Mitered square baby blanket

US terms



Finished size
About 30¾ in (78 cm) wide and about 36¾ in (93 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 30 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
After row 4 the piece measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) along each straight side.

You will need

Yarn A: butter yellow, rows 1 to 3	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, rows 4, 9 and 13	**about 365 yd (334 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, rows 5 to 8	**about 330 yd (302 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint, rows 10 to 12	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dove gray, row 14	**about 305 yd (279 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

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)
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

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Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 4 the piece measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) along each straight side. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The blanket is 30 squares, 6 rows of 5; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- A square begins in its lower left corner. Pull the magic ring closed so that the 4 dc of Row 1 fan out over a quarter of a circle; do not join the rows. Every row has two legs that meet at a right angle in its ch-2 space, and each leg is 2 dc longer than in the row before.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row stands in the place of a dc in the first st, the last stitch of the row before, so the next dc goes into the second st. The last dc of a row goes into the top of the ch-3 that began the row before.
- The right side of a square is the side that faces you while you work Row 1 and every other row with an odd number.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 31½ in (80 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 47 in (119 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 60 in (152 cm).

Instructions

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Square: make 30

Yarns in order of use: A, butter yellow; B, cream; C, peach; D, mint; E, dove gray.

Make 15 as the lines say; for the other 15 read D for A and A for D.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in ring, ch 2, 2 dc in ring	**(4 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts	**(8 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts	**(12 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts	**(16 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts	**(20 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 9 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 10 sts	**(24 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 12 sts	**(28 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 8**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 13 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 14 sts	**(32 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 16 sts	**(36 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 10**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 17 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 18 sts	**(40 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 20 sts	**(44 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 12**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 21 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 22 sts	**(48 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Row 13**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 23 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 24 sts	**(52 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 14**	Turn, join E with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 25 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 26 sts	**(56 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 5 7/8 in (15 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 30 squares out in 6 rows of 5, right sides up, every square the same way round: the magic ring at its lower left and the ch-2 space of Row 14 at its upper right, so that the corners of all the squares point one way. Begin the top row at its left end with a square that starts in butter yellow, and let the squares that start in butter yellow and those that start in mint take turns along every row and down every column.

4. Laid so, the right side and the top of a square are the two legs of Row 14, 28 dc each; its left side and its bottom are the ends of its 14 rows. Every seam joins a leg of Row 14 of one square to the row ends of the next.

5. Join with a slip stitch seam in E: hold two neighboring squares with right sides together. Begin at the end away from the ch-2 space of Row 14, where the outer end of that leg meets the magic ring corner of the other square. Work 1 slip

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stitch through both in every dc of the leg, under both of its top loops on the one square and round the stitch at the end of a row on the other, 2 slip stitches into the end of every row (28 slip stitches); then 1 slip stitch through the ch-2 space of Row 14 and, on the other square, the top of the stitch at the end of its Row 14 (29 in all). Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

6. Border, round 1: with E and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the ch-2 space at the upper right corner of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; (sc, ch 2, sc) in that space. Go on along the top from right to left, down the left side, along the bottom and up the right side. Along the top and the right edge work 1 sc in every dc of Row 14 and 1 sc in the ch-2 space of Row 14 at every seam; along the left and the bottom edge work 2 sc in the end of every row, round the stitch at the end. At each of the other three corners of the blanket ch 2. Slip stitch in the first sc to join (627 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

7. Border, round 2: join B with a slip stitch in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in the same space; 1 sc in every sc along the edges and (sc, ch 2, sc) in each of the other three corner spaces; slip stitch in the first sc to join (635 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

8. Border, round 3: with E, work like round 2 (643 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 30 pieces; 484 ends to weave in.

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