Oversized blanket

Oversized · US terms



Finished size
About 80 × 89½ in (203 × 227 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 77¼ × 87 in (196 × 221 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, two stitches in turn, a border

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
9 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In seed stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: oatmeal, main **about 3,575 yd (3,269 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: charcoal, contrast **about 925 yd (846 m), an estimate**

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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. 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. That is the yarn for all the colors together: divide it among them as the estimates are divided.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lap	40 × 50½ in (102 × 128 cm)	about 1,325 yd (1,212 m)
Oversized (this file)	**80 × 89½ in (203 × 227 cm)**	**about 4,500 yd (4,115 m)**
Extra large	89¾ × 99¾ in (228 × 253 cm)	about 5,625 yd (5,144 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
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

9 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in seed stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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: there are no chains between the stitches here, so count the stitches alone: 9 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 7 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 5.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 15. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 6 times** | **(7 sc, 7 dc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 11** | Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 7 times** | **(7 sc, 7 dc)** |

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of the bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("3 sc in first st") are all worked into that one place.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails; if you measure your own, add them.
- How to hold the weight: sit at a table or on a wide couch and let the finished part lie there, not in your hands. Turn the work over at the end of a row like the page of a book, one time to the left and the next time to the right, so that the yarn does not twist. When it is too wide to turn, roll the finished part toward you and turn the roll.
- To find out whether you like the stitch, work the lap size first: it is the same pattern.
- Wash and dry it as the label of the yarn says, and dry it flat: wet, it is very heavy.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Rnd 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.

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- Along the foundation edge the ch skipped at the start of row 1 is not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After rnd 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.
- Where a round names a new yarn, change to it in the slip stitch that joins the round before, and cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: Oversized. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal; B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation** With A, ch 175.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 86 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

☐ **Rows 2 to 5** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 **5**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 5.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 77¼ in (196 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 6 to 8** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **Row 9** With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

☐ **Rows 10 to 14** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 14: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Row 15** With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

☐ **Rows 16 to 18** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18

☐ **Row 19** With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

☐ **Rows 20 to 24** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 24: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23 24

☐ **Row 25** With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

☐ **Rows 26 to 128** Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times** **(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 128: tick them off as you go.

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

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☐ **Row 129**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**
☐ **Rows 130 to 134**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 130 to 134: tick them off as you go.

130 131 132 133 134

☐ **Row 135**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**
☐ **Rows 136 to 138**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 136 to 138: tick them off as you go.

136 137 138

☐ **Row 139**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**
☐ **Rows 140 to 144**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 140 to 144: tick them off as you go.

140 141 142 143 144

☐ **Row 145**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**
☐ **Rows 146 to 152**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 87 times**	**(87 sc, 87 dc)**

A box for each row, 146 to 152: tick them off as you go.

146 147 148 149 150 151 152

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

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal; B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 152 at the top, join A with sl st in the stitch that ends row 152, at the top right corner.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 172 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 3 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 38 times**, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 172 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 3 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(736 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	With B, ch 2, hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 174 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 192 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 174 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 191 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(744 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 176 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 194 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 176 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 192 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(752 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 28,680 stitches (26,448 in the blanket, 2,232 in the border); 22 ends to weave in.

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