Lacy square baby shawl

Preemie shawl · US terms



Finished size
About 26 × 26 in (66 × 66 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Shells, mesh, chain spaces, picots

Yarn
Super fine (1)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
20 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: snow white, super fine (1) **about 700 yd (640 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Preemie shawl (this file)	**26 × 26 in (66 × 66 cm)**	**about 700 yd (640 m)**
Newborn shawl	35½ × 35½ in (90 × 90 cm)	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)
Christening shawl	42¾ × 42¾ in (109 × 109 cm)	about 1,850 yd (1,692 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 (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Gauge

20 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 8 the piece, laid flat and measured from the middle of one side straight across to the middle of the opposite side, is about 6.4 in (16.3 cm). If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another size of square work three rounds more or fewer before the fan edge (shell, mesh, solid), so that the last of them is a solid round: every round has 4 stitches more on each of its four sides, counting a ch 1 as a stitch, a shell round has two shells more on each side than the shell round before it, and the fan edge then has one fan more on each side. Three rounds add about 2.4 in (6.1 cm) to the size of the square.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Stitches that lie before the space are passed over and left unworked, apart from the slip stitches at the start of a round.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- 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.
- Every round of the square from round 2 on, and the first fan round after it, begins in the corner ch-2 sp that comes first after the joining slip stitch. To come to it, work a slip stitch in each dc that stands between the top of the ch 3 where the round below was joined and the space, and then the slip stitch in the space that is printed. There are 2 such dc to slip over in round 2 (the dc of round 1), one dc in every later shell round and mesh round (round 3 is the first of these), none in a solid round, and one dc in the first fan round. None of these slip stitches counts as a stitch. In the other fan rounds there is nothing to slip over: the second and the last begin with the one slip stitch that is printed, in the space right beside the join, and the third begins at the join with its ch 3.

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- In the square a corner holds 2 dc, ch 2 and 2 dc (the ch 3 is one of them), or in a mesh round dc, ch 2 and dc. The ch 3 and any dc you passed on the way belong to the end of the fourth side, and you come to them again at the end of the round: they are stitches of that side like the others, the ch 3 counted as a dc, and the round works into them or skips them just as its words say. In round 2 and in the solid rounds the ch 3 is worked into, in its top. In a shell round it is the second of the last 2 skipped stitches, in a mesh round it is the last skipped stitch, and in both the dc that follows the ch 3 takes the last dc of the side.
- In the first two fan rounds the single crochet are the low points between the fans. Where a round says "sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next st" or "sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next st", that stitch is the sc beyond the chain; the dc before the chain is left unworked. At the end of the first of these rounds the last 3 stitches of the fourth side, the ch 3 and the dc of the round below among them, are left unworked as on the other sides. In the third fan round "sc in next st" after a fan is worked in the sc, and in the last one "sk next st, sc in next st" skips the last dc of a fan and is worked in the sc.
- About 26 in (66 cm) square, measured to the sc round of the fans; the picots stand out a little farther. Without the fan edge it is about 23.2 in (58.9 cm) square.
- 33 rounds: rounds 1 to 29 are the square, rounds 30 to 33 the fan edge. After rounds 1 and 2 the square is worked in threes: a shell round (3, 6, 9 and so on to 27), a mesh round (4, 7, 10 and so on to 28) and a solid round (5, 8, 11 and so on to 29).

Instructions

Chosen: Preemie shawl. 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 and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, **[**dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, **[**dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp, **[**ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 5 times**, dc in next st, ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 5 times**, dc in next st, ch 1, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(32 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, **[**dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 7 times**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
> **[**dc in next st,
> **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 7**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
> **[**ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 11 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
> (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 11 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(56 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 52 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
> **[**dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 13 times**,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 13 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(124 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 9**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
> **[**dc in next st,
> **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 5 times**,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 5 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(140 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 10**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
> **[**ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 17 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
> (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 17 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(80 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 76 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 11**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
> **[**dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 19 times**,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 19 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(172 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 12**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
> **[**dc in next st,
> **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 7 times**,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 7 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(188 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 13**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
> **[**ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 23 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
> (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,

ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 23 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(104 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 100 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 14**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 25 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 25 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(220 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 15**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st,
[sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 9 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 9 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(236 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 16**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
[ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 29 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 29 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(128 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 124 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 17**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 31 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 31 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(268 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 18**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st,
[sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 11 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 11 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(284 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 19**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
[ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 35 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 35 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(152 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 148 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 20**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 37 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 37 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(316 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 21**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st,
[sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 13 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 13 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(332 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 22**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
[ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 41 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 41 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(176 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 172 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 23**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 43 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 43 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(364 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 24**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st,
[sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 15 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 15 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(380 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 25**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
[ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 47 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 47 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(200 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 196 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 26**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 49 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 49 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(412 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 27**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st,
[sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 17 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 17 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(428 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 28**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp,
[ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 53 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
ch 1, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 53 times**, dc in next st, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(224 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 220 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 29**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp,
[dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 55 times**,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 55 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(460 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 30**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 3, dc in same sp, **[**ch 2, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**ch 5, sk next 5 sts, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next st, ch 5, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, ch 2, sk next 3 sts, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**ch 5, sk next 5 sts, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next st, ch 5, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, ch 2, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(80 dc, 40 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 40 sc, 72 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 12 dc in same sp, **[**sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, **[**11 dc in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next st**] 9 times**, 13 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, **[**11 dc in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(448 dc, 40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 12 times**, **[**sc in next st, **[[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 10 times**, dc in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st, **[[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 10 times**, dc in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(448 dc, 408 ch-1 sps, 40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, picot, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 10 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sk next st, sc in next st, **[[**sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 9 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 11 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, sk next st, sc in next st, **[[**sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 9 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(448 sc, 368 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 33 rounds; 7,272 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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