Warm thermal blanket

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 48 × 58½ in (122 × 149 cm)
With its border. The panel alone: about 46¾ × 57 in (119 × 145 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Stripes, two loops taken up at once, a border

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
9 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In thermal stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: midnight blue, main	**about 3,150 yd (2,880 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brick red, contrast	**about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: oatmeal, contrast	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and 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 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Throw (this file)	**48 × 58½ in (122 × 149 cm)**	**about 3,730 yd (3,411 m)**
Twin	64 × 86¼ in (163 × 219 cm)	about 7,350 yd (6,721 m)

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)
rnd	round

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RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

thhdc (thermal half double): Yo, insert hook in the back loop of the st and then under the free loop that lies just behind it, one row lower, yo, pull up a loop through both, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

Gauge

9 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in thermal stitch. 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: 9 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 12 rows are about 4.2 in (10.6 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

The swatch. 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.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 16.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 18	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(14 thhdcs)**

For another width, make the chain longer or shorter: each chain is one more stitch. Measure your own gauge first. The border is worked into whatever the edge has: count your own stitches and row ends for its first round.

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 first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Several of one stitch named together ("3 sc in first st") are all worked into that one place.
- 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; if you measure your own, add them.
- In row 1, of the test piece too, put the hook under the top loop only of each ch, so that the other loop of the chain stays free for row 2.
- The back loop of a st is the loop of its top that is farther from you as you work; the front loop is the nearer one. In UK terms thhdc is thhtr, thermal half treble.
- The free loop of a thhdc belongs to the st (in row 2, the ch) that the st you are working into stands on. It is the loop that was not used there, the front loop in every row after row 2, and it lies on the side away from you. Tilt the top of the work toward you and you see a line of these loops along the back, one straight behind each st: take them in order and skip none. The bar just under the top of an hdc, on the side toward you, is not one of them.
- The fabric draws itself double as it grows. One line of free loops is left on the wrong side under the last row: leave it.

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- By the end row 2 has caught the free loop of every ch. Along the foundation edge the border still puts one sc in each ch that holds a st of row 1: put the hook under the strands of that ch that lie at the edge.
- 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.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing. Rnd 1 begins in the st just joined, which it calls "first st", goes along the last row to the other end, which it calls "last st", then down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Along the foundation edge the 2 chs skipped at the start of row 1 are not counted: the last ch is the one under the first stitch of row 1.
- The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. After rnd 1, the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch that the slip stitch joined: that stitch is the first of the next stitches.

Instructions

Chosen: Throw. 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

Yarns in order of use: A, midnight blue; C, oatmeal; B, brick red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 107.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(105 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go. 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 46¾ in (119 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.

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 13**	With B, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 18**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**

A box for each row, 14 to 18: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18

☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 144**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**

A box for each row, 22 to 144: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 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 75 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

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109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144

☐ **Row 145**	With C, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 146**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 147**	With B, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Rows 148 to 152**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**

A box for each row, 148 to 152: tick them off as you go.

148 149 150 151 152

☐ **Row 153**	With C, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 154**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Row 155**	With A, ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**
☐ **Rows 156 to 164**	Ch 2, turn; thhdc in each st across	**(105 thhdcs)**

A box for each row, 156 to 164: tick them off as you go.

156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164

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

Border

Yarn B, brick red.

☐ **Foundation**	Right side facing and row 164 at the top, join B with sl st in the stitch that ends row 164, at the top right corner.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 103 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, sk next row end**] 32 times**, sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 103 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, sk next row end**] 32 times**, sc in end of each of next 4 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(482 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 105 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 134 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 105 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 133 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(490 sc)**
☐ **End**	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: 20 ends to weave in.

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