Cross stitch blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 33 × 37¾ in (84 × 96 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 31½ × 36¼ in (80 × 92 cm)

Skill
Easy
Cross stitch over the finished rows, a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: warm white, main color **about 1,150 yd (1,052 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, contrast **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 730 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), 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. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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 with its border. The swatch has no crosses, so that is the yarn for the blanket and its border alone: one fifteenth of it is B and the rest is A. Then add to B 8 in (20 cm) for every cross, which is enough for its two strands and for the tails of the short lengths; the number of crosses in the whole blanket is in the last paragraph on cross stitch. Last, add a tenth to each yarn, so that you do not run short.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**33 × 37¾ in (84 × 96 cm)**	**about 1,450 yd (1,326 m)**
Throw	47¾ × 60¼ in (121 × 153 cm)	about 3,350 yd (3,063 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. 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.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: there are no chains between the stitches here, so count the stitches alone: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 11.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 21. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (20 sc) |

For another width, add or take away 24 chains at a time: each 24 chains is one more heart in each band, one more small heart in each line of small hearts and 6 more crosses in each line of crosses; the stitches left at both sides stay the same. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("3 sc in first st") are all worked into that one place.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Rnd 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge the ch skipped at the start of row 1 is not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After rnd 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.
- Where a round names a new yarn, change to it in the slip stitch that joins the round before, and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Baby. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 22 times: work what is inside 22 times in all.
(102 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Baby blanket

Yarn A, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 103.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(102 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(102 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 11.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 31½ in (80 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.

☐ **Rows 12 to 136**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(102 sc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Border

Yarns in order of use: B, red; A, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 136 at the top, join B with sl st in the stitch that ends row 136, at the top right corner.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 100 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 5 rows, sk next row end**] 22 times**, sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 100 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 5 rows, sk next row end**] 22 times**, sc in end of each of next 4 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(440 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	With A, ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 102 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 116 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 102 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 115 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(448 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3 (RS)**	With B, ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 104 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 118 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 104 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 116 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(456 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Assembly

1. Cross stitch, when the border is done: thread the yarn needle with two strands of yarn B together, no longer than your arm, and have the right side facing with row 136 at the top. The border takes no crosses. One cross covers a square of 2 sts by 2 rows, whichever side of the sc shows. Bring the needle up at the lower left corner of the square and down at its upper right corner; then up at the lower right corner and down at the upper left corner. The corners are the gaps between one sc and the next. Cross every square the same way, so that the same half lies on top, and pull only until the yarn lies flat. Crosses beside each other share their corners.

2. To begin a length of yarn, leave a tail of 4 in (10 cm) at the back, hold it along the back and work the first crosses over it. To end it, run the needle under the backs of the last crosses for 2 in (5 cm) and cut the yarn. Begin and end every heart and every small heart by itself. Work the cross rows of a heart to and fro, from the point up, each beginning at the side where the one before it ended. Whenever you go up to a new cross row, first lock the yarn: at the back, run the needle under the upright strand that the last cross has there (on the right side of that cross as seen from the front), and only then bring it up for the first cross of the new row. (Without this the yarn could slip out again where the new cross begins in the very hole in which the last one ended.) Where a cross row leaves 2 sts between two crosses, go straight across the back. Along a line of crosses go on from cross to cross straight across the back, behind the cross just worked and the 2 sts that are left. In cross row 9 of a heart work the crosses of one side first, run the needle under the backs of cross row 8 to the other side, and work the crosses there. No strand at the back passes more than 4 sts.

3. Count the rows from the foundation, row 1 lying next to the border, and the stitches from the left, the first st lying next to the border. A line of crosses takes 2 rows: leave the first 6 sts, 1 cross over the next 2 sts, [leave 2 sts, 1 cross over the next 2 sts] 22 times, leave the last 6 sts: 23 crosses, 102 sts in all. The 4 hearts of a band stand side by side: leave the first 6 sts, [18 sts for a heart, leave 6 sts] 3 times, 18 sts for a heart, leave the last 6 sts: 4 hearts, 102 sts in all.

4. Lower band: rows 7 and 8, a line of crosses. Rows 13 to 30, the hearts. Rows 35 and 36, a line of crosses.

5. Between the bands, small hearts in 3 lines of 14 rows each, with 6 rows between the lines. Rows 42 to 55 and 82 to 95, each group of 14 rows: leave the first 8 sts, [14 sts for a small heart, leave 10 sts] 3 times, 14 sts for a small heart, leave the last 8 sts: 4 small hearts, 102 sts in all. Rows 62 to 75: leave the first 20 sts, [14 sts for a small heart, leave 10 sts] 2 times, 14 sts for a small heart, leave the last 20 sts: 3 small hearts, 102 sts in all.

6. Upper band: rows 101 and 102, a line of crosses. Rows 107 to 124, the hearts, with their points down as in the lower band. Rows 129 and 130, a line of crosses.

7. Each heart is 9 crosses wide and 9 cross rows tall, 18 sts by 18 rows. From its point up, over its 18 sts from left to right: cross row 1: leave 8 sts, 1 cross, leave 8 sts; cross row 2: leave 6 sts, 3 crosses, leave 6 sts; cross row 3: leave 4 sts, 5 crosses, leave 4 sts; cross row 4: leave 2 sts, 7 crosses, leave 2 sts; cross rows 5 to 7, each: 9 crosses; cross row 8: 4 crosses, leave 2 sts, 4 crosses; cross row 9: leave 2 sts, 2 crosses, leave 6 sts, 2 crosses, leave 2 sts. One heart has 55 crosses.

8. Each small heart is 7 crosses wide and 7 cross rows tall, 14 sts by 14 rows. From its point up, over its 14 sts from left to right: cross row 1: leave 6 sts, 1 cross, leave 6 sts; cross row 2: leave 4 sts, 3 crosses, leave 4 sts; cross row 3: leave 2 sts, 5 crosses, leave 2 sts; cross rows 4 to 6, each: 7 crosses; cross row 7: leave 2 sts, 2 crosses, leave 2 sts, 2 crosses, leave 2 sts. One small heart has 34 crosses, the whole blanket has 906.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 15,216 stitches (13,872 in the baby blanket, 1,344 in the border); 8 ends to weave in.

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