group side by side (12 foundation chains' worth) are about 3.7 in (9.4 cm) wide, and 12 rows are about 4.4 in (11.1 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

The swatch. Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	Ch 20.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, **[**ch 3, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs**] 2 times**, ch 3, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 2 chs **(10 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times** **(4 sc, 21 dc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st **(2 dc, 9 sc, 2 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-3 sps)**
Swatch row 4	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 2 times**, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch **(22 dc, 3 sc)**
Swatch row 5	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st, sc in top of turning ch **(10 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)**
Swatch rows 6 to 17	Repeat swatch rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, swatch row 17, is worked as swatch row 5.

For another width, add or take away 6 chains at a time: each 6 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp. The last stitch of the next row is worked into its 3rd ch.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 164.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, **[**ch 3, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs**] 26 times**, ch 3, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 2 chs **(82 sc, 27 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp, sk next st, sc in next st**] 27 times** **(28 sc, 189 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st **(2 dc, 81 sc, 2 ch-1 sps, 26 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 26 times**, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch **(190 dc, 27 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 26 times**, ch 3, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st, sc in top of turning ch **(82 sc, 27 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 165**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 165, is worked as row 5. *Repeat until the piece measures about 60 in (152 cm), ending with a row worked as row 5: at our gauge that is row 165. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*

A box for each row, 6 to 165: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

6	7	8	**9**	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121
122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150
151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165														

Stop and measure when you have worked row 9. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 50¼ in (128 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 165 rows; 24,641 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

Also makes: arcade stitch scarf and arcade stitch baby blanket, from the same stitch pattern. See the pattern's page at flossfield.com/crochet/patterns/arcade-stitch-throw/.

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