Crab stitch edging

Round a small cloth · US terms



Finished size
Stands out about 1 in (2.5 cm)
About 6¾ × 6 in (17 × 15 cm) with a finished rectangle of 15 stitches by 15 rows of single crochet

Skill
Easy
Single crochet, reverse single crochet

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.

You will need

Yarn A: the color of your piece, round 1	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, plain rounds	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: navy, corded round	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To work on: a finished rectangle of 15 stitches by 15 rows of single crochet, already made. It is written out under Instructions. Its yarn is not in the amount above.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Round a small cloth (this file)	**6¾ × 6 in (17 × 15 cm)**	**about 35 yd (32 m)**
Round a baby blanket	32½ × 32¼ in (83 × 82 cm)	about 140 yd (128 m)
Round a throw	51 × 51 in (130 × 130 cm)	about 215 yd (196 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)
rev sc	reverse single crochet (UK rev dc, reverse double crochet)
rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

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 the top edge of the size printed below, measured between its two corner stitches and not counting them, is about 4.6 in (11.7 cm). If the edge ruffles, work the round again with a smaller hook; if it pulls in, with a larger one; keep the number of stitches.

To fit your own piece, work round 1 so that the stitches between two corner stitches are a multiple of 6 plus 3 (9, 15, 21, 27 and so on) on every side; work 2 single crochet in one stitch to gain a stitch or skip one to lose it, spread along the side. Take 3 from that number and divide by 6: that is n (here 15 less 3, divided by 6, so n is 2). Then, for every side, in round 2 "next 15 sts" is 6 × n + 3; in round 3 "next 17 sts" is 6 × n + 5; in round 4 "next 19 sts" is 6 × n + 7. On an oblong piece the two longer sides have an n of their own: work each side by its own n. ROUND A BABY BLANKET: the piece is 99 stitches by 113 rows: ch 100 to begin, row 1 ends with 99 sc, and rows 2 to 113 are worked in next 99 sts (99 sc). For the gauge, the 99 stitches between two corner stitches of round 1 are about 30.5 in (77.5 cm). Round 1: 97 sts, not 13, the bracket along the row ends 16 times, not 2, 97 chs, not 13; the round ends with 400 sc. Round 2: 99 sts, not 15; the round ends with 408 sc. Round 3: 101 sts, not 17; the round ends with 416 sc. Round 4: 103 sts, not 19; the round ends with 420 rev sc. Yarn for the edging: A about 35 yd (32 m), B about 70 yd (64 m), C about 35 yd (32 m). The piece, if you work it too, takes about 900 yd (823 m) more of yarn A. ROUND A THROW: the piece is 159 stitches by 183 rows: ch 160 to begin, row 1 ends with 159 sc, and rows 2 to 183 are worked in next 159 sts (159 sc). For the gauge, the 159 stitches between two corner stitches of round 1 are about 48.9 in (124.2 cm). Round 1: 157 sts, not 13, the bracket along the row ends 26 times, not 2, 157 chs, not 13; the round ends with 640 sc. Round 2: 159 sts, not 15; the round ends with 648 sc. Round 3: 161 sts, not 17; the round ends with 656 sc. Round 4: 163 sts, not 19; the round ends with 660 rev sc. Yarn for the edging: A about 55 yd (50 m), B about 105 yd (96 m), C about 55 yd (50 m). The piece, if you work it too, takes about 2,350 yd (2,149 m) more of yarn A.

Before you start

- 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.
- Along the row ends, round 1 takes 6 stitches to every 7 rows and one more at the end.
- The foundation edge is the underside of the starting chain: work into what each chain has left free.
- Every corner has 2 rev sc in the corner stitch.
- Round 4 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).
- 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.

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- 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.
- The piece is 15 stitches by 15 rows of single crochet, about 4.6 in (11.7 cm) by 4 in (10.2 cm); with the border on it is about 6.7 in (17 cm) by 6.1 in (15.5 cm).
- The amounts of yarn are for the edging alone. If you work the piece too, it takes about 20 yd (18 m) more of yarn A, an estimate worked out in the same way (225 single crochet and 30 chains, with 30 percent added), and leaves 2 more ends.
- With the right side facing you and the last row at the top, the first st is the one at the right-hand end of the last row (the left-hand end if you are left handed). Round 1 goes along the top, down the row ends of the next side, along the foundation edge and up the row ends of the last side.
- Round 1 leaves 15 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Round a small cloth. 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 and rev sc is reverse double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, the color of your piece; B, ivory; C, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	A finished piece of 15 sts by 15 rows, RS facing.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 2 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 13 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 2 times**, sc in end of next row, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 rev sc in first st, rev sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 rev sc in next st, rev sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first rev sc to join	**(84 rev sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 300 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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