Shell edging for a fleece blanket

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 33½ × 33½ in (85 × 85 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 33½ × 33½ in (85 × 85 cm)

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet, shells, picots

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: dusty rose, blanket stitch, first round and shells **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: ivory, band and outline **about 90 yd (82 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 and fleece 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
Lovey	15 × 15 in (38 × 38 cm)	about 85 yd (78 m)
Stroller blanket	24¼ × 24¼ in (62 × 62 cm)	about 140 yd (128 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**33½ × 33½ in (85 × 85 cm)**	**about 195 yd (178 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
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

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 30.5 in (77.5 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 6 plus 1 (97 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 6: that is n (here 16). In round 1 "97 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 99 sts" is 6 × n + 3; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 16 times, is worked n times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 16 times, is worked n 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 chenille needle with a sharp point with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, 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 0.4 in (1 cm) inside the edge and about 0.3 in (0.8 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.
- A corner of 3 hdc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 2 and 1 hdc and completed with the last hdc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 2, which is the first st of the round.
- 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.
- The ch 2 at the start of a round counts as a hdc.

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- 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 a fleece blanket about 30.2 in (76.7 cm) square; with the edging it is about 33.4 in (84.8 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 97 loops along each side, 392 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 13 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 99 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. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty rose; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	A fleece blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 97 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 97 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 97 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(400 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st, hdc in next 99 sts, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 99 sts**] 3 times**, hdc in first st, sl st in top of ch-2 to join	**(408 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, **[**7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**, 3 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(348 dc, 68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(356 sc, 64 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 1,580 stitches; 34 ends to weave in.

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