Star square baby blanket

US terms



Finished size
About 30¾ in (78 cm) wide and about 36¾ in (93 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 30 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, rounds 1 to 4	**about 390 yd (357 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: midnight blue, rounds 5 and 6	**about 360 yd (329 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 7	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moonlight blue, round 8	**about 380 yd (347 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 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 4 the piece measures about 4 in (10 cm) across at the widest, from point to point of the star. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The blanket is 30 squares, 6 rows of 5; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- The tr in the middle of each group of Rnds 2, 3 and 4 is the tip of a point of the star. In Rnd 5 the 5 sc stand on the tips, and three dtr stand side by side in each valley between two points, the middle one on the sc2tog.
- The slip stitch at the start of Rnd 4 only carries the yarn to the first hdc of Rnd 3; in that round same st is that hdc. Each sc2tog of Rnd 4 lies in a valley and takes in the last sc of one point and the first sc of the next; the last one takes in the last sc of Rnd 3 and the first sc of Rnd 3, the one that round was joined in.
- Rnd 6 begins in the sc on a tip: that point of the star is the one that ends at the top of the square. The 9th sc of Rnd 6, where C is joined, is counted from that first sc, which is number 1; it is the first corner of the square.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 31½ in (80 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 47¼ in (120 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 60 in (152 cm).

Instructions

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, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

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Square: make 30

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, midnight blue; C, cream; D, moonlight blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, (sc, dc, tr, dc, sc) in same st, sk next st, **[**(sc, dc, tr, dc, sc) in next st, sk next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 hdc, 20 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 hdc, 30 dc, 5 tr, 5 sc2tog)**
Fasten off A.		
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any tr, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next 3 sts, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next 3 sts, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 20 hdc, 10 dc, 10 tr, 15 dtr)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
Fasten off B.		
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in 9th sc, ch 5 (counts as dtr), (dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr) in same st, tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next st, **[**(2 dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr) in next st, tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-5 to join	**(16 dtr, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 tr, 16 dc, 16 hdc, 20 sc)**
Fasten off C.		
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 19 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 6 in (15 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 30 squares out in 6 rows of 5, right sides up, every star with one point straight up toward the top of the blanket.

4. Join with a slip stitch seam in D: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch along the side (23 slip stitches), and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both; work under both top loops of the stitch on both squares. Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

5. Border, round 1: with D and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in each of the four corner spaces of the blanket, 1 sc in every stitch along the edges and 1 sc in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first sc to join (554 sc). Fasten off.

6. Border, round 2: join B with a slip stitch in the middle sc of any corner, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sc, 1 sc in every sc along the edges and 3 sc in the middle sc of each of the other three corners; slip stitch in the first sc to join (562 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 30 pieces; 302 ends to weave in.

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