Flannel receiving blanket edging

Receiving blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 32¾ × 32¾ in (83 × 83 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 32¾ × 32¾ in (83 × 83 cm)

Skill
Easy
V-stitches, chain spaces, picots

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 24 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: butter yellow cotton, blanket stitch, first and second rounds and scallops — **about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white cotton, third round — **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), 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
Burp cloth	16¾ × 16¾ in (43 × 43 cm)	about 115 yd (105 m)
Receiving blanket (this file)	**32¾ × 32¾ in (83 × 83 cm)**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Swaddle blanket	39 × 39 in (99 × 99 cm)	about 280 yd (256 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)
rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
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

21 stitches and 24 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 30.3 in (77 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 3 plus 1 (157 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 3: that is n (here 52). In round 1 "157 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 the repeat along each side, here worked 53 times, is worked n + 1 times; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 55 times, is worked n + 3 times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 57 times, is worked n + 5 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 0.19 in (0.5 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.
- The V-stitch here is (dc, ch 1, dc), both double crochet in one place with a chain between them.
- Wash and dry the flannel before you cut and hem it: new cotton flannel shrinks, and the edging would ruffle.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.

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- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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 32.7 in (83.1 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 157 loops along each side, 632 loops in all, spaced 21 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 159 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Receiving 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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, butter yellow cotton; B, white cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 157 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 157 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 157 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(640 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in same st, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 53 times**, > **[**(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, > **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 53 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(440 dc, 220 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 55 times**, > **[**(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-2 sp, > **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 55 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(456 dc, 228 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, dc, picot, dc, sc) in next ch-1 sp**] 57 times**, **[**(sc, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**(sc, dc, picot, dc, sc) in next ch-1 sp**] 57 times] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(464 sc, 472 dc, 232 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 2,472 stitches; 34 ends to weave in.

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