Border for a double fleece blanket

Crib blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 38¼ × 38¼ in (97 × 97 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 38¼ × 38¼ in (97 × 97 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet groups, shells, single crochet two together

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.

You will need

Yarn A: charcoal, blanket stitch and rounds 1, 3, 4 and 6 **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: mustard, rounds 2, 5 and 7 **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a chenille needle with a sharp point, two pieces of fleece (the size is given below), one for the top and one for the underside and pins.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Stroller blanket	27 × 27 in (69 × 69 cm)	about 285 yd (261 m)
Crib blanket (this file)	**38¼ × 38¼ in (97 × 97 cm)**	**about 420 yd (384 m)**
Lap blanket	49¼ × 49¼ in (125 × 125 cm)	about 550 yd (503 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

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 between two corner stitches, is about 32.3 in (82 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 9 plus 4 (103 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 4 from the loops of a side and divide by 9: that is n (here 11). In round 1 "103 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 the repeat along each side, here worked 35 times, is worked 3 × n + 2 times; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 36 times, is worked 3 × n + 3 times; in round 4 "next 114 sts" is 9 × n + 15; in round 5 the repeat along each side, here worked 12 times, is worked n + 1 times; in round 6 the repeat along each side, here worked 12 times, is worked n + 1 times; in round 7 the repeat along each side, here worked 12 times, is worked n + 1 times. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Lay the two layers with their wrong sides together, smooth them from the middle outward and pin them round the edge, a pin to about every 4 in (10.2 cm). Trim them to one size if one is larger. The blanket stitch then holds them together; take out the pins as you come to them.
- Blanket stitch: thread a chenille needle with a sharp point with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, and hold the two layers with the right side of the upper one facing you and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn between the layers, at the edge, so that its end is hidden. * Put the needle in from the front, through both layers, about 0.4 in (1 cm) inside the edge and about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) farther along, bring its point out at the back, under both edges, and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the two edges without puckering them. Repeat from * all round. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. When a length runs out, end it and begin the next between the layers, in the same hole. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- 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.

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- A corner of 7 dc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 3 and 3 dc and completed with the last 3 dc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 3, which is the first st of the round.
- A corner of 9 dc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 3 and 4 dc and completed with the last 4 dc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 3, which is the first st of the round.
- A corner of 3 dc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 3 and 1 dc and completed with the last dc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 3, which is the first st of the round.
- "Sp before next st" in round 3 is the space between two groups of 3 dc, or between a group and the stitches of a corner: put the hook in between the last stitch skipped and the next one, under no loop.
- Sc2tog in round 6: insert the hook in the first of the 2 sc between two shells, yo and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the second of them, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. Round 7 passes over each sc2tog.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- 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.
- Begin with two pieces of fleece, each about 32 in (81.3 cm) square; with the border the blanket is about 38.2 in (97 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A, through both layers: one loop at each corner and 103 loops along each side, 416 loops in all, spaced 13 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 14 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 105 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Crib blanket. 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, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal; B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	A fleece blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 103 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 103 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 103 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(424 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same st, **[**sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st**] 35 times**, **[**7 dc in next st, **[**sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st**] 35 times] 3 times**, 3 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(448 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in sp before next st**] 36 times**, sk next 3 sts, **[**7 dc in next st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in sp before next st**] 36 times**, sk next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 3 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(460 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 114 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 114 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(468 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sk next 3 sts, > **[**9 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, > **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**, > sk next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 4 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(372 dc, 104 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, sc2tog, > **[**dc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sc2tog**] 12 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, > **[**3 dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, sc2tog, > > **[**dc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sc2tog**] 12 times**, > dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts**] 3 times**, dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(548 dc, 52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, sk next st, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sk next st**] 12 times**, sc in next 8 sts, > **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sk next st, > **[**sc in next 10 sts, sk next st**] 12 times**, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(556 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 7 rounds; 3,432 stitches; 40 ends to weave in.

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