Popcorn border

Round a small cloth · US terms



Finished size
Stands out about 1½ in (4 cm)
About 9½ × 9 in (24 × 23 cm) with a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet

Skill
Intermediate
Popcorns

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: the color of your piece, round 1 — **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty blue, plain rounds — **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter yellow, popcorns — **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.
To work on: a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet, already made. It is written out under Instructions. Its yarn is not in the amount above.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Round a small cloth (this file)	**9½ × 9 in (24 × 23 cm)**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Round a baby blanket	33½ × 33¼ in (85 × 84 cm)	about 280 yd (256 m)
Round a throw	52 × 52 in (132 × 132 cm)	about 435 yd (398 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
sk	skip
st	stitch

Special stitches

pop (popcorn): 5 dc in the stitch; take the hook out of the last loop and leave that loop loose; put the hook from front to back under the top two loops of the first of the 5 dc, pick up the loose loop and draw it through; ch 1. The 5 dc and that ch 1 are one popcorn and count as one stitch; in the next round the stitch over a popcorn goes into its ch 1. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the top edge of the size printed below, measured between its two corner stitches and not counting them, is about 6.5 in (16.5 cm). If the edge ruffles, work the round again with a smaller hook; if it pulls in, with a larger one; keep the number of stitches.

To fit your own piece, work round 1 so that the stitches between two corner stitches are a multiple of 6 plus 3 (9, 15, 21, 27 and so on) on every side; work 2 single crochet in one stitch to gain a stitch or skip one to lose it, spread along the side. Take 3 from that number and divide by 6: that is n (here 21 less 3, divided by 6, so n is 3). Then, for every side, in round 2 "next 21 sts" is 6 × n + 3; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 8 times, is worked 2 × n + 2 times; in round 4 "next 29 sts" is 6 × n + 11 and "next 27 sts" is 6 × n + 9. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If your piece is longer than it is wide, its long sides and its short sides have a different n: work it out for each. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side. Round 4 is the exception: its brackets are the first three sides in order, each after its corner (6 × n + 11), and the corner and the 27 sts after the brackets are the last side (6 × n + 9). ROUND A BABY BLANKET: the piece is 99 stitches by 113 rows: ch 100 to begin, row 1 ends with 99 sc, and rows 2 to 113 are worked in next 99 sts (99 sc). For the gauge, the 99 stitches between two corner stitches of round 1 are about 30.5 in (77.5 cm). Round 1: 97 sts, not 19, the bracket along the row ends 16 times, not 3, 97 chs, not 19; the round ends with 400 sc. Round 2: 99 sts, not 21; the round ends with 416 dc. Round 3: the bracket along a side 34 times, not 8; the round ends with 288 sc, 144 pop. Round 4: 107 sts, not 29, 105 sts, not 27; the round ends with 440 hdc. Yarn for the edging: A about 35 yd (32 m), B about 115 yd (105 m), C about 130 yd (119 m). ROUND A THROW: the piece is 159 stitches by 183 rows: ch 160 to begin, row 1 ends with 159 sc, and rows 2 to 183 are worked in next 159 sts (159 sc). For the gauge, the 159 stitches between two corner stitches of round 1 are about 48.9 in (124.2 cm). Round 1: 157 sts, not 19, the bracket along the row ends 26 times, not 3, 157 chs, not 19; the round ends with 640 sc. Round 2: 159 sts, not 21; the round ends with 656 dc. Round 3: the bracket along a side 54 times, not 8; the round ends with 448 sc, 224 pop. Round 4: 167 sts, not 29, 165 sts, not 27; the round ends with 680 hdc. Yarn for the edging: A about 55 yd (50 m), B about 180 yd (165 m), C about 200 yd (183 m).

Before you start

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- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. A round that begins with 2 sc and ends with 1 sc in the same first stitch makes its first corner of those 3 sc, and its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- Along the row ends, round 1 takes 6 stitches to every 7 rows and one more at the end.
- The foundation edge is the underside of the starting chain: work into what each chain has left free.
- A corner of 5 dc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 3 and 2 dc and completed with the last 2 dc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 3, which is the first st of the round.
- The corner of round 3 is (2 sc, pop, 2 sc), all in the corner stitch of round 2; its corner stitch is the pop.
- Round 4 begins in the first of the 2 sc before a corner pop: the ch 2 stands for a hdc in it, and the next hdc goes into the second of them. A corner of 3 hdc goes into the corner pop.
- The ch 2 at the start of a round counts as a hdc.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- A popcorn bulges to the right side of the work; if one turns to the back, push it through to the front.
- The piece is 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet, about 6.5 in (16.5 cm) by 5.9 in (15 cm); with the border on it is about 9.5 in (24.1 cm) by 8.9 in (22.6 cm).
- The amounts of yarn are for the edging alone. If you work the piece too, it takes about 40 yd (37 m) more of yarn A, an estimate worked out in the same way (462 single crochet and 43 chains, with 30 percent added), and leaves 2 more ends.
- With the right side facing you and the last row at the top, the first st is the one at the right-hand end of the last row (the left-hand end if you are left handed). Round 1 goes along the top, down the row ends of the next side, along the foundation edge and up the row ends of the last side.
- Round 1 leaves 21 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

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Instructions

Chosen: Round a small cloth. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, the color of your piece; B, dusty blue; C, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	A finished piece of 21 sts by 22 rows, RS facing.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 19 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, dc in next 21 sts, **[**5 dc in next st, dc in next 21 sts**] 3 times**, 2 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(104 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, (2 sc, pop, 2 sc) in first st, **[**pop in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, pop in next st, **[**(2 sc, pop, 2 sc) in next st, **[**pop in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, pop in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(80 sc, 40 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 29 sts**] 3 times**, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 27 sts, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(128 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 8 ends to weave in.

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