Irish rose afghan

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 34 in (86 cm) wide and 42 in (107 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty rose, main color	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brick rose, color D	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: shell rose, color E	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: garnet, color F	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss, color B	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, color C	**about 670 yd (613 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: rust-proof pins for blocking, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**34 in (86 cm) wide, 42 in (107 cm) long**	**about 1,280 yd (1,170 m)**
Throw	50 in (127 cm) wide, 58 in (147 cm) long	about 2,620 yd (2,396 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

13 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Count the gauge on a row of double crochet. After rnd 7 the rose measures about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across its petals, and a finished square about 8 in (20.5 cm) from side to side without the picots. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- A picot loop is a chain, a picot and a chain between two stitches; it is counted as one.
- The words are for a square with a dusty rose flower (A). For the other flowers use D, E or F wherever the words say A.
- In rnds 4, 6 and 8 the sc goes in the top of the sc between two petals, with the petals bent toward you. The other sts of the petals are left as they are.
- A "ch-4-picot loop" is the loop of ch 2, picot, ch 2 between two sc. When a picot loop is worked into, go round its chains: in rnd 11 the sc goes round the second ch 2 of the loop, the one after the picot; in rnd 12 two of the 4 dc go round the ch 2 before the picot and two round the ch 2 after it. The picot stays in front.
- Rnd 10 begins in the first ch-3 sp of rnd 9, the one in the corner that the beg ch-4 begins. The last sc of its fourth side, "sc in next tr", so goes in the top of that beg ch-4. In rnd 13 the last 3 sts of the fourth side go in the top of the beg ch-3 of rnd 12 and in the 2 dc after it; the sl sts at the start have only passed over them.

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Instructions

Chosen: Baby. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Square: make 20

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty rose; B, moss; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 2, **[**sc in next sc, ch 2**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next sc, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(16 hdc, 8 sc, 8 dc)**

Work rnds 4 and 6 behind the petals: fold the petals toward you and keep the chain loops at their back.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, **[**sc in next sc, ch 3**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, **[**sc in next sc, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(24 dc, 16 hdc, 8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, **[**sc in next sc, ch 4**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc, 8 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, 5 dc, hdc) in next ch-4 sp, **[**sc in next sc, (hdc, 5 dc, hdc) in next ch-4 sp**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A	**(40 dc, 16 hdc, 8 sc)**

Leaves, worked behind the last petals

☐ **Rnd 8**	Join B with sl st in any sc, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, **[**sc in next sc, ch 5**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc, 8 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in same sp, 5 dc in next ch-5 sp, **[**(3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in next ch-5 sp, 5 dc in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-4. Fasten off B	**(24 tr, 20 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)**

Picot mesh

☐ **Rnd 10**	Join C with sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same sp, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 tr, sc in next tr, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next tr, ch 2, picot, ch 2, **[**(sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 tr, sc in next tr, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, picot, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next tr, ch 2, picot, ch 2**] 3 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 16 picot loops)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same sp, **[**ch 2, picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-4-picot loop**] 4 times**, ch 2, picot, ch 2, **[**(sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 2, picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-4-picot loop**] 4 times**, ch 2, picot, ch 2**] 3 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 20 picot loops)**

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**4 dc in next ch-4-picot loop**] 5 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-5 sp, **[**4 dc in next ch-4-picot loop**] 5 times] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(104 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

The last round joins the squares. Work it as printed on the first square only; for every square after it read steps 2 to 4 of the Assembly first, and join it to its neighbors as you work the round.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, picot, sc) in same sp, sc in each of next 4 dc, picot, **[**sc in each of next 6 dc, picot**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 4 dc, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 4 dc, picot, **[**sc in each of next 6 dc, picot**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 4 dc**] 3 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(112 sc, 20 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Squares: for the baby size 20 squares, 4 wide and 5 long: 5 dusty rose, 5 brick rose, 5 shell rose, 5 garnet; for the throw size 42 squares, 6 wide and 7 long: 11 dusty rose, 10 brick rose, 10 shell rose, 11 garnet. Rnd 13 is worked as printed all round the first square only; on every other square it also joins it to its neighbors. Weave in the ends of each square as it is finished.

2. Order of the flower colors, from left to right, each order repeated to the end of the row. Row 1: A, D, E, F; Row 2: E, F, A, D; Row 3: D, E, F, A; Row 4: F, A, D, E; Row 5: E, F, A, D; Row 6: A, D, E, F; Row 7: F, A, D, E. Row 1 is the bottom row.

3. Joining: work the squares of row 1 from left to right, then row 2, and so on. Along a side that stays free, rnd 13 is worked as printed. Along a side that meets a finished square, hold the finished square behind the new one, wrong sides together, and in place of each picot work a joined picot: ch 1, sl st in the ch-3 loop of the picot that lies opposite on the finished square, ch 1. The sc between the picots are worked in the new square only. A side has four picots and one at each of its corners, so six are joined.

4. Where a new corner comes to a corner that is joined already, put the sl st of its joined corner picot in the same corner picot of the first of those squares.

5. Edge round 1: this round is worked behind the picots, which stay in front of it. With the right side facing, join C with a sl st in the ch-3 loop of the picot at a corner of the afghan, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same picot. Along the side: sc in each of the 28 sc of every square, and between two squares 2 sc in the ch-3 loop of their joined corner picot (the one of the square that was finished first). At the next corner: (sc, ch 2, sc) in the corner picot. Go on in this way round all four sides, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off C. (baby: 540 sc, 4 ch-2 sps; throw: 780 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

6. Edge round 2: join A with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same sp, picot, 4 dc in same sp. Along the side: [sc in next sc, sk next sc, 3 dc in next sc, picot, 3 dc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 5 times for every square of the side. At the next corner: (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in the ch-2 sp. Go on in this way round all four sides, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. The first and the last sc of a side are those of the corners. (baby: 572 dc, 180 sc, 94 picots; throw: 812 dc, 260 sc, 134 picots)

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left.
- Pin the afghan out with every square even, damp it, and let it dry. Lift the petals with your fingers.

In all: 20 pieces; 40 ends to weave in.

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