Blue box stitch baby blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 31¼ × 37 in (79 × 94 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 29¾ × 35½ in (76 × 90 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, chain spaces, groups in one place, a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In box stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: denim blue	**about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky blue	**about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 560 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**31¼ × 37 in (79 × 94 cm)**	**about 1,125 yd (1,029 m)**
Crib	38¾ × 47 in (98 × 119 cm)	about 1,725 yd (1,577 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in box stitch. Along a row, count the stitches only, not the chains between them.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece, count the dc and the sc of a row and leave out its chains (a block is 3 dc, with the sc beside it 4 stitches): 12 stitches side by side are about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide, and 8 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 6.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6½ in (17 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 24. |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | 3 dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc),
[sk next 3 chs, (sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch**] 4 times**, sk next 3 chs, sc in next ch
(16 dc, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 12** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**,
sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (16 dc, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps) |

For another width, add or take away 4 chains at a time: each 4 chains is one more block across and one more repeat of the bracketed group in every row. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

Instructions

Baby. US terms.

dc double crochet (UK tr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
3 dc in same st: **all three in that one stitch**. **ch-3 sp**: the hole under three chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
The ch 3 is the first dc: skip the first stitch; the last dc goes in the **top of the 3 chains**.
[ ] 23 times: 23 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sp space.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Baby blanket

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 100.
☐ **Row 1**	3 dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, (sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch**] 23 times**, sk next 3 chs, sc in next ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 **6**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 6.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 29¾ in (76 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.

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☐ **Rows 7 to 14** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Row 15** — With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

☐ **Rows 16 to 28** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **Row 29** — With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

☐ **Rows 30 to 42** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

☐ **Row 43** — With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

☐ **Rows 44 to 56** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

☐ **Row 57** — With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

☐ **Rows 58 to 70** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, **[**(sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, sk next 4 sts, sc in top of turning ch (73 dc, 24 sc, 23 ch-3 sps)

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **Row 71** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**3 sc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st**] 23 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sc in top of turning ch (24 dc, 73 sc)

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

Border

☐ **Start** — Right side facing and row 71 at the top, join C with sl st in the top of the ch 3 that begins row 71, at the top right corner.

☐ **Round 1** — Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 95 sts, 3 sc in last st,
[2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 23 times**,
2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 96 chs,
3 sc in last ch of foundation edge,
[2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 23 times**,
2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sl st in first sc to join (441 sc)

☐ **Round 2** — With A, ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 97 sts, 3 sc in next st,
sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 98 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 120 sts,
sl st in first sc to join (449 sc)

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☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 99 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 123 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 100 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(457 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

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

In all: 8,234 stitches (6,887 in the baby blanket, 1,347 in the border); 14 ends to weave in.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. 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, pull it out and measure the yarn it took, tails and all. At the gauge of this pattern that is about 27 yd (25 m), by the same reckoning as the estimates and with nothing added. If yours took more, divide your yards by 27 (or your meters by 25) and multiply every estimate above by the answer; the 30 percent stays in it. Do not reckon it by area: the swatch is in one color and has no border.

Notes

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. It stands on the first st of the row below; the next st is the second. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. In row 2 that is the top of the skipped chs: the last ch you made of the foundation.
- 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.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- The same st, after a turning chain, is the stitch the chain stands on.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe 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.
- The group (sc, ch 3, 3 dc) is one block. In row 1 it goes into a chain of the foundation; from row 2 on it goes into the ch-3 sp of one block of the row below, around the chain. The block at the start of a row is the ch 3 and the 3 dc beside it: it has no ch-3 sp, and the next row ends with the sc in the top of its ch 3. The sk next 4 sts before that sc are the sc of the block before and the 3 dc.
- In the last row the 3 sc go into the ch-3 sp, and the dc goes into the sc right after that space. The row ends on the block that has no ch-3 sp: 3 sc in the tops of its 3 dc and one in the top of its ch 3.
- 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.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Round 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge every ch counts, skipped or not; the last one is the lowest of the 3 chs that stand as the first dc of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After round 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.
- Where a round names a new yarn, change to it in the slip stitch that joins the round before, and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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