Crunch stitch baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, slip stitch fabric

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In crunch stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: baby blue, main — **about 1,250 yd (1,143 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, contrast — **about 600 yd (549 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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)	**32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)**	**about 1,850 yd (1,692 m)**
Small	30¼ × 36 in (77 × 91 cm)	about 1,550 yd (1,417 m)
Large	36¼ × 44 in (92 × 112 cm)	about 2,300 yd (2,103 m)
Extra large	40 × 50 in (102 × 127 cm)	about 2,875 yd (2,629 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in crunch stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 14 stitches side by side are about 4.3 in (10.9 cm) wide, and 19 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 15.

> **The swatch.** Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. 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 6 in (15 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)** | Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, **[**sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch**] 9 times** | **(10 sl sts, 10 hdc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 29** | Ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times** | **(10 sl sts, 10 hdc)** |

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- 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.
- The slip stitches of this pattern are part of the fabric: each is counted and the next row works into it. Keep them loose.
- 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. 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 sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

Yarn A, baby blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 105.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, **[**sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch**] 51 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 52 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 64: 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	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																								

Stop and measure when you have worked row 15. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32 in (81 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 65**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 52 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 66 to 126**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 52 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**

A box for each row, 66 to 126: tick them off as you go.

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
124	125	126																										

☐ **Row 127**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 52 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 128 to 190**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sl st in next st, hdc in next st**] 52 times**	**(52 sl sts, 52 hdc)**

A box for each row, 128 to 190: tick them off as you go.

128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156
157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185
186	187	188	189	190																								

☐ **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: 190 rows; 19,760 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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