Third loop ribbed baby blanket

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Stripes, third loop

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet in the third loop.

What you need

Yarn A: eucalyptus	**about 950 yd (869 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 730 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	30¼ × 36 in (77 × 91 cm)	about 1,225 yd (1,120 m)
Standard (this file)	**32 × 40 in (81 × 102 cm)**	**about 1,450 yd (1,326 m)**
Large	36 × 44 in (91 × 112 cm)	about 1,800 yd (1,646 m)
Extra large	40 × 50¼ in (102 × 128 cm)	about 2,250 yd (2,057 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in the third loop. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: there are no chains between the stitches here, so count the stitches alone: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 11 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

> **The swatch.** Work the test piece first. This piece is wide, and starting again after the first place to stop means working its first rows a second time. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 17** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across | (20 hdc) |

For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.

Instructions

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hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **st** stitch.
The ch 2 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(104 hdc): the row now has 104; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 106.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **9**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 9.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 32 in (81 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Rows 10 to 36**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Row 37**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rows 38 to 74**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74

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☐ **Row 75**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rows 76 to 110**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in third loop of each st across	(104 hdc)

76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 110 rows; 11,440 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece. That is the yarn for all the colors together: divide it among them as the estimates are divided.

Notes

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- The third loop of a half double crochet is the bar just below its two top loops. After you turn, it lies on the side facing you.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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