Rosebud blanket border

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 31 × 31 in (79 × 79 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 31 × 31 in (79 × 79 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Chain arches, clusters, strips that curl

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, blanket stitch and first round	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale pink, second round	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, vine and leaves	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: deep rose, last round and rosebuds	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye and hemmed flannel blanket, its size is given below.

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. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lovey	14 × 14 in (36 × 36 cm)	about 160 yd (146 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**31 × 31 in (79 × 79 cm)**	**about 365 yd (334 m)**
Throw	52¼ × 52¼ in (133 × 133 cm)	about 625 yd (572 m)

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)
beg beginning

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rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

leaf: (yo twice, insert hook in the place named, yo and pull up a loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops] twice) 3 times, all in that one place, yo and draw through all 4 loops on the hook. The leaf is three treble crochet drawn together at the top and counts as one stitch. Beg leaf (the first leaf of a round): ch 4, which takes the place of the first of the three, then (yo twice, insert hook in the place, yo and pull up a loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops] twice) 2 times in the same place, yo and draw through all 3 loops on the hook; it counts as a leaf.

rosebud: Ch 9, 3 dc in the 4th ch from the hook, 3 dc in each of the next 5 chs (18 dc on the chain), sl st in the top of the sc just before the 9 chs. The strip curls by itself; it is rolled up and held with a few stitches of the needle when the border is done (see PUTTING IT TOGETHER). Nothing is worked into the rosebud, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Gauge

15 stitches and 17½ 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 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 28 in (71.1 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 8 plus 7 (103 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 7 from the loops of a side and divide by 8: that is n (here 12). In round 1 "103 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 105 sts" is 8 × n + 9; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 26 times, is worked 2 × n + 2 times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 13 times, is worked n + 1 times; in round 5 the repeat along each side, here worked 13 times, is worked n + 1 times. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. 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.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Blanket stitch: thread a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, and hold the cloth with its right side up and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) inside the edge and about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the edge without puckering it. Repeat from * all round. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. When a length runs out, end it and begin the next on the wrong side, in the same hole. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- 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.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- 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 round hold its count.

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- 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.
- On a crocheted or knitted blanket no blanket stitch is needed. Leave it out and work round 1 into the edge of the blanket itself: 3 sc in each corner and, along each side between two corners, as many sc as keep the edge flat, the number being a multiple of 8 plus 7. Where a line of round 1 says "first st", that is a corner stitch of the blanket. Round 2 and all the rounds after it are then as printed, with the numbers of your own side (see ANOTHER SIZE).
- Round 4 is worked only into the chain spaces of round 3. A sc goes into every other arch and two leaves with 3 chs between them into the arches between; the corner spaces have 4 chs between their two leaves.
- In round 5 the rosebud stands after the second sc in a space; it is a spur off the edge, and the third sc of that space goes into the space right beside it.
- 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.
- "Any corner" means any one of the four corner spaces: the four sides are alike, so the round comes out the same from each of them. Begin in that space and work along the side to its left, the way you always go (to its right if you are left handed).
- Round 4 begins with a slip stitch: it goes over the single crochet the last round was joined in and into the ch-5 space beside it. That single crochet, like all the others of round 3, is not worked into again.
- Begin with a hemmed flannel blanket about 27.7 in (70.4 cm) square; with the edging it is about 30.9 in (78.5 cm) square, measured without the rosebuds, which stand out about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) farther.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 103 loops along each side, 416 loops in all, spaced 15 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 10 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 105 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.
- There are 56 rosebuds: 13 on each side and one at each corner.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby blanket. 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, dc is treble and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, pale pink; C, leaf green; D, deep rose.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 103 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 103 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 103 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(424 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 105 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 105 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(432 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc) in first st, **[**ch 4, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 26 times**, ch 4, sk next 3 sts, **[**(sc, ch 5, sc) in next st, **[**ch 4, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 26 times**, ch 4, sk next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(112 sc, 4 ch-5 sps, 108 ch-4 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, (beg leaf, ch 4, leaf) in same sp, **[**ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, (leaf, ch 3, leaf) in next ch-4 sp**] 13 times**, ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, **[**(leaf, ch 4, leaf) in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, (leaf, ch 3, leaf) in next ch-4 sp**] 13 times**, ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in first leaf to join **(112 leafs, 4 ch-4 sps, 112 ch-2 sps, 56 sc, 52 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in any corner ch-4 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, rosebud, 2 sc) in same sp, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, (2 sc, rosebud, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 13 times**, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, **[**(2 sc, rosebud, 2 sc) in next ch-4 sp, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, (2 sc, rosebud, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 13 times**, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(616 sc, 56 rosebuds)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Putting it together

Rosebuds: roll each strip up from its free end, with the chain edge of every turn on the wrong side and the tops of the doubles on the right side, where they show as a spiral. Lay the roll flat on the right side of the two leaves it grows between. Thread the needle with about 40 in (101.6 cm) of yarn D, enough for four buds, and fasten it on the wrong side. Take four stitches straight across the back of the roll, through the chain edge of every turn, two one way and two the other way, then one small stitch into each of the two leaves behind it. Run the needle through the backs of the stitches of round 5 to the next bud. Fasten off when the length is used up. The stitching yarn of the 56 rosebuds is in the amount, and the 2 ends of each length are counted.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 5 rounds; 56 ends to weave in.

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