Valentine gingham throw

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 48½ × 60 in (123 × 152 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two colors in a row, one carried inside the stitches

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet with one yarn carried inside.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, stripes	**about 1,000 yd (914 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, stripes	**about 1,675 yd (1,532 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, stripes	**about 900 yd (823 m), an estimate**

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

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. To measure your own: work the test piece and measure it, pull it out and measure the yarn it took, both colors added together; divide by the area of the test piece and multiply by the area of the blanket. That is the yarn of the stitches, all the colors together: add 6 in (15 cm) for each end to weave in, and some to spare.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**48½ × 60 in (123 × 152 cm)**	**about 3,575 yd (3,269 m)**
Lap	33½ × 45 in (85 × 114 cm)	about 1,875 yd (1,714 m)
Large	58¼ × 70¼ in (148 × 178 cm)	about 5,025 yd (4,595 m)

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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)
RS	right side
rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet with one yarn carried inside. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 7.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Make the test piece first, in A and B: three checks wide, about 7.4 in (18.8 cm), and 14 rows, about 5.1 in (13 cm).

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 26.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 7 chs, with B, hdc in next 8 chs, with A, hdc in next 8 chs	**(24 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 14	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts	**(24 hdc)**

For another width, add or take away 16 chains at a time: each 16 chains adds two checks. Measure your own gauge first. The counts of the border change with it: between the corners, one stitch in every stitch of the last row and in every chain of the foundation.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the very st it rises from.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- To change color inside a row, work the last stitch of the old color until three loops are on the hook, and make its last yarn over with the new color.
- Every row uses two colors, and both run from edge to edge: lay the color not in use along the top of the row below (in row 1, along the foundation chain) and work over it, so that it lies hidden inside the stitches and is at the edge when the row ends. A color that is new in a row of checks is laid in at the edge, under the first stitches of its first row.
- At the end of a row of checks, cut a color that the next row of checks does not use. A color that both use is never cut: carry it on into the next row of checks. After the last row cut both.
- Change to the color a row begins with in the last yarn over of the row before; if it is new there, join it in that yarn over.
- Every row begins and ends with the same color, so each row of checks reads the same from both sides.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, join or cut a yarn.
- The border is worked in the round with the right side facing, three single crochets in every corner. Do not turn between rounds. The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Join every yarn of the border with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). From round 2 on, the "first st" is the first sc of the round before.

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- Along the foundation, for the border, work one stitch in each chain under row 1. The "first ch" is the one under the last stitch of row 1, the "last ch" the one under its first stitch.
- Where a border round begins by joining another yarn, first fasten off the yarn of the round before, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
- This size has 19 checks across and 23 checks up, each check 8 stitches wide and 7 rows tall.
- This size has 54 ends to weave in.
- The last row, row 161, is a right side row, so the right side faces you for the border. The border's "first st" is the first stitch of row 161, at its right-hand end, and its "last st" is the stitch made last in that row.
- Rows of checks
- Rows 1 to 7: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 8 to 14: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 15 to 21: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 22 to 28: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 29 to 35: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 36 to 42: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 43 to 49: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 50 to 56: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 57 to 63: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 64 to 70: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 71 to 77: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 78 to 84: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 85 to 91: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 92 to 98: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 99 to 105: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 106 to 112: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 113 to 119: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 120 to 126: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 127 to 133: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 134 to 140: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 141 to 147: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Rows 148 to 154: B (pink) and C (raspberry) by turns, B at both edges
- Rows 155 to 161: A (cream) and B (pink) by turns, A at both edges
- Border: round 1 C (raspberry), round 2 A (cream), round 3 C (raspberry)

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Blanket

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 154.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 7 chs, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 chs, with A, hdc in next 8 chs**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 2 to 7** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 **7**

Stop and measure now, after row 7. Width: about 46¾ in (119 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one.

☐ **Row 8** — With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 9 to 14** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 9 to 14: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Row 15** — With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 16 to 21** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 21: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19 20 21

☐ **Row 22** — With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 23 to 28** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 23 to 28: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **Row 29** — With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 30 to 35** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 35: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32 33 34 35

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☐ **Row 36** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 37 to 42** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 37 to 42: tick them off as you go.

37 38 39 40 41 42

☐ **Row 43** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 44 to 49** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 44 to 49: tick them off as you go.

44 45 46 47 48 49

☐ **Row 50** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 51 to 56** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 51 to 56: tick them off as you go.

51 52 53 54 55 56

☐ **Row 57** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 58 to 63** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 58 to 63: tick them off as you go.

58 59 60 61 62 63

☐ **Row 64** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 65 to 70** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 65 to 70: tick them off as you go.

65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **Row 71** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 72 to 77** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 72 to 77: tick them off as you go.

72 73 74 75 76 77

☐ **Row 78** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 79 to 84** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 79 to 84: tick them off as you go.

79 80 81 82 83 84

☐ **Row 85** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 86 to 91** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 86 to 91: tick them off as you go.

86 87 88 89 90 91

☐ **Row 92** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 93 to 98** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 93 to 98: tick them off as you go.

93 94 95 96 97 98

☐ **Row 99** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 100 to 105** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 100 to 105: tick them off as you go.

100 101 102 103 104 105

☐ **Row 106** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 107 to 112** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 107 to 112: tick them off as you go.

107 108 109 110 111 112

☐ **Row 113** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 114 to 119** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 114 to 119: tick them off as you go.

114 115 116 117 118 119

☐ **Row 120** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 121 to 126** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 121 to 126: tick them off as you go.

121 122 123 124 125 126

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☐ **Row 127** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 128 to 133** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 128 to 133: tick them off as you go.

128 129 130 131 132 133

☐ **Row 134** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 135 to 140** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 135 to 140: tick them off as you go.

135 136 137 138 139 140

☐ **Row 141** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 142 to 147** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 142 to 147: tick them off as you go.

142 143 144 145 146 147

☐ **Row 148** With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 149 to 154** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with C, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 149 to 154: tick them off as you go.

149 150 151 152 153 154

☐ **Row 155** With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts,
[with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 156 to 161** Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 8 sts**] 9 times** **(152 hdc)**

A box for each row, 156 to 161: tick them off as you go.

156 157 158 159 160 161

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

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Border

Yarns in order of use: C, raspberry; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the piece, right side facing, beginning at the right-hand end of the last row: 152 stitches along the last row, 161 row ends down each side and 152 chains along the foundation.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 150 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 4 rows**] 32 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 150 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, sc in end of next row, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 32 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(698 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 152 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 195 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 152 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 194 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(706 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 154 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 197 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 154 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 195 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(714 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends: each end into stitches of its own color, on the wrong side, turning back once.
- Lay the blanket flat, pat it square and let it rest; a light steam held above it, or a damp cloth left to dry on it, settles the checks.

In all: 2 pieces; 26,590 stitches (24,472 in the blanket, 2,118 in the border); 54 ends to weave in.

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