Back loop ripple baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 31½ × 40 in (80 × 102 cm)

Skill
Easy
Groups in one place, skipped stitches, one loop only

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
15½ stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In back loop single crochet ripple.

You will need

Yarn: any color, medium (4) **about 1,325 yd (1,212 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 stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. 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)
BLO	back loop, or back loop only
RS	right side
sk	skip
st	stitch

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Gauge

15½ stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in back loop single crochet ripple.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: one repeat of the bracketed group (11 foundation chains' worth) is about 2.8 in (7.2 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

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 35.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sc in next 4 chs, sk next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in next ch**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 chs, sk next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch **(34 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 23	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in BLO of first st, **[**sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 sc in BLO of last st **(34 sc)**

For another width, add or take away 11 chains at a time: each 11 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.
- 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.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 123.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sc in next 4 chs, sk next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in next ch**] 10 times**, sc in next 4 chs, sk next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch **(122 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 150**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in BLO of first st, **[**sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st**] 10 times**, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 sc in BLO of last st **(122 sc)** *Repeat until the piece measures about 40 in (102 cm): at our gauge that is row 150. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*

A box for each row, 2 to 150: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2	3	4	5	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																									

Stop and measure when you have worked row 12. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 31½ in (80 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: the top and the bottom of this stitch pattern are zigzags, and a straight border would pull the points flat.

In all: 150 rows; 18,300 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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

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