Preemie waffle baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 20¼ × 24 in (51 × 61 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 19½ × 23¼ in (50 × 59 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches, a border

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16½ stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In waffle stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: mint, main — **about 575 yd (526 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast — **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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
Standard (this file)	**20¼ × 24 in (51 × 61 cm)**	**about 625 yd (572 m)**
Small	16 × 18¼ in (41 × 46 cm)	about 365 yd (334 m)
Large	24 × 27¾ in (61 × 70 cm)	about 860 yd (787 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet (UK FPtr, front post treble)
rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Gauge

16½ stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 18 stitches side by side are about 4.4 in (11.1 cm) wide, and 10 rows are about 4.2 in (10.7 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 7.

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.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	**(26 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 8 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(10 dc, 16 FPdc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(18 dc, 8 FPdc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 15	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.	

For another width, add or take away 3 chains at a time: each 3 chains adds one more repeat of the bracketed group, and 3 more stitches to a row that has no brackets. 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 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. It stands on the first st of the row below; the next st is the second. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. In row 2 that is the top of the skipped chs: the last ch you made of the foundation.
- To work an FPdc: yo, insert the hook from front to back to front around the post (the upright part) of the st, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times. The front is the side that faces you as you work.
- FPdc around next 2 sts is one FPdc around each of them.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("3 sc in first st") are all worked into that one place.

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- 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 (its first st), goes along the last row to the other end (its last st), down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge every ch counts, skipped or not; the last one is the lowest of the 3 chs that stand as the first dc 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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, dc is treble and FPdc is front post treble.

Baby blanket

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 82.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	**(80 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 26 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(28 dc, 52 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 26 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(54 dc, 26 FPdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 55**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 55: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

4	5	6	**7**	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	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						

Stop and measure when you have worked row 7. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 19½ in (50 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.

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

Border

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 55 at the top, join B with sl st in the top of the ch 3 that begins row 55, at the top right corner.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 78 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sc in end of next row**] 13 times**, 2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 78 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sc in end of next row**] 13 times**, 2 sc in end of each of next 3 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(362 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 80 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 99 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 80 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 98 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(370 sc)**
☐ **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: 2 pieces; 5,132 stitches (4,400 in the baby blanket, 732 in the border); 4 ends to weave in.

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