Receiving blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 30½ × 30 in (77 × 76 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 28½ × 28 in (72 × 71 cm)

Skill
Easy
Chain spaces, groups in one place, shells in the border

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In V-stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: mint, main	**about 650 yd (594 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, contrast	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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
Standard (this file)	**30½ × 30 in (77 × 76 cm)**	**about 795 yd (727 m)**
Large	36 × 35½ in (91 × 90 cm)	about 1,120 yd (1,024 m)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

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)
rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

17 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in V-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: 18 stitches and chains side by side are about 4.2 in (10.8 cm) wide, and 10 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 8.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6½ in (17 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
>
> | | |
> |---|---|
> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 30. |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), sk next ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, **[**sk next 2 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch**] 7 times**, sk next ch, dc in next 2 chs **(20 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 15** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sk next st, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch **(20 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)** |

For another width, add or take away 6 chains at a time: 6 chains add two more repeats of the bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first. The top and the bottom of the border then still come out even; on the sides, count anew when you add rows: before the last round every side must have a multiple of 6 plus 5 stitches between one corner stitch and the next.

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.
- 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.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- Choose a smooth cotton blend that can be washed in the machine.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- For a baby it is a blanket for awake and watched hours: on a lap, in the arms, on the floor.
- 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.
- 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.
- Rnd 4 is the round of shells. Its first sc goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined, and a shell of 7 dc goes into each corner stitch, the middle one of the 3 stitches that rnd 3 has in one place at the corner. Every sc between two shells goes into the 3rd stitch after the stitch that holds the shell before it.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Baby blanket

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 123.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), sk next ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, **[**sk next 2 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch**] 38 times**, sk next ch, dc in next 2 chs **(82 dc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 39 times**, sk next st, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch **(82 dc, 39 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go. 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 28½ in (72 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 69**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 39 times**, sk next st, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch **(82 dc, 39 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 9 to 69: tick them off as you go.

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 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66
67 68 69

☐ **Row 70**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 39 times**, sc in next st, sc in top of turning ch **(121 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Border

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 70 at the top, join B with sl st in the stitch that ends row 70, at the top right corner.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 119 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 21 times**, 2 sc in end of each of next 7 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 119 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of next row**] 21 times**, 2 sc in end of each of next 7 rows, sl st in first sc to join **(488 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 120 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(496 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 123 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 123 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 123 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(504 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(84 sc, 428 dc)**
☐ **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: 7,779 stitches (5,779 in the baby blanket, 2,000 in the border); 4 ends to weave in.

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.