Star stitch blanket border

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 35¼ × 35¼ in (90 × 90 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 35¼ × 35¼ in (90 × 90 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Star stitch, short spikes worked round a post, small stars sewn on

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.

You will need

Yarn A: deep blue, blanket stitch, first round and bands	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, star stitch rounds	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, last round and corner stars	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye, hemmed flannel blanket, its size is given below and pins.

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	18 × 18 in (46 × 46 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)
Baby blanket (this file)	**35¼ × 35¼ in (90 × 90 cm)**	**about 425 yd (389 m)**
Throw	55 × 55 in (140 × 140 cm)	about 655 yd (599 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)
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)

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

Special stitches

star (star stitch): It is worked over the next 2 sts. Pull up a loop in the eye of the star before it, pull up a loop in the last leg of that same star (the strand at its left side that comes out of the last st it was worked in, or at its right side if you are left handed), pull up a loop in that last st once more, then pull up a loop in each of the next 2 sts: six loops on the hook; yo and draw through all six, ch 1. That ch 1 closes the star, and the hole under it is the eye. The first star after a corner is a beg star, for it has no star before it: pull up a loop round the upper half of the post of the hdc just made, a loop round the lower half of that post, and a loop in the corner space of the round below, at the foot of that hdc (the space the hdc was worked into); then go on as before, with a loop in each of the next 2 sts. In the next round the sts over a star go into its eye. It leaves 1 star for the next round.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

point: Ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the last ch: a small triangle. Nothing is worked into the point, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

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 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 30.2 in (76.7 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 4 (96 here), with one loop at each corner. Divide the loops of a side by 4: that is n (here 24). In round 1 "96 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 98 sts" is 4 × n + 2; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 49 times, is worked 2 × n + 1 times; in round 4 "each of next 50 sts" is 2 × n + 2; in round 5 the repeat along each side, here worked 51 times, is worked 2 × n + 3 times; in round 6 "each of next 52 sts" is 2 × n + 4; in round 7 the repeat along each side, here worked 54 times, is worked 2 × n + 6 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.

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- The ch 2 at the start of a round counts as a hdc.
- 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.
- 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.
- Corner stitch of round 1: the middle one of the 3 sc in a corner. The first corner of round 1 is begun with 2 sc and completed with the 1 sc at the end of the round, all worked into the first st; its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In a round after the first, "first st" means the first st of the round below; for round 2 that is this same first sc, which is also where round 1 was joined.
- 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 4. 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).
- 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).
- Begin with a hemmed flannel blanket about 29.8 in (75.7 cm) square; with the edging it is about 35.3 in (89.7 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 96 loops along each side, 388 loops in all, spaced 13 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 98 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

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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, hdc is half treble and yo is yarn over hook.

Edging

Yarns in order of use: A, deep blue; B, cream; C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 96 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 96 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 96 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(396 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same st, hdc in next 98 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 98 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(400 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, beg star over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 49 times**, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, beg star over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 49 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(8 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps, 200 stars)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 50 sts, hdc in next st, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 50 sts, hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(416 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, beg star over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 51 times**, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, beg star over next 2 sts, **[**star over next 2 sts**] 51 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(8 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps, 208 stars)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join A with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 2 (counts as hdc), (ch 1, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 52 sts, hdc in next st, **[**(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 52 sts, hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-2 to join **(432 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in same sp, **[**sc in next st, picot, sc in next st**] 54 times**, **[**(2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next st, picot, sc in next st**] 54 times] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(448 sc, 220 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Corner star: make 4

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, point, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, point, sk next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 5 points)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76.2 cm) to sew with.	

Putting it together

Corner stars: lay a corner star, right side up, on each corner with its middle over the corner space of round 3 and one point straight out toward the corner of round 7. Pin it, and with its own tail sew it down with running stitch (the needle goes down and up through both layers in small even stitches) once all round, close to its outer edge: up one side of each point and down the other side of it, so that the tips lie flat.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 5 pieces; 40 ends to weave in.

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