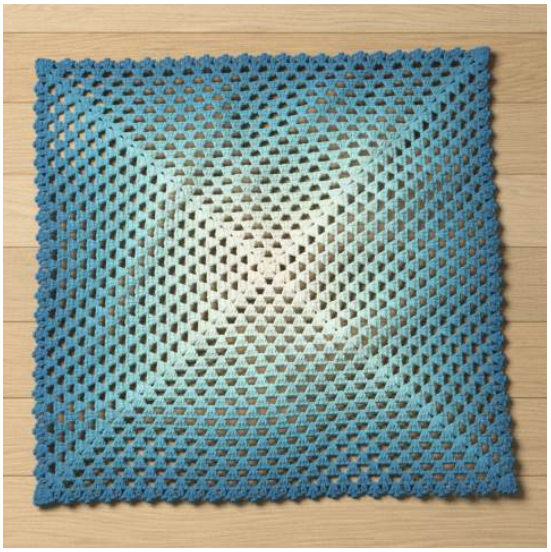
One skein baby blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 25¾ × 25¾ in (65 × 65 cm)

Skill
Easy
Shells and chain spaces in rounds

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In the shells, in rounds.

You will need

Yarn: cream to sea blue, medium (4) **about 390 yd (357 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Preemie	18¾ × 18¾ in (48 × 48 cm)	about 220 yd (201 m)
Baby (this file)	**25¾ × 25¾ in (65 × 65 cm)**	**about 390 yd (357 m)**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

beg	beginning
ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (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
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in the shells, in rounds.

In the shells, with the hook named: 3½ shells, each with the ch 1 after it, to 4 in (10 cm) along a side, and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Check it on the blanket itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 7 rounds are done: along each of its four edges it measures about 8 in (20 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The blanket is worked in joined rounds, always with the right side facing: do not turn. Three dc in one place are a shell.
- The ball shown changes color slowly from cream to sea blue, once from end to end, and is begun at its cream end. With a ball of one color the blanket is worked in the same way.
- Every round begins in the same corner. From round 2 on, first sl st in the 2 dc beside the join and then into the corner ch-2 sp that follows them; the ch 3, the 2 dc, the ch 2 and the next 3 dc all go into that space. Put the marker in this corner space and move it up in every round.
- In every round a shell goes into each ch-1 sp, between two shells of the round below, and (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into each corner ch-2 sp, so that each side has one shell more than in the round before. The stitches of the shells below are passed over. The last ch 1 of a round lies just before the join.
- In the last round, the edge, each 3 dc go into a ch-1 sp, each 7 dc into a corner ch-2 sp, and each sc into the middle one of the three dc of a shell; "sk next st" passes over the dc on either side of it. Each of the two groups of 3 dc at a corner is a shell here too. The round begins beside the join, in the shell that begins with the ch 3: the sl st and the first sc go into the middle dc of that shell, and the dc before the corner space is passed over. The ch 1 at its start does not count as a stitch.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them.
- How far a ball goes: the blanket may end after any round from round 8 on, and the edge is worked next. For every round up to 22 follow the Baby size. To the end of the round named, with the edge and the tails, it takes: round 10, about 12 in (30 cm) square with its edge, 95 yd (87 m); round 13, about 15½ in (39 cm) square with its edge, 150 yd (138 m); round 16, about 18¾ in (48 cm) square with its edge, 220 yd (202 m); round 19, about 22¼ in (57 cm) square with its edge, 300 yd (275 m); round 22, about 25¾ in (65 cm) square with its edge, 390 yd (357 m). These are estimates, with the same 30 percent added as in the amounts above.

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- If the ball runs out: the edge takes more yarn than the round before it, about a quarter more, so stop while there is that much left. If the ball runs out in a round or in the edge, take out that unfinished round or edge and the last two full rounds as well, and work the edge on the round that is then the last: if the ball runs out in round 20, or in an edge worked on round 19, take the work back to the end of round 17 and work the edge there. The yarn taken out is enough for it.
- If you use more than one ball, join the next one within a round, away from a corner: work the last yarn over of a dc with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- The edge after another round: work it as the last round is written, but with other numbers of times. Each side of the square has one ch-1 sp fewer than the number of the round you ended with (12 after round 13). Work the brackets that many times on each of the first three sides, and one time fewer on the fourth, where the last 3 dc of the round go into the last ch-1 sp.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off. Both are woven in at the end.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and sk is miss.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(24 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(36 dc, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(48 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(60 dc, 16 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 6**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(72 dc, 20 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 7**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(84 dc, 24 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(96 dc, 28 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 9**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(108 dc, 32 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 10**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(120 dc, 36 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 11**

Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1,
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1;
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(132 dc, 40 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(144 dc, 44 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(156 dc, 48 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(168 dc, 52 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(180 dc, 56 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(192 dc, 60 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(204 dc, 64 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(216 dc, 68 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(228 dc, 72 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(240 dc, 76 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 19 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 19 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 19 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 19 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(252 dc, 80 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(264 dc, 84 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, sk next st, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 21 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 21 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 21 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st**] 20 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first sc **(280 dc, 88 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice. Lead each end through the dc and not across a space.
- Wet the blanket and press the water out in a towel. Lay it flat with its four corners square and its edges straight, and leave it there until it is dry.

In all: 23 rounds; 3,404 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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