Shells and raised posts baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32¼ × 40 in (82 × 102 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Stripes, post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shells and raised posts.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, main	**about 750 yd (686 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast	**about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**

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

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: 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)	**32¼ × 40 in (82 × 102 cm)**	**about 1,150 yd (1,052 m)**
Large	36 × 44¼ in (91 × 112 cm)	about 1,450 yd (1,326 m)
Extra large	39½ × 49½ in (100 × 126 cm)	about 1,775 yd (1,623 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
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet (UK FPtr, front post treble)
BPdc	back post double crochet (UK BPtr, back post treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

sh (Shell): (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same st or sp. It leaves 2 dc, 1 ch-1 sp and 2 dc for the next row.

Gauge

13½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shells and raised posts. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 12 stitches side by side are about 3.6 in (9 cm) wide, and 8 rows are about 4.3 in (10.8 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 6.

The swatch. Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 5½ in (14 cm) wide and 5¾ in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 21.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sh in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sh in next ch**] 2 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(4 dc, 3 sh)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 2 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 3 sh, 2 BPdc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 2 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 3 sh, 2 FPdc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 11	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 6 chains at a time: each 6 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

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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. Of the 5 chs skipped in row 1, the 3 nearest the hook stand as the dc; the other 2 are foundation chs left unworked.
- 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.
- To work a BPdc: the same, but insert the hook from back to front to back around the post of the st.
- 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.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails.
- 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.

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 dc is treble, FPdc is front post treble and BPdc is back post treble.

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 111.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sh in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sh in next ch**] 17 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(19 dc, 18 sh)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**

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Stop and measure now, after row 6. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32¼ in (82 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.

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**

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☐ **Row 19**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**

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☐ **Row 32**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**

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☐ **Row 45**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 51**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 17 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(2 dc, 18 sh, 17 FPdc)**
☐ **Rows 54 to 75**	Repeat rows 52 and 53 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 52, every odd-numbered row as row 53.	

A box for each row, 54 to 75: tick them off as you go.

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75

☐ **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: 75 rows; 6 ends to weave in.

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