# Slip stitch rope border

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
**Stands out about 1 in (2.5 cm)**
About 32½ × 32¼ in (83 × 82 cm) with a finished rectangle of 99 stitches by 113 rows of single crochet

Skill
**Easy**
Slip stitch in the back loop, reverse single crochet, two colors by turns

Yarn
**Medium (4), 3 colors**

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

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| Yarn A: oatmeal, round 1, use the color of your piece | **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: brick, first ridge and rope | **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: navy, second ridge and rope | **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 65 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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

To work on: a finished rectangle of 99 stitches by 113 rows of single crochet, already made. It is written out under Instructions. Its yarn is not in the amount above.

## Before you start

- The foundation edge is the underside of the starting chain: work into what each chain has left free. Round 1 uses one chain for every stitch of row 1, so "first ch of foundation edge" is the chain under the last stitch of row 1, where round 1 comes to this edge, and "last ch of foundation edge" is the chain under the first stitch of row 1. The turning chain of row 1 is the chain beyond that last one: pass it by and leave it unworked.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Doll blanket** | 14 × 13½ in (36 × 34 cm) | about 55 yd (50 m) |
| **Baby blanket (this file)** | **32½ × 32¼ in (83 × 82 cm)** | **about 125 yd (114 m)** |


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| **Throw** | 51 × 50¾ in (130 × 129 cm) | about 195 yd (178 m) |

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 15 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 the top edge, measured between its two corner stitches and not counting them, is about 30½ in (77.5 cm). If the edge ruffles, work the round again with a smaller hook; if it pulls in, with a larger one; keep the number of stitches.

To fit your own blanket, work round 1 with any odd number of stitches between two corner stitches: work 2 single crochet in one stitch to gain a stitch or skip one to lose it, spread along the side. Call that number s (here 99). In round 2 "99 sts" is s; in round 3 "101 sts" is s + 2; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 51 times, is worked (s + 3) divided by 2 times. Every s is odd, so the two colors come out even: every corner stitch of round 4 is in yarn B. On an oblong blanket the longer sides have an s of their own: work each side by its own s and write the four sides one after another, without the outer brackets.

## Instructions

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**sl st** slip stitch, **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in first st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 97 sts: one in each.
[ ] 16 times: 16 times in all. (400 sc): the round now has 400; a check, not a step. Not 400? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

### Special stitches

**rsl (ridge slip stitch):** Insert the hook under the back loop only of the stitch (the loop farther from you), yo, and draw the yarn through that loop and through the loop on the hook in one movement. Keep the loop on the hook as wide as the shaft of the hook: a tight one pulls the edge in. It is counted as a stitch, and its two top loops lie along the edge like a chain.

**rev sc (reverse single crochet):** Insert the hook, from front to back, under the back loop only of the stitch named, yo and draw a loop through to the front (two loops on the hook), yo and draw through both loops. It leaves the front loops of the ridge below it free, as a line.

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| ☐ **Start** | A finished piece of 99 sts by 113 rows, RS facing. |
| ☐ **Round 1** | Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 97 sts, 3 sc in last st,<br>**[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 16 times**, sc in end of next row,<br>3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 97 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge,<br>**[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 16 times**, sc in end of next row,<br>sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join (400 sc) |

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** The top edge, measured between its two corner stitches and not counting them, is about 30½ in (77.5 cm). If the edge ruffles, work the round again with a smaller hook; if it pulls in, with a larger one; keep the number of stitches.

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| ☐ **Round 2** | Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 rsl in first st, rsl in next 99 sts,<br>**[**3 rsl in next st, rsl in next 99 sts**] 3 times**, rsl in first st,<br>sl st in first rsl to join (408 rsl) |
| ☐ **Round 3** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 rsl in first st, rsl in next 101 sts,<br>**[**3 rsl in next st, rsl in next 101 sts**] 3 times**, rsl in first st,<br>sl st in first rsl to join (416 rsl) |


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| ☐ **Round 4** | Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, rev sc in first st,<br>**[**with C, rev sc in next st, with B, rev sc in next st**] 51 times**, with C,<br>rev sc in next st,<br>> **[**with B, rev sc in next st,<br>> **[**with C, rev sc in next st, with B, rev sc in next st**] 51 times**, with C,<br>> rev sc in next st**] 3 times**,<br>with B, sl st in first rev sc to join | (416 rev sc) |
| ☐ | Fasten off. | |

## Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds.

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.

### Notes

- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 stitches in a corner. A round that begins with 2 stitches in the first st and ends with 1 in the same first st makes its first corner of those 3; its corner stitch is the first stitch of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- Along the row ends, round 1 takes 6 stitches to every 7 rows and one more at the end.
- Round 4 is worked from left to right, the opposite of your usual direction (right to left if you are left handed), with the right side still facing: in that round "next st" is the next one to the right (to the left if you are left handed). It goes into the back loop only of the ridge slip stitches.
- Two colors by turns, round 4: hold yarn C along the back edge of the work from the start of the round, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). "With C" and "with B" name the yarn of the next stitch: work the stitch before it until two loops are on the hook and draw the new yarn through both of them. Lay the yarn you are not using along the top of the edge and work over it, loosely, so that it stays hidden and the edge keeps its length. To keep the two balls from winding round each other, leave the ball of C on the side of the work away from you and the ball of B on the side toward you the whole way round: at every change to C bring yarn C up behind yarn B, and at every change to B bring yarn B up in front of yarn C. Neither ball ever goes round the other, so the yarns do not tangle. The last stitch of the round is in yarn C: draw its last loop through in B and close the round with B, as the line says.
- 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.
- The yarn of the piece it is worked on is not in the amounts.
- The piece is 99 stitches by 113 rows of single crochet, about 30½ in (77.5 cm) by 30 1/8 in (76.5 cm); with the border on it is about 32½ in (82.5 cm) by 32¼ in (82 cm). The border is about 1 in (2.5 cm) deep.
- The amounts of yarn are for the border alone. If you work the piece too, it takes about 900 yd (823 m) more of yarn A, an estimate worked out in the same way (11,187 single crochet and 212 chains, with 30 percent added), and leaves 2 more ends.
- With the right side facing you and the last row at the top, the first st is the one at the right-hand end of the last row (the left-hand end if you are left handed). Round 1 goes along the top, down the row ends of the next side, along the foundation edge and up the row ends of the last side.
- Round 1 leaves 99 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

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