Front post color block baby blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 30 × 35 in (76 × 89 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 28½ × 33½ in (72 × 85 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, post stitches, a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In front post welts.

What you need

Yarn A: clay	**about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage	**about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 680 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**30 × 35 in (76 × 89 cm)**	**about 1,350 yd (1,234 m)**
Toddler	36 × 43¼ in (91 × 110 cm)	about 1,975 yd (1,806 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in front post welts. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: there are no chains between the stitches here, so count the stitches alone: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 12 rows are about 4¼ in (10.5 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 4** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch row 5** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 18 sts, hdc in next st | (2 hdc, 18 FPdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 6 to 8** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch row 9** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 18 sts, hdc in next st | (2 hdc, 18 FPdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 10 to 12** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch row 13** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 18 sts, hdc in next st | (2 hdc, 18 FPdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 14 to 16** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch row 17** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 18 sts, hdc in next st | (2 hdc, 18 FPdc) |
> | **Swatch row 18** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |

For another width, make the chain longer or shorter: each chain is one more stitch, in a row of FPdc one more FPdc. For another length, work 4 rows more or fewer in each of the three blocks. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

Instructions

Baby. US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **FPdc** dc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the front, **st** stitch.

3 sc in first st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 91 sts: one in each.

The ch 2 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

(93 hdc): the row now has 93; a check, not a step. Not 93? **Pull it back**.

Also: dc double crochet, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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Baby blanket

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 95.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
2 3 4		
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 8**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
6 7 8		
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 9.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 28½ in (72 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.

☐ **Rows 10 to 12**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
10 11 12		
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
14 15 16		
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 20**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
18 19 20		
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
22 23 24		
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
26 27 28		
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
30 31 32		
☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 36**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
34 35 36		
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)

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☐ **Rows 38 to 40** 38 39 40	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 42 to 44** 42 43 44	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 46 to 48** 46 47 48	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 50 to 52** 50 51 52	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 54 to 56** 54 55 56	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 57**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 58 to 60** 58 59 60	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 62 to 64** 62 63 64	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 65**	With C, ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 66 to 68** 66 67 68	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 72** 70 71 72	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 73**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 74 to 76** 74 75 76	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 77**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 78 to 80** 78 79 80	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 81**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)

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☐ **Rows 82 to 84** 82 83 84	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 85**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 86 to 88** 86 87 88	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 89**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 90 to 92** 90 91 92	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 93**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, FPdc around next 91 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 91 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 94 to 96** 94 95 96	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Border

☐ **Start**	Right side facing and row 96 at the top, join C with sl st in the stitch that ends row 96, at the top right corner.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 91 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 5 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 16 times**, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 91 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 5 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(418 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With A, ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 93 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 114 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 93 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 113 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(426 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 95 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 116 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 95 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 114 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(434 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 10,206 stitches (8,928 in the baby blanket, 1,278 in the border); 10 ends to weave in.

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. To measure your own: work the swatch, pull it out and measure the yarn it took, tails and all. At the gauge of this pattern that is about 38 yd (35 m), by the same reckoning as the estimates and with nothing added. If yours took more, divide your yards by 38 (or your meters by 35) and multiply every estimate above by the answer; the 30 percent stays in it. Do not reckon it by area: the swatch is in one color and has no border.

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Notes

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- To work an FPdc: yo, insert the hook from front to back to front around the post (the upright part) of the st, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times. The front is the side that faces you as you work.
- FPdc around next 91 sts is one FPdc around each of them.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("3 sc in first st") are all worked into that one place.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails.
- A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it goes around: the top of that stitch lies behind it and is left unworked. The hdc at both ends of the row goes into the top of its stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Round 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge the 2 chs skipped at the start of row 1 are not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After round 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.
- Where a round names a new yarn, change to it in the slip stitch that joins the round before, and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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