Simple solid baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)

Skill
Beginner
Basic stitches worked into stitches, with a turning chain

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

What you need

Yarn: any color, medium (4) **about 1,250 yd (1,143 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 630 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **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. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 21. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (20 sc) |

For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **st** stitch.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(104 sc): the row now has 104; a check, not a step. Not 104? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 105.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(104 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(104 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	**12**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32 in (81 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 13 to 150** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (104 sc)

Repeat until the piece measures about 40 in (102 cm): at our gauge that is row 150. Go by the tape measure, not the count.

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	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124
125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150		

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

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 150 rows; 15,600 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

Also makes: simple solid dishcloth and simple solid throw, from the same stitch pattern. See the pattern's page at flossfield.com/crochet/patterns/simple-solid-baby-blanket/.

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.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

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