Cupcake edging for a fleece blanket

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Shells, a color carried along, small bobbles

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: mint, blanket stitch and first two rounds	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chocolate brown, cases	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, icing	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cherry red, cherries	**about 35 yd (32 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 piece of fleece, 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	17¼ × 17¼ in (44 × 44 cm)	about 140 yd (128 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)**	**about 265 yd (242 m)**

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)
tr treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)

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rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

Cher (cherry): Ch 3, (yo, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops) 4 times in the same ch, yo and draw through all 5 loops on the hook, ch 1, sl st in the same ch. Nothing is worked into the cherry, 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 28 in (71.1 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 8 plus 1 (89 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 8: that is n (here 11). In round 1 "89 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 91 sts" is 8 × n + 3; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 11 times, is worked n times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 11 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, 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 0.4 in (1 cm) inside the edge and about 0.31 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 7 tr: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 4 and 3 tr and completed with the last 3 tr, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 4, which is the first st of the round.
- Round 4: the first stitch, the ch 4, is the middle tr of the first corner; its cherry is worked at once, on top of it, then 5 tr in the same stitch, and the last 5 tr of the round complete the corner. Join the round in the fourth chain of that ch 4, under the cherry. All the other cherries stand on the tr just worked, which is the middle one of its shell.

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- To work a cherry: when the last 2 loops of the tr before it are on the hook, draw yarn D through them instead of yarn C. (After the ch 4 that begins the round, simply make the first chain of the cherry with D.) Work the cherry in D; in its last sl st draw yarn C through instead of D. After that go on in C and carry D as the next note says. The sl st closes the cherry on top of the tr; it is not a place to work into.
- To carry D from one cherry to the next: from the cherry bring D down behind the tr that the cherry stands on (for the first cherry, behind the ch 4), on the wrong side, to the stitch of round 3 that this tr is worked in. Leave it loose, as long as the tr is tall. From there lay D along the tops of the stitches of round 3 that come next, and work over it: for every tr and sc of round 4 up to and with the tr before the next cherry, put the hook under D too as you go into the stitch of round 3, so that D is closed in at the foot of the stitch. Where stitches are skipped, D simply lies along their tops. When the tr before the next cherry has only its last 2 loops on the hook, bring D up behind that tr, again loose and as long as the tr is tall, and draw it through those 2 loops. The upright pieces of D are hidden behind the middle tr of the shells. After every cherry spread the two shells flat: D must not draw them together.
- Begin yarn D at the first cherry and cut it when the last cherry is worked, each time with a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm). The rest of the round after the last cherry is worked in C alone, with nothing carried.
- 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.
- 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 piece of fleece about 27.7 in (70.4 cm) square; with the edging it is about 32 in (81.3 cm) square, measured without the cherries, which stand out about 0.4 in (1 cm) farther.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 89 loops along each side, 360 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 12 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 91 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

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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, tr is double treble and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, mint; B, chocolate brown; C, pink; D, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	A fleece blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 89 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 89 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 89 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(368 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 91 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 91 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(376 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as tr), 3 tr in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, > **[**sk next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, 2 tr in next st, sk next st, > sc in next st**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, > **[**7 tr in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, > > **[**sk next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, 2 tr in next st, sk next st, > > sc in next st**] 11 times**, > sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**, 3 tr in first st, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(336 tr, 48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as tr), with D, Cher, with C, 5 tr in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next st, > **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 tr in next st, with D, Cher, with C, 4 tr in same st, > sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next st**] 11 times**, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, > **[**6 tr in next st, with D, Cher, with C, 5 tr in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, > sk next st, > > **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 tr in next st, with D, Cher, with C, > > 4 tr in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next st**] 11 times**, > sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**, 5 tr in first st, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(440 tr, 48 Cher, 96 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 1,664 stitches; 32 ends to weave in.

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