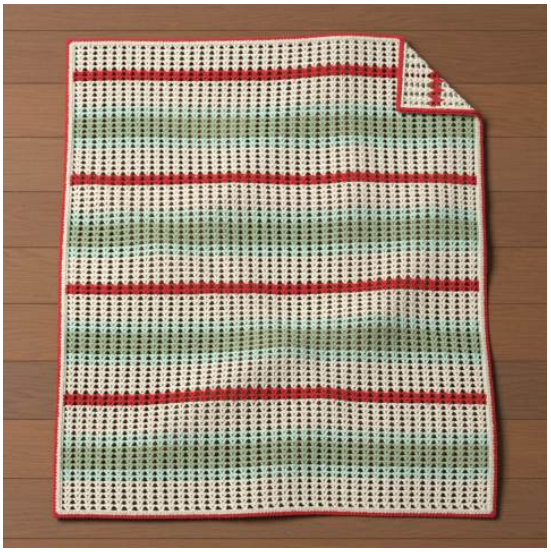
First Christmas baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 37½ in (81 × 95 cm)

Skill
Easy
A short repeat, bands of color

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 9¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In V-stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, stripes	**about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, stripes	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: bright red, stripes	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint, stripes	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). 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 test piece and measure it, mark the yarn where it begins and ends, pull it out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the piece and multiply by the area of the blanket. That is the yarn of the stitches, all the colors together: add 6 in (15 cm) for each end to weave in, and some to spare.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**32 × 37½ in (81 × 95 cm)**	**about 980 yd (896 m)**
Small	26 × 29 in (66 × 74 cm)	about 610 yd (557 m)
Large	38 × 46¼ in (97 × 117 cm)	about 1,395 yd (1,276 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)
RS	right side
rnd	round
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Special stitches

V-st (V-stitch): (dc, ch 1, dc) in the same st or sp. It leaves 1 dc, 1 ch-1 sp and 1 dc for the next row.

Gauge

16 stitches and 9¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in V-stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

16 stitches and 9.25 rows to 4 in (10 cm) over V-stitch, each V-st counted as three stitches

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Make the test piece first, in A alone: 14 rows, about 5.8 in (14.7 cm) wide and 6.1 in (15.5 cm) tall.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 25. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | V-st in 5th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch**] 6 times**, sk next ch, dc in next ch | **(7 V-sts, 2 dc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 14** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch | **(2 dc, 7 V-sts)** |

For another width, add or take away 3 chains at a time: each 3 chains adds one more repeat. Measure your own gauge first. The counts of the border change with it: between the corners, one stitch in every stitch and ch-1 sp of the last row and in every chain of the foundation.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc and stands on the first st. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Row 1 passes over four chains at its start. The three nearest the hook stand as its first dc: in row 2 the "top of turning ch" is the one of them made last, right next to the hook when row 1 began. The fourth is left unworked, like the chains skipped between one group and the next.
- The foundation edge, for the border, ends under the first dc of row 1: its "last ch" is the 3rd ch from the hook of row 1, the lowest of the three that stand as that dc.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- In the stitch total of the blanket each V-st is counted as one stitch; along the last row, for the border, it is three places: a dc, a ch-1 sp and a dc.

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- Where a row begins "With" a yarn, change to that yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before, so that the turning chain and the whole row are in the new yarn.
- Cut each yarn at the end of its band, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and join the next with a tail of the same length.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- Where several of one stitch are named with one place, all of them are worked into that place.
- The border is worked in the round with the right side facing, three single crochets in every corner. Do not turn between rounds. The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Join every yarn of the border with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). From round 2 on, the "first st" is the first sc of the round before.
- Along the foundation, for the border, work one stitch in each chain, whether row 1 used it or not. The "first ch" is the one under the last stitch of row 1.
- Where a border round begins by joining another yarn, first fasten off the yarn of the round before, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
- This size has 54 ends to weave in.
- The last row, row 85, is a right side row, so the right side faces you for the border. The border's "first st" is the top of the ch that began row 85, at its right-hand end, and its "last st" is the stitch made last in that row.
- Color sequence
- Rows 1 to 5: A (cream)
- Rows 6 to 7: D (mint)
- Rows 8 to 11: B (sage)
- Rows 12 to 13: D (mint)
- Rows 14 to 18: A (cream)
- Rows 19 to 20: C (bright red)
- Rows 21 to 25: A (cream)
- Rows 26 to 27: D (mint)
- Rows 28 to 31: B (sage)
- Rows 32 to 33: D (mint)
- Rows 34 to 38: A (cream)
- Rows 39 to 40: C (bright red)
- Rows 41 to 45: A (cream)
- Rows 46 to 47: D (mint)
- Rows 48 to 51: B (sage)
- Rows 52 to 53: D (mint)
- Rows 54 to 58: A (cream)
- Rows 59 to 60: C (bright red)
- Rows 61 to 65: A (cream)
- Rows 66 to 67: D (mint)
- Rows 68 to 71: B (sage)
- Rows 72 to 73: D (mint)
- Rows 74 to 78: A (cream)
- Rows 79 to 80: C (bright red)
- Rows 81 to 85: A (cream)
- Border: round 1 A (cream), round 2 C (bright red)

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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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Blanket

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 127.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	V-st in 5th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch**] 40 times**, sk next ch, dc in next ch	**(41 V-sts, 2 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **Row 6**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Rows 9 to 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11

☐ **Row 12**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

Stop and measure now, after row 12. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 31¼ in (79 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 13**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 14**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Rows 15 to 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 15 to 18: tick them off as you go.

15 16 17 18

☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

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☐ **Row 21** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 22 to 25** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 22 to 25: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25

☐ **Row 26** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 27** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 28** With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 29 to 31** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 29 to 31: tick them off as you go.

29 30 31

☐ **Row 32** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 33** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 34** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 35 to 38** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 35 to 38: tick them off as you go.

35 36 37 38

☐ **Row 39** With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 40** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 41** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 42 to 45** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 42 to 45: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44 45

☐ **Row 46** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 47** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 48** With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

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☐ **Rows 49 to 51** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 49 to 51: tick them off as you go.

49 50 51

☐ **Row 52** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 53** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 54** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 55 to 58** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 55 to 58: tick them off as you go.

55 56 57 58

☐ **Row 59** With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 60** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 61** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 62 to 65** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 62 to 65: tick them off as you go.

62 63 64 65

☐ **Row 66** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 67** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 68** With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Rows 69 to 71** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 69 to 71: tick them off as you go.

69 70 71

☐ **Row 72** With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 73** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

☐ **Row 74** With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

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☐ **Rows 75 to 78**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 75 to 78: tick them off as you go.

75 76 77 78

☐ **Row 79**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 80**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Row 81**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**
☐ **Rows 82 to 85**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**V-st in next ch-1 sp**] 41 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 41 V-sts)**

A box for each row, 82 to 85: tick them off as you go.

82 83 84 85

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; C, bright red.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the piece, right side facing, beginning at the right-hand end of the last row: 125 stitches and chain spaces along the last row, 85 row ends down each side and 125 chains along the foundation.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 41 times**, 3 sc in last st, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sc in end of next row**] 21 times**, 2 sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 123 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, 2 sc in end of next row, **[**sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows**] 21 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(556 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 125 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 151 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 125 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 150 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(564 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends: each end into stitches of its own color, on the wrong side, turning back once.
- Lay the blanket flat, pat it square and let it rest; a light steam held above it, or a damp cloth left to dry on it, settles the rows.

In all: 2 pieces; 54 ends to weave in.

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