Ruffle edge for a flannel blanket

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 33¾ × 33¾ in (86 × 86 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 33¾ × 33¾ in (86 × 86 cm)

Skill
Easy
Increases, treble crochet, picots

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: apricot, blanket stitch and first two rounds	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, treble round	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, picot lip	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye and hemmed flannel blanket, its size is given below.

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
Doll blanket	13½ × 13½ in (34 × 34 cm)	about 180 yd (165 m)
Stroller blanket	25¼ × 25¼ in (64 × 64 cm)	about 370 yd (338 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**33¾ × 33¾ in (86 × 86 cm)**	**about 520 yd (475 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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
rnd	round
sp	space
st	stitch

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Gauge

15 stitches and 17½ 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 30.4 in (77.2 cm). If this first round 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 4 (112 here), with one loop at each corner. Divide the loops of a side by 4: that is n (here 28). In round 1 "112 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "each of next 114 sts" is 4 × n + 2; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 116 times, is worked 4 × n + 4 times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 88 times, is worked 3 × n + 4 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.
- Blanket stitch: thread a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, of which about 3 in (7.6 cm) at either end is a tail, and hold the cloth with its right side up and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.25 in (0.6 cm) inside the edge and about 0.27 in (0.7 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the edge without puckering it. 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 on the wrong side, 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.
- Work the frill at your usual tension: do not try to hold it flat. Round 2 has twice as many stitches as round 1 and round 3 has three times as many, and the folds come from that alone.
- Wash and dry the flannel before you cut and hem it: new cotton flannel shrinks.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- The ch 4 at the start of a round counts as a tr.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.

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- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- 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.
- "Any corner" means any one of the four corner spaces: the four sides are alike, so the round comes out the same from each of them. Begin in that space and work along the side to its left, the way you always go (to its right if you are left handed).
- Begin with a hemmed flannel blanket about 30.1 in (76.5 cm) square; with the edging it is about 33.7 in (85.6 cm) square. The size is measured with the frill drawn out straight, about 1.8 in (4.6 cm) beyond the cloth on every side; left alone it lies in folds and the whole is a little smaller.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 112 loops along each side, 452 loops in all, spaced 15 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 11 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 114 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby blanket. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, apricot; B, cream; C, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 112 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 112 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 112 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(460 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st, 2 dc in each of next 114 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, 2 dc in each of next 114 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(928 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 1, 2 tr) in same sp, **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next st**] 116 times**, **[**(2 tr, ch 1, 2 tr) in next ch-1 sp, **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next st**] 116 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(1,408 tr, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in same sp, **[**sc in next 4 sts, picot**] 88 times**, **[**(2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next 4 sts, picot**] 88 times] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(1,424 sc, 4 ch-1 sps, 352 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 4,220 stitches; 28 ends to weave in.

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