Stacked shell throw

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 50¼ × 60 in (128 × 152 cm)

Skill
Easy
Skipped stitches, groups in one place

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell and single crochet rows.

What you need

Yarn: any color, medium (4) **about 2,725 yd (2,492 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 1,350 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.

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell and single crochet rows.

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: two repeats of the bracketed group side by side (12 foundation chains' worth) are about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide, and 12 rows are about 4 3/8 in (11 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

> **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 20. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (19 sc) |
> | **Swatch row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (4 sc, 15 dc) |
> | **Swatch row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (19 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 4 to 17** | 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, and 6 more stitches to a row that has no brackets. Measure your own gauge first.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
5 dc in next st: **all five in that one stitch**.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 27 times: 27 times in all. (28 sc, 135 dc): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 164.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(163 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 27 times**	(28 sc, 135 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(163 sc)

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☐ **Rows 4 to 9** Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

4 5 6 7 8 **9**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 9.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 50¼ in (128 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 10 to 165** Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.

Repeat until the piece measures about 60 in (152 cm), ending with a row worked as row 3: at our gauge that is row 165. Go by the tape measure, not the count.

10 11 12 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
150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165

☐ 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: 165 rows; 26,895 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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 size of the blanket, at 0.9 yd of yarn for each square inch. A fabric with open spaces may take less. 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.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- 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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