Popcorn block bedspread

Crib or lap · US terms



Finished size
About 32 in (81 cm) wide and 41 in (104 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: ecru, light (3) **about 1,220 yd (1,116 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

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

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Crib or lap (this file)	**32 in (81 cm) wide, 41 in (104 cm) long**	**about 1,220 yd (1,116 m)**
Twin	71 in (180 cm) wide, 90 in (229 cm) long	about 6,030 yd (5,514 m)
Queen	90 in (229 cm) wide, 100 in (254 cm) long	about 8,560 yd (7,827 m)
King	110 in (279 cm) wide, 100 in (254 cm) long	about 10,420 yd (9,528 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain
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

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sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round

Special stitches

pc (Popcorn): 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back through the top of the first of the 5 dc, pick the loop up again and draw it through. It leaves 1 pc for the next round.

beg-pc (Beginning popcorn): Ch 3, 4 dc in the same place, take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back through the top of the ch-3, pick the loop up again and draw it through. It counts as a pc.

Gauge

17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

After rnd 5 the square measures about 4¾ in (12 cm) from side to side. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook. A finished square measures about 9¾ in (25 cm) from side to side.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- All the squares are alike. The pieces are joined and the border is worked after all of them are finished; what to do is told under Assembly, for every size.
- A beginning ch 5 counts as a dc and a ch-2 sp. The first and last stitches of a round share a corner: where the last corner stitches are worked "in same sp as beg ch-5" (in rnds 3 and 5 "in same sp as first st"), they go in the ch-2 sp in which the round began, before the stitches that are already there.
- The last st of the last side goes in the top of the first stitch of the round below (the 3rd ch of its beg ch-5, or the top of its beg-pc), which already holds the joining sl st.
- A popcorn stands out on the right side. A dc over a popcorn goes in the stitch that closed the popcorn. "St" means a dc or a pc, whichever comes next; a ch-1 sp is not a st.

Instructions

Chosen: Crib or lap. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Square: make 12

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, 2 dc in ring, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5	**(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**

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

☐ **Rnd 3**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-pc in same sp, ch 2, (pc, dc) in same sp,
dc in each of next 7 sts,
[(dc, pc, ch 2, pc, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 7 sts**] 3 times**,
dc in same sp as first st, join with sl st in top of beg-pc **(36 dc, 8 pc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 4**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), 2 dc in same sp, dc in each of next 2 sts,
pc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts, pc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts,
[(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 sts, pc in next st,
dc in each of next 5 sts, pc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts**] 3 times**,
dc in same sp as beg ch-5, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(52 dc, 8 pc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 5**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-pc in same sp, ch 2, (pc, dc) in same sp,
dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st, dc in next st, pc in next st,
dc in each of next 6 sts,
[(dc, pc, ch 2, pc, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st,
dc in next st, pc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts**] 3 times**,
dc in same sp as first st, join with sl st in top of beg-pc **(60 dc, 16 pc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 6**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, pc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st,
dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1,
[(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st,
dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts, pc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times**,
join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(64 dc, 12 pc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 7**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same sp,
[ch 1, dc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st, dc in each of next 9 sts,
pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times**,
[(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next st,
pc in next st, dc in each of next 9 sts, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
[dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**,
join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(68 dc, 8 pc, 4 ch-2 sps, 32 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same sp,
[ch 1, dc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts,
pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 5 times**,
[(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 1, sk next st,
pc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
[dc in next st, ch 1**] 5 times] 3 times**,
join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(68 dc, 8 pc, 4 ch-2 sps, 48 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 9**

Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same sp,
[ch 1, dc in next st**] 7 times**, ch 1, sk next st, pc in next st, dc in next st,
pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 7 times**,
[(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 7 times**, ch 1, sk next st,
pc in next st, dc in next st, pc in next st, ch 1, sk next st,
[dc in next st, ch 1**] 7 times] 3 times**,
join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(68 dc, 8 pc, 4 ch-2 sps, 64 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same sp, **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 9 times**, pc in next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 9 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, dc in next st**] 9 times**, pc in next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 9 times] 3 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(80 dc, 4 pc, 4 ch-2 sps, 72 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, sc in next dc, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sc in next pc, sc in next dc, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sc in next pc, sc in next dc, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 9 times] 3 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(164 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Squares: work for crib or lap 12 (3 wide, 4 long), for twin 63 (7 wide, 9 long), for queen 90 (9 wide, 10 long), for king 110 (11 wide, 10 long). Weave in the ends of each, pin each out to about 9¾ in (25 cm) square with its mesh corners drawn even, wet it, and let it dry.

2. Lay the squares out right side up. Hold two neighbors with the wrong sides together and the edges to be joined at the top. Join the yarn with a sl st through the ch-2 sps of both squares at the right-hand end, ch 1, sc in the same two sps, sc in each of the 41 pairs of sc (through both loops of both squares), sc in the two ch-2 sps at the other end. (43 sc) The ridge of sc lies on the right side.

3. Without cutting the yarn and without a chain, go on in the same way with the next two squares of that row, until the whole row is joined to the next row; fasten off. Join every row to the next in this way. Then join the squares of the other direction, the same stitches from end to end; where two ridges cross, sc in the ch-2 sps before the ridge and in the ch-2 sps after it, and nothing in the ridge itself.

4. Border round 1: with the right side facing, join the yarn with a sl st in the ch-2 sp at a corner of the bedspread, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp. Along the side: sc in each of the 41 sc of every square and 1 sc in the end of every ridge between two squares (the ch-2 sps beside a ridge are passed over). (sc, ch 2, sc) in the ch-2 sp at the next corner. Go on in this way round all four sides, join with sl st in first sc. (crib or lap: 592 sc, 4 ch-2 sps; twin: 1,348 sc, 4 ch-2 sps; queen: 1,600 sc, 4 ch-2 sps; king: 1,768 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

5. Border round 2: sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), 2 dc in same sp, dc in each sc to the next ch-2 sp, [(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp, dc in each sc to the next ch-2 sp] 3 times, dc in same sp as beg ch-5, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5. The last of the sc is the one that holds the joining sl st of round 1. (crib or lap: 608 dc, 4 ch-2 sps; twin: 1,364 dc, 4 ch-2 sps; queen: 1,616 dc, 4 ch-2 sps; king: 1,784 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

6. Border round 3: sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in same sp. Along the side: sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, [sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc] 7 times for every square of the side, sk next 2 dc; at the corner 7 dc in the ch-2 sp. Go on in this way round all four sides (the last 2 dc that are skipped are the last dc of round 2 and the 3rd ch of its beg ch-5), join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off. (crib or lap: 518 dc, 102 sc; twin: 1,148 dc, 228 sc; queen: 1,358 dc, 270 sc; king: 1,498 dc, 298 sc)

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the joining and the border with the yarn needle.
- Pin out the border with every shell drawn evenly, damp it, and let it dry.

In all: 12 pieces.

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