Little sheep blanket border

Stroller blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 27¾ × 27¾ in (70 × 70 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 27¾ × 27¾ in (70 × 70 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Puff stitch, popcorn heads, colors carried along a round

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sky blue, blanket stitch, first rounds and the sky round the sheep	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, sheep	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, heads and legs	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: meadow green, grass	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye and hemmed flannel blanket, its size is given below.

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. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lovey	16¾ × 16¾ in (43 × 43 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)
Stroller blanket (this file)	**27¾ × 27¾ in (70 × 70 cm)**	**about 480 yd (439 m)**
Baby blanket	39 × 39 in (99 × 99 cm)	about 710 yd (649 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

puff (puff stitch): (yo, insert hook in the st, yo and pull up a loop as tall as an hdc) 4 times, all in that one st, yo and draw through all 9 loops on the hook, ch 1 to close. The puff and its ch 1 are one stitch; in the next round the st over a puff goes into that ch 1. It leaves 1 puff for the next round.

head: 5 dc in the st; take the hook out of the last loop; put the hook from front to back under the top of the first of the 5 dc, pick up the loop and draw it through; ch 1. The head counts as one stitch and stands out from the round; in the next round the st over it goes into its ch 1.

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

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 22.2 in (56.4 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 12 plus 10 (70 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 10 from the loops of a side and divide by 12: that is n (here 5). In round 1 "70 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 72 sts" is 12 × n + 12; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 5 times, is worked n times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 5 times, is worked n times; in round 5 the repeat along each side, here worked 5 times, is worked n times; in round 6 the repeat along each side, here worked 5 times, is worked n times; in round 7 "next 84 sts" is 12 × n + 24; in round 8 the repeat along each side, here worked 43 times, is worked 6 × n + 13 times. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.

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- Blanket stitch: thread a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, and hold the cloth with its right side up and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) inside the edge and about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the edge without puckering it. Repeat from * all round. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. When a length runs out, end it and begin the next on the wrong side, in the same hole. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- The ch 2 at the start of a round counts as a hdc.
- 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. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- 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 round 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.
- Corner stitch of round 1: the middle one of the 3 sc in a corner. The first corner of round 1 is begun with 2 sc and completed with the 1 sc at the end of the round, all worked into the first st; its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In a round after the first, "first st" means the first st of the round below; for round 2 that is this same first sc, which is also where round 1 was joined.
- On a crocheted or knitted blanket no blanket stitch is needed. Leave it out and work round 1 into the edge of the blanket itself: 3 sc in each corner and, along each side between two corners, as many sc as keep the edge flat, the number being a multiple of 12 plus 10. Where a line of round 1 says "first st", that is a corner stitch of the blanket. Round 2 and all the rounds after it are then as printed, with the numbers of your own side (see ANOTHER SIZE).
- Colors: round 3 is worked with A, B and C, rounds 4 and 5 with A and B, round 6 with A and C. Join B and C where a round first needs them, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm); cut them at the end of each round. To change color, work the last stitch before "with" until only its last draw through is left (for a puff or a head, until only its closing ch 1 is left), and draw the new color through. Carry the colors not in use along the top of the round below and work over it, loosely; A is never cut inside a round.
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- "Any corner" means any one of the four corner spaces: the four sides are alike, so the round comes out the same from each of them. Begin in that space and work along the side to its left, the way you always go (to its right if you are left handed).
- Where a round begins with "Sl st in next ch-1 sp" or "Sl st in next ch-2 sp", go to that corner space with slip stitches: one in each st that lies between the join and the space, if there is one, and then one in the space. The st the last round was joined in, and any st you slip over, are the last sts of the last side: they are worked at the very end of the round.
- Begin with a hemmed flannel blanket about 21.8 in (55.4 cm) square; with the edging it is about 27.8 in (70.6 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 70 loops along each side, 284 loops in all, spaced 13 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 7 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.

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- Round 1 leaves 72 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.
- There are 6 sheep on each side, 24 in all.

Instructions

Chosen: Stroller blanket. 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 yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, sky blue; B, cream; C, charcoal; D, meadow green.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 70 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 70 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 70 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(292 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same st, hdc in next 72 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 72 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(296 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 4 sts, with C, head in next st, with A, hdc in next 7 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 4 sts, with C, head in next st, with A, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 4 sts, with C, head in next st, with A, hdc in next 7 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 4 sts, with C, head in next st, with A, hdc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(184 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps, 96 puffs, 24 heads)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(168 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps, 144 puffs)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 4 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 4 sts, with A, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**with B, puff in next 4 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, with B, puff in next 4 sts, with A, hdc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(224 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps, 96 puffs)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 2 sts, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 2 sts, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 8 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 2 sts, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 2 sts, with C, dc in next st, with A, dc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(336 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join D with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next 84 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 84 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(344 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in same sp, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 43 times**, **[**(2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 43 times] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(360 sc, 176 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Putting it together

Ears: each head has two ears, one on its left side and one on its right side, in the half of the head that is nearer to the blanket. An ear is a lazy daisy stitch, a loop about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) long that points away from the head: bring the needle up at the edge of the head, put it down again in the same place, bring it up 0.3 in (0.8 cm) away with the yarn under its point, draw up, and put it down over the end of the loop. Thread the needle with about 40 in (101.6 cm) of yarn C, enough for four sheep, and run it through the backs of the stitches on the wrong side from one sheep to the next. The yarn is in the amount, and the 2 ends of each length are counted.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 8 rounds; 40 ends to weave in.

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