Cake yarn shell blanket

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 47½ × 60¼ in (121 × 153 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 46 × 59 in (117 × 150 cm)

Skill
Easy
Skipped stitches, groups in one place, a border

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
10½ stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In large shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: blue to blush gradient cakes, main — **about 2,000 yd (1,829 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, contrast — **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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. That is the yarn for all the colors together: divide it among them as the estimates are divided.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lap	35¼ × 45¾ in (90 × 116 cm)	about 1,215 yd (1,111 m)
Throw (this file)	**47½ × 60¼ in (121 × 153 cm)**	**about 2,120 yd (1,939 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch

Gauge

10½ stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in large shell stitch.

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: 8 stitches side by side are about 3 in (7.7 cm) wide, and 6 rows are about 4.4 in (11.1 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 4.

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 6½ in (17 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 18.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 3 chs, 7 tr in next ch, sk next 3 chs, sc in next ch**] 2 times** **(3 sc, 14 tr)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 4 (counts as tr), turn; 3 tr in same st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 4 tr in last st **(15 tr, 2 sc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in top of turning ch **(3 sc, 14 tr)**
Swatch rows 4 to 9	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.

For another width, add or take away 8 chains at a time: each 8 chains adds one more repeat of the bracketed group. 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.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("7 tr in next ch") are all worked into that one place.
- The same st, after a turning chain, is the stitch the chain stands on.
- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a tr. It stands on the first st of the row below; the next st is the second. With the 3 tr in the same st it makes a group of 4. The last sc of the next row is worked into the top of it.

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- Yarn A comes in cakes that fade once, from navy at one end of the yarn to blush at the other. Begin the first cake at its navy end. Begin the second at its blush end, the third at its navy end, and so on: if that end is on the inside of the cake, pull it out of the middle. Join each new cake at the end of a row where the colors match.
- How many rows one fade takes depends on the length of your cakes. The words of the rows do not change with it.
- 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. Rnd 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 the ch skipped at the start of row 1 is not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After rnd 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Throw. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and tr is double treble.

Throw

Yarn A, blue to blush gradient cakes.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 122.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 3 chs, 7 tr in next ch, sk next 3 chs, sc in next ch**] 15 times**	**(16 sc, 105 tr)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), turn; 3 tr in same st, **[**sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st**] 14 times**, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 4 tr in last st	**(106 tr, 15 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 14 times**, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(16 sc, 105 tr)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), turn; 3 tr in same st, **[**sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 7 tr in next st**] 14 times**, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 4 tr in last st	**(106 tr, 15 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 4.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 46 in (117 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.

☐ **Rows 5 to 81** — Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.

A box for each row, 5 to 81: tick them off as you go.

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										

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

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Border

Yarn B, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 81 at the top, join B with sl st in the first st of row 81, at the top right corner.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 119 sts, 3 sc in last st, 2 sc in end of each of next 81 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 119 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, 2 sc in end of each of next 81 rows, sl st in first sc to join **(574 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 164 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 163 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(582 sc)**
☐ **End**	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.
- The total below counts 4 ends: two of the first cake of yarn A and two of the first ball of yarn B. Each further cake or ball that you join adds two ends to that number.

In all: 10,957 stitches (9,801 in the throw, 1,156 in the border); 4 ends to weave in.

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