Sunflower hexagon throw

Baby · US terms



Finished size

About 31¼ × 39½ in (79 × 100 cm) with the border, the height from point to point: 32 sunflower hexagons and 6 halves, each hexagon about 5 7/8 in (15 cm) from side to side as sewn

Skill

Intermediate

Popcorns and clusters, hexagons in rounds and sewing

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: wheat cream, main color	**about 550 yd (503 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chestnut, the sunflower hexagon, rounds 1 and 2 and the half hexagon, row 1	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sun mustard, stripe	**about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: fern, stripe	**about 290 yd (265 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 690 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**31¼ × 39½ in (79 × 100 cm), 5 7/8 in (15 cm) from side to side**	**about 1,380 yd (1,262 m)**
Throw	54¾ × 59¾ in (139 × 152 cm), 5 7/8 in (15 cm) from side to side	about 3,710 yd (3,392 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet in rounds.

Check it on the first hexagon itself when 3 rounds are done, laid flat: the flower is about 3½ in (9 cm) across its petals; and when 4 rounds are done: the green hexagon is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) from one straight side to the one across from it. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. A finished hexagon is about 5 7/8 in (15 cm) from side to side.

Notes

- The hexagons are worked in joined rounds, always with the right side facing: do not turn. The half hexagons are worked to and fro in rows; row 1 is the right side. Their colors stand in the same order as in the hexagons.
- The ch 1, ch 2, ch 3 or ch 4 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch unless the round says that it does, and a joining sl st never counts. Where a round begins with a stitch in the "next st" or in the "same st as join", that is the st the joining sl st was made in, the first one of the round before. A ch 3 that counts stands on that st, or in the space where the yarn is joined.
- In round 1 every popcorn is worked over the ring. In round 2 one sc goes into the top of each popcorn and 2 into each ch-1 sp. In round 4 all the stitches go into the spaces between the petals: a corner into one, 2 dc into each of the next two.
- Rounds 4 and 5 are joined in a space and end just before it: round 4 in the first space after the join of round 3, which becomes a corner, round 5 in the first corner space after the join of round 4. In round 5 the ch 3, the ch 2 and the next dc are that first corner. Round 6 begins in the st of the join, the top of that ch 3; the corner space is the next place, and the last sc goes into the st just before the ch 3.
- Stitches in parentheses, and stitches with a number before them, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- In rows 2 to 5 of a half hexagon the ch 3 counts as the first dc and stands on the first st; "dc in same st" goes into that first st too, so that two stitches stand at each end of the row. The last 2 dc go into the top of the turning chain, the ch 3 (in row 2 the ch 4) that began the row before. In row 6 the ch 1 does not count, the first 2 sc go into the first st and the last 2 into the top of the ch 3.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook. Fasten off the yarn before. For a round that begins "With" a yarn, make the sl st that joins the round before it with the new yarn; for a row that begins so, make the last yarn over of the row before with it. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) whenever a yarn is joined or cut, and weave the tails in on the wrong side, through stitches of their own color.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. At the beginning and at the end of every length, leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on the wrong side and fasten the length there: sew three times through the same place. These fastening stitches are not counted. Weave the tails in afterward.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.

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- In the border the first stitch of a round goes into the same st as the join, and the right side faces you in every round. At a point of rounds 2 and 4, the 3 sc go into the sc on the point itself: in round 2 the one in its ch-2 sp, in round 4 the one that stands on the middle one of the 3 sc of round 2. At a corner it is the same. In a notch, the sc2tog of round 2 takes the last st of one hexagon and the first st of the next; the sc3tog of rounds 3 and 4 takes the st before the decrease of the round below, that decrease, and the st after it.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Baby. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **beg** beginning, **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows. **2 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **dc in next 8 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(6 pop, 6 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

pop (Popcorn): 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it from the front to the back under both loops of the first of the 5 dc, catch the loop again and pull it through; the popcorn stands out toward you. Its top is the loop on the hook. In UK terms: a popcorn of 5 tr.

dcl (Double treble cluster): [yo 3 times, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, (yo, pull through 2 loops) 3 times] 3 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook. It is one petal. In UK terms: a cluster of 3 ttr (triple trebles).

Sunflower hexagon: make 32

Yarns in order of use: B, chestnut; C, sun mustard; D, fern; A, wheat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, **[**pop in ring, ch 1**] 6 times**; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first pop	(6 pop, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
The petals		
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, ch 4, **[**dcl in next st, ch 1**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first dcl	(18 dcl, 18 ch-1 sps)
The leaves		
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(48 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)
The frame		
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 2, dc) in same sp, dc in next 8 sts, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(60 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 10 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**, sc in next 9 sts; join with sl st in first sc (72 sc, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Half hexagon: make 6

Yarns in order of use: B, chestnut; C, sun mustard; D, fern; A, wheat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, 2 dc in ring, ch 2, 2 dc in ring, tr in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. (2 tr, 6 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in top of turning ch (14 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in top of turning ch (20 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in top of turning ch (26 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in same st, dc in next 8 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in top of turning ch (32 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in top of turning ch (38 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Border

Yarns in order of use: A, wheat cream; D, fern; C, sun mustard.

Work it when all the pieces are sewn to each other (Putting it together), from right to left along the top edge and so on round the throw. The first st is the st just after the ch-2 sp at the top right corner; that corner space is the last place of the round. The four corners are the outer ch-2 sps at the straight ends of the top row and of the bottom row.

Along the top edge and the bottom edge every hexagon shows two sides of 12 sts with the ch-2 sp of its point between them, and a notch lies between two hexagons: the two ch-2 sps that meet at the bottom of it, one of each hexagon, are passed over.

Along the left edge and the right edge every hexagon of a long row shows one side of 12 sts between two ch-2 sps, and every half hexagon its straight edge: the end of its row of sc (1 sc), the ends of its five rows of dc from the outermost to row 1, the ends of the same five rows from row 1 outward on the other side of the ring (2 sc each, 20 in all, none in the ring itself), and the end of the row of sc again.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the joined hexagons, right side facing: the 5 hexagons of the top edge, the 7 rows of the left edge, the 5 hexagons of the bottom edge, the 7 rows of the right edge.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, sk next 2 ch-2 sps, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, sk next 2 ch-2 sps**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of each of next 10 rows, sc in end of next row, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, sk next 2 ch-2 sps**] 4 times**, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of each of next 10 rows, sc in end of next row, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, sc in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc (494 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 11 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 120 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 120 sts, 3 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc (506 sc, 8 sc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 24 sts, **[**sc3tog, sc in next 23 sts**] 3 times**, sc3tog, sc in next 176 sts, **[**sc3tog, sc in next 23 sts**] 3 times**, sc3tog, sc in next 151 sts; join with sl st in first sc (490 sc, 8 sc3tog)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 12 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 122 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 122 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	(502 sc, 8 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every piece. There are 32 sunflower hexagons and 6 halves.

2. How the pieces lie: every hexagon lies with a corner at the top and a straight side on its left and right. A long row is 5 hexagons side by side. A short row is 4 hexagons with a half hexagon at each end, its straight edge outward, so that the sides of the blanket are straight. Row 1, at the top, is a long row, row 2 a short one, and so on by turns, 7 rows in all; each row is moved by half a hexagon against the row above it, so that a corner of one row stands where two pieces of the other meet.

3. Sew with whip stitch, right sides together, one side of a piece to one side of the next: 14 stitches a side, one in the ch-2 sp at the first corner, 12 in the sts and one in the ch-2 sp at the second corner. At the straight edge of a half hexagon there is no corner space: the first or the last st of its last row takes its place. Fasten every piece and every length of yarn at both ends, as the note on whip stitch says.

4. First sew the pieces of each row to one another along their upright sides, 4 seams in a long row and 5 in a short one, 31 seams in all, 14 stitches each: for each of them cut a piece of A about 22 in (56 cm) long.

5. Then sew row to row along the zigzag between them, 10 sides, one side after the other without cutting the yarn between them, 14 stitches a side, turning the pieces at every corner so that the next two sides lie together: 6 zigzags, each with 3 lengths of A about 50 in (127 cm) long; each length sews 4 sides, the last one 2. At each corner, take the corner spaces of all the pieces that meet there.

6. Then work the border.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the seams and of the border with the yarn needle.
- Lay the throw flat, damp it, pat its points sharp and its sides straight, and leave it until it is dry.

In all: 38 pieces; 310 ends to weave in.

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