Bean stitch throw

Standard · US terms



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

Skill
Intermediate
Blocks of color, bean stitches

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In bean stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: brick red, main	**about 1,850 yd (1,692 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: camel, contrast	**about 1,850 yd (1,692 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, contrast	**about 875 yd (800 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**50¼ × 60 in (128 × 152 cm)**	**about 4,575 yd (4,184 m)**
Large	53¾ × 66 in (137 × 168 cm)	about 5,375 yd (4,915 m)
Extra large	60 × 72 in (152 × 183 cm)	about 6,525 yd (5,966 m)

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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)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

bean (Bean stitch): Insert hook in the st or sp, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, insert hook in the same place, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 14½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in bean stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 14 stitches and chains side by side are about 4.3 in (10.9 cm) wide, and 14 rows are about 3.9 in (9.8 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 11.

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. The test piece is about 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 20.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Bean in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, **[**sk next ch, bean in next ch, ch 1**] 8 times**, sk next ch, sc in next ch	**(9 beans, 1 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)**
Swatch rows 2 to 22	Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, sc in last st	**(9 beans, 1 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)**

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 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.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its block is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.

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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.

Yarn A, brick red.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 164.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — Bean in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, **[**sk next ch, bean in next ch, ch 1**] 80 times**, sk next ch, sc in next ch **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 2 to 44** — Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 44: 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

Stop and measure when you have worked row 11. 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.

☐ **Row 45** — With B, ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 46 to 88** — Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 46 to 88: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Row 89** — With C, ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 90 to 130** — Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 90 to 130: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Row 131** — With B, ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 132 to 174** — Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 132 to 174: tick them off as you go.

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
161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174

☐ **Row 175** — With A, ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 176 to 218** — Ch 1, turn; **[**bean in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 81 times**, sc in last st **(81 beans, 1 sc, 81 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 176 to 218: tick them off as you go.

176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204
205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218

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

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Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 218 rows; 10 ends to weave in.

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