Christmas plaid baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32½ × 38 in (83 × 97 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two colors in a row, one carried inside the stitches

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet with one yarn carried inside.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, stripes	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cranberry, stripes	**about 925 yd (846 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine, stripes	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the test piece and measure it, pull it out and measure the yarn it took, both colors added together; divide by the area of the test piece and multiply by the area of the blanket. That is the yarn of the stitches, all the colors together: add 6 in (15 cm) for each end to weave in, and some to spare.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	26½ × 32 in (67 × 81 cm)	about 1,325 yd (1,212 m)
Standard (this file)	**32½ × 38 in (83 × 97 cm)**	**about 1,875 yd (1,715 m)**
Large	38½ × 46¾ in (98 × 119 cm)	about 2,750 yd (2,515 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
RS	right side
rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet with one yarn carried inside. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 5.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Make the test piece first, in A and B: three checks wide, about 4.5 in (11.4 cm), and 10 rows, about 3 in (7.6 cm).
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 20. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 5 chs, with B, hdc in next 6 chs, with A, hdc in next 6 chs | **(18 hdc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 10** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts | **(18 hdc)** |

For another width, add or take away 12 chains at a time: each 12 chains adds two checks. Measure your own gauge first. The counts of the border change with it: between the corners, one stitch in every stitch of the last row and in every chain of the foundation.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the very st it rises from.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- To change color inside a row, work the last stitch of the old color until three loops are on the hook, and make its last yarn over with the new color.
- Every row uses two colors, and both run from edge to edge: lay the color not in use along the top of the row below (in row 1, along the foundation chain) and work over it, so that it lies hidden inside the stitches and is at the edge when the row ends. A color that is new in a row of checks is laid in at the edge, under the first stitches of its first row.
- At the end of a row of checks, cut a color that the next row of checks does not use. A color that both use is never cut: carry it on into the next row of checks. After the last row cut both.
- Change to the color a row begins with in the last yarn over of the row before; if it is new there, join it in that yarn over.
- Every row begins and ends with the same color, so each row of checks reads the same from both sides.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, join or cut a yarn.

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- The border is worked in the round with the right side facing, three single crochets in every corner. Do not turn between rounds. The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Join every yarn of the border with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). From round 2 on, the "first st" is the first sc of the round before.
- Along the foundation, for the border, work one stitch in each chain under row 1. The "first ch" is the one under the last stitch of row 1, the "last ch" the one under its first stitch.
- Where a border round begins by joining another yarn, first fasten off the yarn of the round before, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
- This size has 21 checks across and 25 checks up, each check 6 stitches wide and 5 rows tall.
- This size has 56 ends to weave in.
- The last row, row 125, is a right side row, so the right side faces you for the border. The border's "first st" is the first stitch of row 125, at its right-hand end, and its "last st" is the stitch made last in that row.
- Rows of checks
- Rows 1 to 5: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 6 to 10: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 11 to 15: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 16 to 20: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 21 to 25: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 26 to 30: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 31 to 35: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 36 to 40: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 41 to 45: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 46 to 50: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 51 to 55: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 56 to 60: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 61 to 65: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 66 to 70: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 71 to 75: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 76 to 80: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 81 to 85: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 86 to 90: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 91 to 95: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 96 to 100: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 101 to 105: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 106 to 110: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 111 to 115: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 116 to 120: B (cranberry) and C (pine) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 121 to 125: A (cream) and B (cranberry) by turns, A at both edges
- Border: round 1 C (pine), round 2 B (cranberry)

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, cranberry; C, pine.

☐ **Foundation** With A, ch 128.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 5 chs,
[with B, hdc in next 6 chs, with A, hdc in next 6 chs**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 2 to 5** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 **5**

Stop and measure now, after row 5. Width: about 31½ in (80 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one.

☐ **Row 6** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 7 to 10** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10

☐ **Row 11** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 12 to 15** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 15: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15

☐ **Row 16** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 17 to 20** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 17 to 20: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 22 to 25** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 25: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25

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☐ **Row 26** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 27 to 30** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 27 to 30: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30

☐ **Row 31** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 32 to 35** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 32 to 35: tick them off as you go.

32 33 34 35

☐ **Row 36** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 37 to 40** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 37 to 40: tick them off as you go.

37 38 39 40

☐ **Row 41** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 42 to 45** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 42 to 45: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44 45

☐ **Row 46** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 47 to 50** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 47 to 50: tick them off as you go.

47 48 49 50

☐ **Row 51** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 52 to 55** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 52 to 55: tick them off as you go.

52 53 54 55

☐ **Row 56** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 57 to 60** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 57 to 60: tick them off as you go.

57 58 59 60

☐ **Row 61** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 62 to 65** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 62 to 65: tick them off as you go.

62 63 64 65

☐ **Row 66** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 67 to 70** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 67 to 70: tick them off as you go.

67 68 69 70

☐ **Row 71** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 72 to 75** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 72 to 75: tick them off as you go.

72 73 74 75

☐ **Row 76** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 77 to 80** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 77 to 80: tick them off as you go.

77 78 79 80

☐ **Row 81** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 82 to 85** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 82 to 85: tick them off as you go.

82 83 84 85

☐ **Row 86** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 87 to 90** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 87 to 90: tick them off as you go.

87 88 89 90

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☐ **Row 91** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 92 to 95** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 92 to 95: tick them off as you go.

92 93 94 95

☐ **Row 96** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 97 to 100** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 97 to 100: tick them off as you go.

97 98 99 100

☐ **Row 101** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 102 to 105** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 102 to 105: tick them off as you go.

102 103 104 105

☐ **Row 106** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 107 to 110** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 107 to 110: tick them off as you go.

107 108 109 110

☐ **Row 111** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 112 to 115** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 112 to 115: tick them off as you go.

112 113 114 115

☐ **Row 116** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 117 to 120** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 117 to 120: tick them off as you go.

117 118 119 120

☐ **Row 121** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times** **(126 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 122 to 125**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times**	**(126 hdc)**

A box for each row, 122 to 125: tick them off as you go.

122 123 124 125

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

Border

Yarns in order of use: C, pine; B, cranberry.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the piece, right side facing, beginning at the right-hand end of the last row: 126 stitches along the last row, 125 row ends down each side and 126 chains along the foundation.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 124 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 4 rows**] 25 times**, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 124 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 25 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(560 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 126 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 152 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 126 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 151 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(568 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends: each end into stitches of its own color, on the wrong side, turning back once. Where the edge stitches are of another color, weave the end inside them, along the strand of its own color that they cover.
- Lay the blanket flat, pat it square and let it rest; a light steam held above it, or a damp cloth left to dry on it, settles the checks.

In all: 16,878 stitches (15,750 in the blanket, 1,128 in the border); 56 ends to weave in.

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