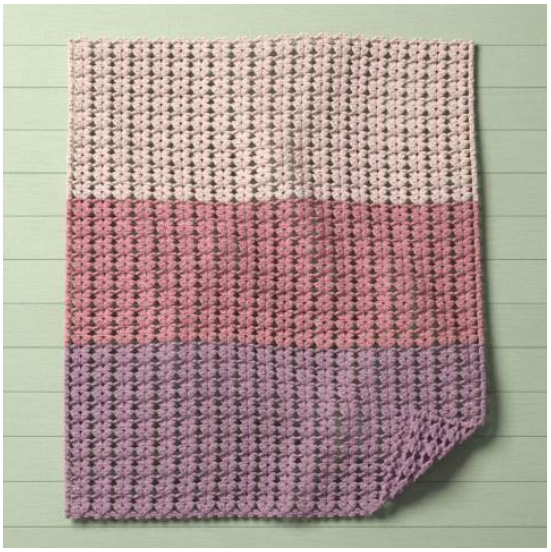
Chunky cluster baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32¾ × 37¾ in (83 × 96 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, clusters, chain spaces

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
10 stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In cluster v.

You will need

Yarn A: mauve, main	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty rose, contrast	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, contrast	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11). 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)	**32¾ × 37¾ in (83 × 96 cm)**	**about 725 yd (664 m)**
Small	26½ × 29¾ in (67 × 76 cm)	about 445 yd (407 m)
Large	37½ × 43½ in (95 × 110 cm)	about 975 yd (891 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
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

CL (cluster): [yo, insert hook in the st or sp, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 3 times in the same place, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook. It leaves 1 CL for the next row.

Gauge

10 stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in cluster v. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: two repeats of the bracketed group side by side (8 foundation chains' worth) are about 3.2 in (8.1 cm) wide, and 6 rows are about 4.4 in (11.2 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. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 21.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	(CL, ch 2, CL) in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, (CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch**] 3 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(8 CL, 4 ch-2 sps, 2 dc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 9	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 8 CL, 4 ch-2 sps)**

For another width, add or take away 4 chains at a time: each 4 chains is one more repeat of the bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- 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.
- 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.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 dc is treble.

Yarn A, mauve.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 85.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	(CL, ch 2, CL) in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, (CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch**] 19 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps, 2 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 18: 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

Stop and measure when you have worked row 4. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32¾ in (83 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 19**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 34**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each row, 20 to 34: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

☐ **Row 35**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rows 36 to 52**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(CL, ch 2, CL) in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 40 CL, 20 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each row, 36 to 52: tick them off as you go.

36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **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.

In all: 52 rows; 6 ends to weave in.

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