Iris stitch throw

US terms



Finished size
About 54½ × 66 in (138 × 168 cm)

Skill
Easy
Groups in one place, skipped stitches, chain spaces

What you need
Medium (4) yarn, any color: about 3,250 yd (2,972 m), an estimate
By weight: about 1,650 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: **5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Yarn needle, scissors and tape measure

Gauge

13 stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in iris stitch. Along a row, count the stitches only, not the chains between them.

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: three repeats of the bracketed group side by side (12 foundation chains' worth) are about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide, and 8 rows are about 4¼ in (11 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 6.

> **The swatch.** Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 23. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sh in 5th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, sh in next ch**] 4 times**, sk next ch, dc in next ch | (2 dc, 5 sh) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 11** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch | (2 dc, 5 sh) |

For another width, add or take away 4 chains at a time: each 4 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

ch-1 sp: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 3 is the first dc; the last dc goes in the **top of the 3 chains**.

[ ] 43 times: 43 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (2 dc, 44 sh): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: sp space.

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

Special stitches

sh (Shell): (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same st or sp. It leaves 2 dc, 1 ch-1 sp and 2 dc for the next row.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). Ch 179.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sh in 5th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, sh in next ch**] 43 times**, sk next ch, dc in next ch	(2 dc, 44 sh)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	(2 dc, 44 sh)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 **6**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 6.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 54½ in (138 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 7 to 124**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	(2 dc, 44 sh)

Repeat until the piece measures about 66 in (168 cm): at our gauge that is row 124. Go by the tape measure, not the count.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118
119 120 121 122 123 124

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 124 rows; 2 ends to weave in.

Also makes: iris stitch scarf and iris stitch baby blanket, from the same stitch pattern. See the pattern's page at flossfield.com/crochet/patterns/iris-stitch-throw/.

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 size of the blanket, at 0.9 yd of yarn for each square inch. A fabric with open spaces may take less. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

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Notes

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

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