Pique stitch baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Blocks of color, clusters

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In pique stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: mint, main color	**about 725 yd (663 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast	**about 700 yd (640 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, contrast	**about 700 yd (640 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,050 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	30¼ × 36¼ in (77 × 92 cm)	about 1,825 yd (1,669 m)
Standard (this file)	**32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)**	**about 2,125 yd (1,943 m)**
Large	36 × 44¼ in (91 × 112 cm)	about 2,625 yd (2,400 m)
Extra large	40 × 50 in (102 × 127 cm)	about 3,275 yd (2,995 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in pique 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: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 10 rows are about 4.2 in (10.7 cm) tall. A row has no chains between its stitches.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 8.

> **The swatch.** Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. 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 6 in (15 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 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Pique in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 piques) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 14** | Ch 2, turn; pique in each st across | (20 piques) |

For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.

Notes

- The ch 2 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.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its block 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.
- 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.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
(104 piques): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

pique (Pique stitch): Yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops, yo, insert hook in the same st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, mint; B, white; C, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 106.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Pique in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(104 piques)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 **8**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 8.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32 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.

☐ **Rows 9 to 32**	Ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)
☐ **Rows 34 to 64**	Ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)

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

☐ **Row 65**	With C, ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)
☐ **Rows 66 to 95**	Ch 2, turn; pique in each st across	(104 piques)

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

☐ **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: 95 rows; 6 ends to weave in.

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