Chunky edging for a fleece throw

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 51¼ × 51¼ in (130 × 130 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 51¼ × 51¼ in (130 × 130 cm)

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet, spike stitches, crab stitch

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
9 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: charcoal gray, blanket stitch, rounds 1 and 5	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: barn red, rounds 2 and 4	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: oatmeal, round 3, spikes	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a chenille needle with a sharp point and fleece blanket, its size is given below.

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. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Pet blanket	24½ × 24½ in (62 × 62 cm)	about 175 yd (160 m)
Lap blanket	37 × 37 in (94 × 94 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)
Throw (this file)	**51¼ × 51¼ in (130 × 130 cm)**	**about 365 yd (334 m)**

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)
rev sc	reverse single crochet (UK rev dc, reverse double crochet)
rnd	round

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st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

SSp (short spike): A single crochet worked one round down, over the next st: insert the hook, from front to back, in the st of round 1 that the hdc straight below was worked into, yo and pull up a loop as tall as the round you are working, yo and draw through both loops on the hook. It takes the place of the next st, which stays under it. It leaves 1 SSp for the next round.

LSp (long spike): A single crochet worked two rounds down, over the next st: insert the hook, from front to back, under the loop of the blanket stitch that the sc of round 1 straight below was worked into, yo and pull up a loop as tall as the round you are working, yo and draw through both loops on the hook. It takes the place of the next st, which stays under it. It leaves 1 LSp for the next round.

Gauge

9 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 47.6 in (120.9 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 4 plus 1 (105 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 4: that is n (here 26). In round 1 "105 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 107 sts" is 4 × n + 3; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 27 times, is worked n + 1 times; in round 4 "next 111 sts" is 4 × n + 7; in round 5 "next 113 sts" is 4 × n + 9. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Blanket stitch: thread a chenille needle with a sharp point with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, of which about 3 in (7.6 cm) at either end is a tail, and hold the cloth with its right side up and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.4 in (1 cm) inside the edge and about 0.44 in (1.1 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the edge without puckering it. Repeat from * all round. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. When a length runs out, end it and begin the next on the wrong side, in the same hole. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. A round that begins with 2 sc and ends with 1 sc in the same first stitch makes its first corner of those 3 sc, and its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- A corner of 3 hdc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 2 and 1 hdc and completed with the last hdc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 2, which is the first st of the round.
- Spikes: every spike is drawn up loosely, to the full height of round 3, so that it lies flat on the rounds below and does not pull the edge in. The stitches under the spikes are not worked again.
- Every corner of round 5 has 2 rev sc in the corner stitch.
- Round 5 is worked from left to right, the opposite of your usual direction (right to left if you are left handed), with the right side still facing: in that round "next st" is the next one to the right (to the left if you are left handed).

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- Reverse single crochet (rev sc): insert the hook, from front to back, in the stitch named (the same stitch again for the second of the 2 rev sc of a corner, otherwise the next one to the right, or to the left if you are left handed), yo and draw a loop through to the front (two loops on the hook), yo and draw through both loops.
- The ch 2 at the start of a round counts as a hdc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "3 sc in next st", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- Begin with a fleece blanket about 47.1 in (119.6 cm) square; with the edging it is about 51.2 in (130 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 105 loops along each side, 424 loops in all, spaced 9 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 16 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 107 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, rev sc is reverse double crochet and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal gray; B, barn red; C, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	A fleece blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 105 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 105 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 105 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(432 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st, hdc in next 107 sts, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 107 sts**] 3 times**, hdc in first st, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(440 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, **[**SSp in next st, LSp in next st, SSp in next st, sc in next st**] 27 times**, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next st, **[**SSp in next st, LSp in next st, SSp in next st, sc in next st**] 27 times] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(124 sc, 216 SSp, 108 LSp)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 111 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 111 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(456 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 rev sc in first st, rev sc in next 113 sts, **[**2 rev sc in next st, rev sc in next 113 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first rev sc to join **(460 rev sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 5 rounds; 42 ends to weave in.

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