Mint and gray shell stitch baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 31¾ × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, skipped stitches, groups in one place

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: mint, stripes — **about 600 yd (549 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gray, stripes — **about 575 yd (526 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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 test piece and measure it, mark the yarn where it begins and ends, pull it out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the piece and multiply by the area of the blanket. That is the yarn of all the colors together.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**31¾ × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)**	**about 1,175 yd (1,075 m)**
Small	29¾ × 36¼ in (76 × 92 cm)	about 1,000 yd (914 m)
Large	35½ × 43¾ in (90 × 111 cm)	about 1,425 yd (1,303 m)
Extra large	39 × 50½ in (99 × 128 cm)	about 1,800 yd (1,646 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 7.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Make the test piece first, in A alone: 13 rows, about 5.8 in (14.7 cm) wide and 6.1 in (15.5 cm) tall.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 20.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 3 times** **(4 sc, 15 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st **(16 dc, 3 sc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch **(4 sc, 15 dc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 13	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.

For another width, add or take away 6 chains at a time: each 6 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc and stands on the first st; "same st" at the start of a row is that first st. The last sc of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Inside the edges, from row 2 on, every sc goes into the middle dc of a fan and every fan of 5 dc goes into a sc.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Where several of one stitch are named with one place, all of them are worked into that place.
- Row 1 belongs to the first band, so the first band has one row more than each of the others.
- Where a row begins "With" a yarn, change to that yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before, so that the turning chain and the whole row are in the new yarn.
- Do not cut A and B between bands: each rests for two rows at the side edge and is carried loosely up that edge to its next band. Begin B with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and after the last band of each yarn cut it with a tail of the same length.

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- A carried yarn lies along one side edge in short strands. This pattern has no border over them.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- This size ends after a band of B (gray). The last band of A (mint) ends with row 83: cut A there.
- This size has 4 ends to weave in.
- Bands
- Rows 1 to 3: A (mint)
- Rows 4 to 5: B (gray)
- Rows 6 to 7: A (mint)
- Rows 8 to 9: B (gray)
- Rows 10 to 11: A (mint)
- Rows 12 to 13: B (gray)
- Rows 14 to 15: A (mint)
- Rows 16 to 17: B (gray)
- Rows 18 to 19: A (mint)
- Rows 20 to 21: B (gray)
- Rows 22 to 23: A (mint)
- Rows 24 to 25: B (gray)
- Rows 26 to 27: A (mint)
- Rows 28 to 29: B (gray)
- Rows 30 to 31: A (mint)
- Rows 32 to 33: B (gray)
- Rows 34 to 35: A (mint)
- Rows 36 to 37: B (gray)
- Rows 38 to 39: A (mint)
- Rows 40 to 41: B (gray)
- Rows 42 to 43: A (mint)
- Rows 44 to 45: B (gray)
- Rows 46 to 47: A (mint)
- Rows 48 to 49: B (gray)
- Rows 50 to 51: A (mint)
- Rows 52 to 53: B (gray)
- Rows 54 to 55: A (mint)
- Rows 56 to 57: B (gray)
- Rows 58 to 59: A (mint)
- Rows 60 to 61: B (gray)
- Rows 62 to 63: A (mint)
- Rows 64 to 65: B (gray)
- Rows 66 to 67: A (mint)
- Rows 68 to 69: B (gray)
- Rows 70 to 71: A (mint)
- Rows 72 to 73: B (gray)
- Rows 74 to 75: A (mint)
- Rows 76 to 77: B (gray)

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- Rows 78 to 79: A (mint)
- Rows 80 to 81: B (gray)
- Rows 82 to 83: A (mint)
- Rows 84 to 85: B (gray)

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 104.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 17 times** **(18 sc, 85 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st **(86 dc, 17 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch **(18 sc, 85 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st **(86 dc, 17 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch **(18 sc, 85 dc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 16 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st **(86 dc, 17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 85**	Repeat rows 3 to 6 in order, over and over. The last row, row 85, is worked as row 5.

A box for each row, 7 to 85: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

7	8	9	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								

> **Stop and measure when you have worked row 7.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 31¾ in (81 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.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends: each end into stitches of its own color, on the wrong side, turning back once.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 85 rows; 8,755 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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