Red, white and blue quilt throw

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 47½ × 59 in (121 × 150 cm)

Skill
Easy
One decrease in the middle of every row, squares sewn together

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: cream, stripes	**about 1,025 yd (937 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, stripes	**about 975 yd (892 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: denim, stripes	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cranberry, stripes	**about 850 yd (777 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and pins.

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. To measure your own: in one spare yarn work one square and measure it, mark the yarn where it begins and ends, pull it out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the piece and multiply by the area of the blanket. That is the yarn of the stitches, all the colors together: add 6 in (15 cm) for each end to weave in, two and a half times the length of each seam, and some to spare.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**47½ × 59 in (121 × 150 cm)**	**about 3,350 yd (3,063 m)**
Lap	36 × 47½ in (91 × 121 cm)	about 2,050 yd (1,875 m)
Large	59 × 70½ in (150 × 179 cm)	about 4,975 yd (4,549 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)
RS	right side
rnd	round
st	stitch
dc3tog	double crochet 3 stitches together

Special stitches

sc3tog (Single crochet 3 together): [insert the hook in the next st (or ch), yarn over and draw up a loop] 3 times, then yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on the hook (UK dc3tog). It leaves 1 sc for the next row.

Gauge

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The pattern also stops you to measure after row 20.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The first square is the test piece: each side should come to about 5.7 in (14.5 cm) when it is pulled square. Its foundation edges are a little longer (about 6.2 in, 15.7 cm) and its other two sides a little shorter (about 5.3 in, 13.5 cm): pull each square to the same size both ways as you pin out and sew.

Before you start

- Every square is worked flat from its two outer sides in to one corner: the sc3tog in the middle of each row takes two stitches away, and the line of decreases runs corner to corner.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the very st it rises from.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Where a row begins "With" a yarn, change to that yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before, so that the turning chain and the whole row are in the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin a square, when you join a yarn and when you cut one; cut each yarn at the end of its band. The tails of a square hang at its row ends, along the edges that are sewn: sew the seams first, then weave the tails in on the wrong side.
- Whip stitch: lay two edges side by side, right sides up, and pass the needle under the one loop at the very edge of the first piece and under the loop that lies beside it on the second, and draw the yarn through. Go on so along the seam, one stitch (or chain, or end of a row) after another, always from the same side.
- The border is worked after the squares are sewn together, in the round with the right side facing; the two stitches at the end of one side and the two at the start of the next make each corner. Do not turn between rounds. The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. In round 1 each foundation chain is a st, and the "first st" is the chain at the right-hand end of the top edge, next to the corner chain; from round 2 on it is the first sc of the round before. Join every yarn of the border with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- The outer edges of the sewn blanket are all foundation edges, the longer ones of the squares: before you work the border, pin or pat the blanket to the size given for the sewn squares, so that every square lies as wide as it is tall, and keep the stitches of round 1 close enough to hold it there.

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- Where a border round begins by joining another yarn, first fasten off the yarn of the round before, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
- This size has 80 squares, 8 across and 10 down, and 836 ends to weave in, those of the sewing yarn among them.
- Sewn together, before the border, the squares measure about 45.9 by 57.4 in (116.6 by 145.8 cm).
- How many of each: 40 of Square A and 40 of Square B.
- Layout, top row first
- Row 1 of squares: A A B B A A B B
- Row 2 of squares: A A B B A A B B
- Row 3 of squares: B B A A B B A A
- Row 4 of squares: B B A A B B A A
- Row 5 of squares: A A B B A A B B
- Row 6 of squares: A A B B A A B B
- Row 7 of squares: B B A A B B A A
- Row 8 of squares: B B A A B B A A
- Row 9 of squares: A A B B A A B B
- Row 10 of squares: A A B B A A B B

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 and sc is double crochet.

Square A: make 40

Yarn B, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 chs, sc3tog over next 3 chs, sc in next 19 chs	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 18 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 18 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 17 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 16 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 15 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 13 sts	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 12 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 11 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 9 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(15 sc)**

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☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog over next 3 sts	**(1 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 20.** Side, along the foundation edge: about 6¼ in (16 cm). If it is longer, start again with a smaller hook; if it is shorter, with a larger one.

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

Square B: make 40

Yarn D, cranberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 chs, sc3tog over next 3 chs, sc in next 19 chs	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 18 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 18 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 17 sts	**(35 sc)**
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☐ **Row 17**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in next st	**(3 sc)**

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog over next 3 sts	**(1 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 20.** Side, along the foundation edge: about 6¼ in (16 cm). If it is longer, start again with a smaller hook; if it is shorter, with a larger one.

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

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Sew the squares together first (see Putting together). Then work around the outer edge of the joined squares, right side facing, beginning at the right-hand end of the top edge: every square shows its foundation edge, 20 chains, so there are 160 along the top, as many along the foot, and 200 along each side. The corner chain of a square, between the two halves of its foundation, is always left unworked.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 158 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 198 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 158 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 198 sts, 2 sc in last st, sl st in first sc to join	**(728 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 160 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 200 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 160 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 200 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(736 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 162 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 202 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 162 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 202 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(744 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Putting it together

Lay the squares out 8 across and 10 down in the order of the table, right sides up. Turn them in fours: in every block of two by two squares, counted from the top left corner, the four last-row corners meet in the middle, so that the colors make nested squares and the foundation edges lie on the outside of the block. Sew with whip stitch in A (cream): first the 9 seams that run all the way across, then the 7 that run all the way up, each with a new length of yarn: two and a half times the length of the seam, and 6 in (15 cm) more at each end for a tail. Each square takes 20 stitches to a seam: foundation chain to foundation chain where two blocks meet, the end of a row to the end of a row inside a block. The corner chain of a foundation, the one at the outside corner of the square, is not sewn: draw the yarn past it to the next square.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends: each end into stitches of its own color, on the wrong side, turning back once.
- Pin the sewn blanket square, steam it lightly or lay a damp cloth on it, and let it dry flat.

In all: 81 pieces; 34,208 stitches (400 in each square a, 400 in each square b, 2,208 in the border); 836 ends to weave in.

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