Easy border for a C2C blanket

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 40 × 40 in (102 × 102 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 40 × 40 in (102 × 102 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet, half double crochet in the back loops

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: slate gray, rounds 1, 5 and 6 **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, rounds 2, 3 and 7 **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, round 4 **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 150 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.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lovey	20½ × 20½ in (52 × 52 cm)	about 150 yd (137 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**40 × 40 in (102 × 102 cm)**	**about 305 yd (279 m)**
Throw	58½ × 58½ in (149 × 149 cm)	about 465 yd (425 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 15 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 from one corner space to the next, is about 36 in (91.5 cm), as long as the blanket is without the border. If the edge ruffles, work round 1 again with a smaller hook; if it pulls the blanket in, with a larger one.

For a blanket of another number of blocks, count the blocks along each edge. An edge of b blocks has 3 × b sts in round 1. Then, for that edge, in round 2 the number of sts between two corner spaces is 3 × b, in round 3 it is 3 × b + 2, in round 4 it is 3 × b + 4, in round 5 it is 3 × b + 6, in round 6 it is 3 × b + 8 and in round 7 it is 3 × b + 10. If the blanket is longer than it is wide, work each edge by its own b: the lines are written as one side and then, in the bracket, the corner and the side that follow it, so work what is in the bracket once for each of the other three sides, with the numbers of that side. In round 1 the bracket has the sides 2, 3 and 4, and the ch 2 after it is the last corner.

Instructions

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sl st slip stitch, **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

ch-2 sp: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (468 sc, 4 ch-2 sps): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: dc double crochet, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	The outer edge of the blanket: 468 sts round, 117 on each side, 3 for each of its 39 blocks, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Round 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 116 sts, **[**ch 2, sc in next 117 sts**] 3 times**, ch 2, sl st in first sc to join (468 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** A side, measured from one corner space to the next, is about 36 in (91.5 cm), as long as the blanket is without the border. If the edge ruffles, work round 1 again with a smaller hook; if it pulls the blanket in, with a larger one.

☐ **Round 2**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 117 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 117 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (476 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 119 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 119 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (484 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 4**	Join C with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 121 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 121 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (492 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 5**	Join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 2, hdc) in same sp, hdc in BLO of next 123 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, hdc in BLO of next 123 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join (500 hdc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Round 6**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 125 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 125 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (508 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 7**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 127 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 127 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (516 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 7 rounds; 3,444 stitches; 10 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. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Notes

- The blanket: a block is 3 dc with 3 chains at one side of them, its ch-3 sp. Every block at an edge of the blanket shows one of its sides there, and every side counts as 3 sts, whichever of the four kinds told next it is. So each block along an edge takes 3 sc.
- Along the two edges where the rows grew longer, the blocks show by turns a chain side and a post side. Chain side: the underside of the 3 chains a row began with; work 1 sc in each of the 3 chains, under the strands that are left free. Post side: the side of the last dc of a row; work 3 sc round the post of that dc, as into a space, putting the hook in between it and the dc beside it.
- Along the two edges where the rows grew shorter, the blocks show by turns a top side and a space side. Top side: the tops of the 3 dc, with the slip stitches that were worked over them; work 1 sc in the top of each of the 3 dc, where its slip stitch went in. Space side: a ch-3 sp; work 3 sc in the space. At the very last block of the blanket, the one block of its last row, a top side and a space side meet at the corner, and no slip stitches lie on its top: work 1 sc in the top of each of its 3 dc, as in any stitch. Work the side that comes first, then the ch 2 of the corner, then the other side.
- At a corner of the blanket work only the ch 2 that the line names: the 3 sts before it are the last block of one edge, the 3 sts after it the side that the same corner block shows on the next edge. Work over the tails of the blanket as you come to them, or weave them in first.
- Where to begin: with the right side facing you and any edge of the blanket at the top, the first st is at the right-hand end of that edge, the first of the 3 sts of the corner block (at the left-hand end if you are left handed). The round goes along that edge and then round the other three.
- BLO is the back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch, the one farther from you. In round 5 the hook goes under that loop alone, so the front loops of round 4 stay on the right side as a fine white line. The stitches in the corner spaces go into the spaces as in every round.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a round hold its count.
- 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.
- "Any corner" means any one of the four corner spaces: the four sides are alike, so the round comes out the same from each of them. Begin in that space and work along the side to its left, the way you always go (to its right if you are left handed).

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- Where a round begins with "Sl st in next ch-2 sp", go to that corner space with slip stitches: one in each st that lies between the join and the space, if there is one, and then one in the space. The st the last round was joined in, and any st you slip over, are the last sts of the last side: they are worked at the very end of the round.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- For a corner to corner blanket of 39 blocks by 39 blocks in medium weight yarn, about 36 in (91.5 cm) square (13 blocks side by side are about 12 in (30.5 cm)). With the border it is about 39 7/8 in (101.5 cm) square; the border is about 2 in (5 cm) wide.
- Round 1 has 117 sc on each side, 3 for each of the 39 blocks, and a ch-2 sp at each corner.

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