Strawberry granny square baby blanket

US terms



Finished size
About 28¼ in (72 cm) wide and about 33¾ in (86 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 90 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: strawberry red, the berries	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the leaves	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, rounds 1 to 4 of the squares, and the seeds	**about 620 yd (567 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blush, round 5 of the squares, the seams and the border	**about 395 yd (361 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [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 row.

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Gauge

14 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 2 the square measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across. 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.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 22½ in (57 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 26¼ in (67 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 42¾ in (109 cm).

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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 and dc is treble.

Square: make 30

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; D, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 7 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 11 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
Fasten off C.		
☐ **Rnd 5**	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 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Berry: make 30

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 chs	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go. ☐ 3 ☐ 4		
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 6 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaves: make 30

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, sl st in ring**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 5½ in (14 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Sew to every square before you join any:

3. Choose one side of the square to be the top. The wide straight edge of the berry, its foundation chain, is its top, and its narrow end is its tip. The two faces of the berry look alike, so either may be up. Lay the berry on the middle of the square with its tip toward the bottom side of the square, pin it and sew it down all round its edge with its own tail.

4. Lay the leaves, right side up, with their center on the middle of the top edge of the berry, one leaf pointing straight up, and sew them down with their own tail: round the center and at the tip of every leaf.

5. Seeds: with C, work 6 straight stitches on the berry, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long and pointing from the top edge to the tip: 3 in a row ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the top edge, evenly spaced; 2 in a row 5/8 in (1.6 cm) farther down, in the gaps between those 3; and 1 in the middle ½ in (1.3 cm) farther down.

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

7. Lay the 30 squares out in 6 rows of 5, right sides up, each with its picture upright.

8. 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 (19 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.

9. Border: 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 (466 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 90 pieces; 360 ends to weave in.

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