Lemon peel stitch throw

US terms



Finished size
About 54¼ × 66¼ in (138 × 168 cm)

Skill
Beginner
Basic stitches worked into stitches, with a turning chain

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 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch.

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: 7 repeats of the bracketed group side by side (14 foundation chains' worth) are about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide, and 11 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

> **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 21. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 9 times** | (10 sc, 10 dc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 17** | Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 10 times** | (10 sc, 10 dc) |

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **st** stitch.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 87 times: 87 times in all. (88 sc, 88 dc): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). Ch 177.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 87 times**	(88 sc, 88 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 88 times**	(88 sc, 88 dc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	**9**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 9.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 54¼ 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 10 to 182**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 88 times** *Repeat until the piece measures about 66¼ in (168 cm): at our gauge that is row 182. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*	(88 sc, 88 dc)

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	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149
150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177
178	179	180	181	182																							

☐	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: 182 rows; 32,032 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- 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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