Swirl baby blanket

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 33¾ in (86 cm) across, with the edging

Skill
Intermediate
Two yarns in a round, with increases and decreases

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sea glass, main color **about 510 yd (466 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe **about 480 yd (439 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 400 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, 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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby (this file)	**33¾ in (86 cm) across**	**about 990 yd (905 m)**
Large	40¾ in (104 cm) across	about 1,440 yd (1,317 m)

Gauge

17 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Rounds 1 to 7, laid flat, measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) across, and rounds 1 to 14 about 8¼ in (21 cm). If yours measures less, use a larger hook; if more, a smaller one.

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Notes

- The right side is the side that faces you as you work. Never turn the work over.
- 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 of it. When the round is done, pull the tail to close the ring. Lay B along the ring as well from the start, with its tail hanging free, and work over it until it is needed.
- The yarn you are not using goes along inside the stitches: lay it on top of the round below and work over it, so that it is hidden and no loose strand lies on the back. Give it a gentle pull now and then so that it lies flat but does not draw the round in. Neither yarn is cut before the end of the last swirl round, except where a ball runs out.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until 1 step is left (an hdc with 3 loops on the hook, an hdc2tog with 5), take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through all the loops. "With A" at the end of the bracketed group means that the last stitch of the group is finished with A; the joining sl st is then made with A too.
- Each round is joined with a sl st and begins with ch 1, which does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st of the round before. Mark it: the joins turn with the swirl.
- "3 hdc in next st" puts all three stitches into that one stitch. It begins an arm, and its color is the arm's own; hdc2tog over the last two stitches of the arm ends it. Each bracketed group is two arms, one of each color.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says.
- In the last round of the edging the 5 dc go into one stitch and make a scallop.
- To change yarn in the edging, make the joining sl st at the end of the round before with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Several balls of each yarn are used. When the ball you work with runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. When the yarn that is carried inside the stitches runs out, lay its end and the beginning of the new ball side by side along the round for about 6 in (15 cm), and work over both.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) wherever a yarn begins and wherever it is cut. All the tails are woven in at the end.
- For another size, work 3, 6 or 9 rounds more or fewer before the edging, always a multiple of 3, so that the scallops come out: each 3 rounds add about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to the width and 24 stitches to the round.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Baby. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
hdc2tog 2 hdc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, sea glass; B, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in ring, with B, hdc in ring, with A**] 4 times**; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, with B, 2 hdc in next st, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (24 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (32 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (40 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (48 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (56 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (64 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (72 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (80 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (88 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(104 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(112 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(120 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(128 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(136 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(144 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(152 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(160 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(168 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(176 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(184 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 21 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 21 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(192 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(200 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(208 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(216 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 25 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 25 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(224 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(232 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 27 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 27 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(240 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(248 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 29 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 29 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(256 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(264 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 31 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 31 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(272 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(280 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 37**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 33 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 33 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(288 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(296 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 35 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 35 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(304 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(312 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 37 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 37 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(320 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 38 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 38 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(328 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rnd 43**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 39 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 39 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(336 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 40 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 40 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(344 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 41 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 41 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(352 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 42 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 42 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(360 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 47**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 43 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 43 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(368 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 48**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 44 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 44 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(376 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 49**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 45 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 45 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(384 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(392 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 47 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 47 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(400 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 48 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 48 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(408 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rnd 53**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 49 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 49 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(416 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 50 sts, hdc2tog, with B, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 50 sts, hdc2tog, with A**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(424 hdc, 8 hdc2tog)

Edging. Cut B first: it comes back in the second round of the edging

☐ **Rnd 55**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(432 sc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(432 sc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	With A, ch 1, sc in same st as join, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 71 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(72 sc, 360 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 57 rounds; 13,176 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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