Jacob's ladder blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 31¾ × 38 in (81 × 97 cm), with 9 braids

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, chain loops and a braid made with the hook

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: soft lagoon, main **about 560 yd (512 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, stripe **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 10 stitch markers for Baby, 16 for Throw, or as many short pieces of yarn of another color.

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, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**31¾ × 38 in (81 × 97 cm)**	**about 860 yd (786 m)**
Throw	50¼ × 58 in (128 × 147 cm)	about 2,020 yd (1,847 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check it on the blanket itself when 13 rows are done, laid flat and not stretched: the 8 dc of a panel are about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide, and the 13 rows are about 7¼ in (18 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. A braid is about as wide as 2 dc.

Before you start

- The blanket is worked in rows from its lower end. Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the st it rises from. The 2 chains skipped beside the hook in row 1 do not count either.
- A ladder is a ch 8 between two panels of 8 dc, over 2 skipped chs of the foundation. In row 1 the first dc is worked into the 3rd ch from the hook. From row 2 on the ch 8 is worked over the ch-8 sp of the row below, which is skipped. Let the loops hang free on the right side: on a wrong side row push them through to the side away from you.
- Until the braids are made the panels hang together only by the loops: handle the piece gently. When they are made, every loop holds the next one, and the last row holds the top loops.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. The white stripes are 2 rows and the lagoon ones between them 4: leave the yarn that rests at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when it is needed. Cut a yarn only when it is not needed again before the border.
- Border: rounds of sc, along the last row, down the ends of the rows on the left, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows on the right. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner. In every three row ends there are 5 sc: 2, 2 and 1. A row end is the side of a dc or of a turning chain: put the hook around it, and around the yarn carried along the edge.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first sc of rounds 2 and 3 goes into the st where the joining sl st was made. To change to A after round 2, make the joining sl st with A and cut B.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) at the beginning and at the end of every yarn.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.

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Instructions

Chosen: Baby. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: A, soft lagoon; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 100.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 7 chs, **[**ch 8, sk next 2 chs, dc in next 8 chs**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 8**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rows 9 to 11**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Row 12**	With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 14**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rows 15 to 17**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 15 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Row 18**	With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 20**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rows 21 to 23**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 21 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Row 24**	With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 26**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

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☐ **Rows 27 to 29** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 27 to 29: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 30** With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 31** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 32** With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Rows 33 to 35** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 33 to 35: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 36** With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 37** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 38** With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Rows 39 to 41** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 39 to 41: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 42** With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 43** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 44** With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Rows 45 to 47** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 45 to 47: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 48** With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 49** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 50** With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Rows 51 to 53** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 51 to 53: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 54** With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 55** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

☐ **Row 56** With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

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☐ **Rows 57 to 59**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 57 to 59: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 60**	With B, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 62**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rows 63 to 65**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(80 dc, 9 ch-8 sps)**

A box for each row, 63 to 65: tick them off as you go.

63 64 65

Now braid the 9 ladders, before the last row is worked. Draw up the working loop, the one on the hook at the end of row 65, and put a marker in it, so that it cannot run. With the right side facing you, put the hook through the ch-8 loop of row 1 from the front to the back, catch the ch-8 loop of row 2 above it and draw it through to the front; the loop of row 2 is now on the hook. Catch the loop of row 3 and draw it through the loop on the hook, and go on in the same way up to the loop of row 65, without twisting a loop. Put a marker in that last loop, the top loop of the ladder. Braid the other ladders in the same way. Then go back to the edge where row 65 ended: take the marker out of the working loop there, put that loop on the hook and draw it to its size again. In the last row, 2 dc go into the top loop of each ladder, and the marker comes out of it as you reach it

☐ **Row 66**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 8 sts, **[**2 dc in next ch-8 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 9 times**	**(98 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, soft lagoon.

The last row of the blanket is a wrong side row: turn the piece, so that the right side faces you and the last row is at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner. Along the foundation work 1 sc in each ch, also in the 2 chs under each braid.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 98 sts of the last row, the ends of the 66 rows, the 98 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 66 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 96 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 22 times**, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 96 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 22 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(424 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 98 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 112 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 98 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 111 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(432 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 100 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 114 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 100 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 112 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(440 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 6,594 stitches (5,298 in the blanket, 1,296 in the border); 46 ends to weave in.

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