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Letter from the Editors

Hi Crocheter,

Every new mom needs a soft and cuddly baby blanket for their newborn baby. There are lots of soft blankets to choose from at the mall, but homemade baby blankets are the best because they are made with love. If you've never made a crochet afghan before, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to learn how to crochet a blanket for babies.

Inside our latest eBook, *How to Crochet a Blanket for Infants and Toddlers: 11 Crochet Afghan Patterns*, you'll find crochet afghan patterns to make for boys and girls. Whether you are expecting a baby, or know someone that is, this is a fabulous resource for you to find your next crocheted afghan. If you've never crocheted an afghan before, don't worry; it's really quite easy to learn how to crochet a blanket, especially for infants and toddlers. You can customize the look of any baby blanket crochet pattern, depending on the sex of the baby-to-be, or the color scheme of the nursery.

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Easy Crochet Afghan Patterns

[Lovable Baby Blanket](#)
By: Tamara Kelly from [Moogly](#)

Any new mom is sure to fall in love with this Lovable Baby Blanket. Use pastel colored yarn to complete this crocheted afghan for yourself or an expectant mother-to-be. This baby blanket is made by joining together crocheted granny squares. Use worsted weight yarn in any four colors of your choice to make this cute and cozy baby afghan.

This image courtesy of mooglyblog.com

Easy

Crochet Hook: I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Measurements:
Each square as written measures about 4.25 inches for a 6 x 6 blanket. If you want to make a larger blanket, simply add more squares.
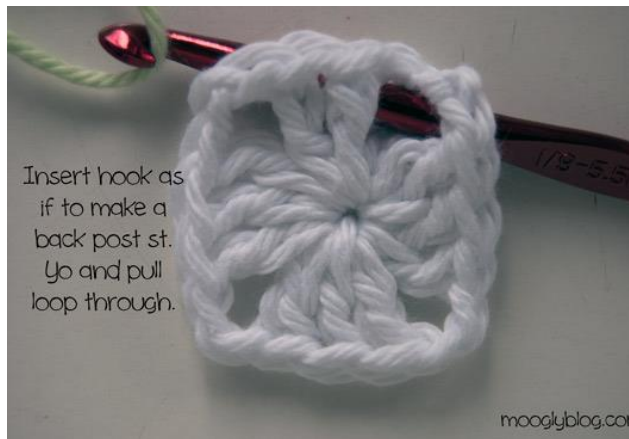
Materials:

- US – I, 5.5mm hook
- Worsted weight yarn in 4 colors (I Love This Cotton in White, Pistachio, Aqua, Turquoise, and Pink shown)
- Yarn amounts for 36 squares: Color A – 100 yds; Color B: 180 yds; Color C: 250 yds; Color D: 350 yds, plus additional amount for seaming and border if desired.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Round 1: (Using Color A) Make a magic circle. Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), and working into the ring dc 2. *Ch 2, dc 3 into the ring. Repeat from * 3

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times. Ch 2, break yarn and use seamless join to finish off, joining to the top of the ch 3. Weave in ends for this round.

Insert hook as if to make a back post st. Yo and pull loop through.

Round 2: (Using Color B) Insert the hook around the rightmost dc in any set of 3 from Round 1, as if to make a back post stitch (as seen above). Pick up yarn pulling it around post as if to make a back post stitch, and ch 3. Bpdc around next 2 sts. [Dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. *Bpdc around next 3 sts, then [dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. Repeat from * 3 times. Break yarn and seamless join to top of ch 3. Weave in ends for this round.

Bpdc around each dc st, and dc 2, ch 2, dc 2 in each corner sp.

End of Round 2.

Round 3: (Using Color C) Insert the hook around the rightmost dc in any set of 7 from Round 2, as if to make a back post stitch. Pick up yarn pulling it around post as if to make a back post stitch, and ch 3. Bpdc around next 6 sts. [Dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. *Bpdc around next 7 sts, then [dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. Repeat from * 3 times. Break yarn and seamless join to top of ch 3. Weave in ends for this round.

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Start Round 3 in one of the dc sts to the left of a corner. Continue as before.

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End of Round 3.

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methods. Weave in ends for this round.

To finish off Round 4, use the seamless join technique... BUT put the needle through the top of the first actual dc st of the round, NOT the top of the ch 3. This assures an even st count on each side for joining the squares together later.

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Round 4: (Using Color D) Insert the hook around the rightmost dc in any set of 11 from Round 3, as if to make a back post stitch. Pick up yarn pulling it around post as if to make a back post stitch, and ch 3. Bpdc around next 10 sts. [Dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. *Bpdc around next 11 sts, then [dc 2, ch 2, dc 2] in ch sp. Repeat from * 3 times. Break yarn and seamless join to top of dc – NOT the ch 3, as seen below. This ensures an even "V" count on each side of the square, important for most joining

Finishing:

To attach the squares to each other, I held the RS of two squares together, and using Color D, sl st through the outside loops of both, so that the sl sts show up on the WS of the blanket. You can see a nice tutorial of this

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technique on Attic24. Of course, feel free to use whatever joining method you prefer!
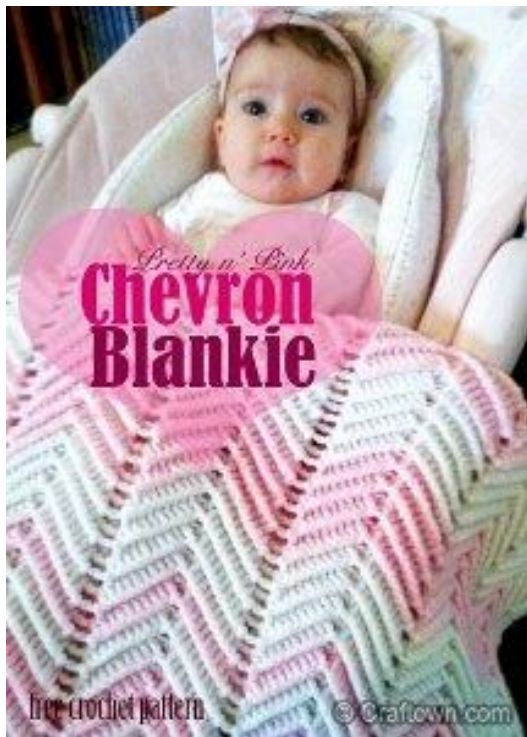
For an edging, I did a row of sc and a row of simple dc 5 shells. For the boy's version, I'll likely use a row of dc. There are hundreds of edgings available, so use the one you like best!

I hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I have! It looks just as good in bright colors as it does in pastels, and is perfect for both boys and girls. Change it up by making each square different or using a different joining method – it's up to you to make it your own!

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[Pretty in Pink Chevron Blanket](#)

By: Jenny Newman from [Craftown](#)

This Pretty in Pink Chevron Baby Blanket is great for anyone learning how to crochet. All that's need is the single crochet stitch and you're golden. Baby crochet afghan patterns like this will keep baby warm and cozy. They can then pass this blanket on to their kids and it can become a family heirloom.

This image courtesy of craftown.com

Easy

Crochet Hook: I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Crochet hook size I
- worsted weight yarn - I used cotton in a soft pink and white

INSTRUCTIONS:

Row 1: With white, ch 183. (To make bigger work in multiples of 14)

Row 2: Sc in second st from hook, * Sc in each of next 14 ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in each of next 14 ch, sk 1 ch, repeat from * across, ending with the sk 1 st, sc in last st, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Working in back lp of sts Throughout, sc in first sc, sk 1 sc, * sc in each of next 14 scs, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 14 sts, sk 2 sts, repeat from * across, ending last repeat with sk 1 st, sc in last st, ch 1, turn.

Repeat row 3 throughout, working 8 more rows white, 10 rows of pink, 10 rows white, 10 rows pink, etc until you reach the length you want your blanket to be. Feel free to change up the width of your stripes as well.

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Polka Dot Baby Blanket

By: Red Heart Yarn

This Polka Dot Baby Blanket is an easy crochet afghan pattern to complete for the little one in your life. It would also make an excellent homemade gift idea for an upcoming baby shower. Use blue, pink, yellow, or any other color yarn for the middle dot. You could even use a rainbow of colors if you want! Use Red Heart Designer Sport yarn to crochet this cute baby afghan.

This image courtesy of redheart.com

Easy

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (3) Light/DK (21-24 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- RED HEART® Designer Sport: 3 skeins 3101 Ivory A and 1 skein 3815 Dutch Blue B
- Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]
- Yarn needle

Size: Blanket measures 30" (76 cm) x 45" (114 cm)

Gauge: Hexagon = 4" (10 cm) across. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the specified gauge

INSTRUCTIONS:

HEXAGON (Make 72)
With B, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, slip st in first st to join.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in each hdc, slip st in first st to join.

Round 3: Repeat Round 2. Fasten off.

Round 4: Join A in any hdc, ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 1, *2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 1;

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repeat from * around, slip st to top of beginning ch to join.

Round 5: Ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in next 5 sts, *(dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-1 space, dc in next 6 sts; repeat from * around, end (dc, ch 1 dc) in last ch-1 space, slip st to top of beginning ch to join. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew 7 Hexagons together along opposite sides to make a 7-Hexagon Strip. Make 6 strips. Sew 6 Hexagons together along opposite sides to make a 6-Hexagon Strip. Make 5 strips. Beginning and ending with a 7-Hexagon Strip, arrange strips to alternate 7-Hexagon Strips with 6-Hexagon Strips, fitting sides together, to make Blanket. Sew Strips together.

EDGING

With right side facing, join A in any st and sc evenly spaced around all sides, join with a slip st to first st to join.

Weave in ends.

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[Simply Stripes Baby Blanket](#)
By: Lorna Miser for [Caron](#)

Grab two skeins of your favorite Caron yarn to make this Simply Stripes Baby Blanket. Crochet blankets always made a great homemade gift idea for baby showers, so be sure to keep this free crochet afghan pattern in mind. It's quick and easy to crochet, and can be made to match any color baby nursery depending on the yarn you choose to use.

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Easy

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran

(16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Caron One Pound (100% Acrylic, 16oz/453.6g, 812yds/742 m skein):
  Colorway #1:
  #00510 White (A), 1 skein
  #00580 Soft Sage (B), 1 skein
  Colorway #2:
  #00510 White (A), 1 skein
  #00508 Sky Blue (B), 1 skein
- **Colorway #3:**
  #00510 White (A), 1 skein
  #00513 Soft Pink (B), 1 skein
- Size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle

Size: Approx. 36"/91.5cm x 36"/91.5cm

Gauge: 16 sts = 4"/10cm, 8 rows = 3"/7.5cm

Notes: There are three colorways offered.

Stitches Used:
ch: chain
dc: double crochet
sc: single crochet
sl st: slip stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Crossed Stitch (multiple of 4 + 2):
Set up row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch, turn.

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), skip first sc, *skip next sc, dc in each of next 3 sc, dc back into last skipped sc; repeat from * across, end dc in last sc, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each dc to end of row, sc in top of turning ch, turn.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for crossed st pattern.

BLANKET
Using A, ch 139.

Work set up row—138 sc.

STRIPES
Using A, work Rows 1 and 2 of crossed st pattern.

Using B, work Rows 1 and 2 of crossed st pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, in desired colorway, until blanket measures approximately 34"/86.5cm from beginning, ending after Row 2 using A. Cut yarns.

FINISHING
Edging

Round 1: With RS facing, join B with ch 3 in edge of blanket, dc evenly around all edges, working 3 dc in each corner; join with sl st in top of ch 3. Cut B.

Round 2: With RS facing, join A and work same as Round 1.

Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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[Pastel Rainbow Baby Blanket](#)
By: [Red Heart Yarn](#)

Any little baby is sure to stay cozy in this fabulous crochet design. The Pastel Rainbow Baby Blanket is done in single crochet with five coordinating crochet colors. The finished baby blanket features the ripple effect. If you're just learning how to crochet a blanket then this is a great project for you to work on because it's an easy crochet pattern to work up.

This image courtesy of redheart.com

Easy

Crochet Hook: I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium

Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Size: 36" x 36"

Materials:

- RED HEART® "Soft Baby Steps®":
  3 Balls 9600 White A
  1 Ball each 9505 Aqua B
  9620 Baby Green C
  9700 Baby Pink D
  9590 Lavender E
- Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Gauge:
18 sts = 4" in pattern stitch. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Abbreviations:
A, B, C = Color A, B, C; ch = chain; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

INSTRUCTIONS:

BLANKET

With A, ch 157.

Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, skip next ch, * sc in next 4 ch, 3

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sc in next ch, sc in next 4 ch **, skip next 2 ch; repeat from * to last 2 ch, end at **, skip next ch, sc in last ch – 156 sc.

Row 2: Working in back loops only, ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, skip next sc, * sc in next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc **, skip next 2 sc; repeat from * to last 2 sc, end at **, skip next sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern stitch, working * 2 rows with B, 2 rows with C, 2 rows with D, 2 rows with E; repeat from * twice more.

Repeating Row 2, work 68 rows with A. * Work 2 rows with E, 2 rows with D, 2 rows with C, 2 rows with B; repeat from * twice more.

Work 2 rows with A.

Fasten off

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Cuddly Zebra Blanket

By: Lorene Eppolite from Cre8tion Crochet

Babies love nothing more than curling up with a super soft baby blanket as they sleep. This Cuddly Zebra Blanket is a great crochet blanket to make for baby girls. The pink accent compliments the black and white stripes perfectly. This free crochet afghan pattern is especially appropriate if the baby has animal or safari-themed nursery.

This image courtesy of repeatcrafterme.com

Easy

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- 5.0mm hook

- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- 2 skeins Simply Soft by Caron in White
- 2 skeins Simply Soft by Caron in Black
- 1/4 skein Simply Soft by Caron in hot pink or any color of your choice

Size: The finished width of the blanket at 100 stitches is 31" (including border)

Notes:

You can make it to whatever height you like. I made mine to 28" because I prefer the look if it is not completely square.

You can also use different colors for the stripes if you choose.

The first and last stitch of EVERY row are hdc, (as are each stitch between changes in height of rows). This is so that you do not have to do a turning chain on any row and evens it all out at the end so that all the rows are exactly the same height when finished. The blanket will always work up square.

To make finishing easier, every time I make a color change I tie a knot,

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connecting the tails of the old color and the new color. Then I weave over the tails (if they are still sticking out when I'm done I just cut them shorter). That way I only have to weave in the first and last tails of the project.

At some point this pattern will look like it's not "wavy" any longer, don't worry it will all turn out. Each "block" of stripes (2 rows of black and 2 rows of white) will make a rectangle, with straight lines on each side. When you do the next two rows (of white) you will begin to see the next "wave". When the blanket is finished you will not be able to see the straight lines.

Every two rows in the same color are the same stitches stacked on top of each other, the next two rows (of the opposite color) are the opposite exact stitches stacked on top of each other. Eg, if the two black rows start with dc then the two white rows will start with sc.

INSTRUCTIONS:

With color A (black)

Chain 101

hdc across <100>

*hdc in 1st sp, 1dc in each of the next 18sp, 1hdc in 20th sp, 1sc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in 40th sp, 1dc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 60th sp, 1sc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 80th sp, 1dc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 100th sp.

Using same color repeat instructions in row 3 for row 4

Change to color B

hdc in 1st sp, 1sc in each of the next 18sp, 1hdc in the 20th sp, 1dc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 40th sp, 1sc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 60th sp, 1dc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 80th sp, 1sc in each of the next 19sp, 1hdc in the 100th sp.

Using same color, repeat this pattern in next row.

Change back to color A

hdc in 1st sp, 1dc in each of the next 23sp, 1hdc in 25th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 75th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 100th sp

Using same color crochet next row as follows, 1hdc in 1st sp, 1sc in each of

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the next 23sp, 1hdc in 25th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24, 1hdc in 75th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 100th sp

Change to color B

hdc in 1st sp, 1sc in each of the next 23sp, 1hdc in 25th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 75th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 100th sp

Turn and using the same color crochet across as follows. hdc in 1st sp, 1dc in each of the next 23sp, 1hdc in 25th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1dc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 75th sp, 1sc in each of the next 24sp, 1hdc in 100th sp

Change to color A

hdc in 1st sp, 1dc in each of the next 8sp, 1hdc in 10th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 20th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 30th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 40th sp, 1 dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 60th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 70th sp, 1 sc in

each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 80th sp, 1 dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 90th 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 100th sp

Using same color, repeat this pattern in next row.

Change to color B

hdc in 1st sp, 1sc in each of the next 8sp, 1hdc in 10th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 20th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 30th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 40th sp, 1 sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 60th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 70th sp, 1 dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 80th sp, 1 sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 90th 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 100th sp.

Turn and crochet across as follows, hdc in 1st sp, 1dc in each of the next 8sp, 1hdc in 10th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 20th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 30th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 40th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 50th sp, 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 60th sp, 1dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 70th sp, 1sc in

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each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 80th sp, 1 dc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc 90th 1sc in each of the next 9sp, 1hdc in 100th sp.

Repeat from * to desired length, finish off and weave in ends

To END - Each color has two rows, to finish off only do first row of new color (I recommend ending in black) and then one or two rows of hdc in same color.

BORDER:
sc around entire blanket in color A (black) with 3sc in each corner

Change to border color (pink) in 1st space, chain 2, yo, insert hook into same space, yarn over, pull through space (3 loops on hook), yo and pull through 1st two loops (2 loops left on hook), yo, insert hook into same sp, pull through (4 loops on hook), yo, pull through 1st two spaces (3 loops left on hook), yo and pull through all three loops.

In every next space crochet as follows; yo, insert hook, yo, pull through, yo, pull through 1st two sp (2 loops on hook), yo, insert hook

into same sp, yo, pull through, (4 loops on hook), yo and pull through 1st two loops (3 loops left on hook), yo insert hook into same sp, yo, pull through, yo, pull through 1st two loops on hook (4 loops left on hook), yo and pull through all four loops.

In all four corners; yo, insert hook, yo, pull through, yo, pull through 1st two sp (2 loops on hook), yo, insert hook into same sp, yo, pull through, (4 loops on hook), yo and pull through 1st two loops (3 loops left on hook), yo, pull through all three loops. Repeat 3 more times in each corner.

Finish off and weave in ends.

Note: If you'd like, add a flower of your choice to one corner of blanket on both sides.

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Intermediate Crochet Afghan Patterns

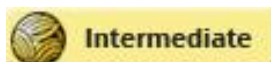### Puppy Dog Lovey Blanket

By: Sarah Zimmerman from Repeat Crafter Me

Puppies are known for being cute and cuddly, and this Puppy Dog Lovey Blanket is no different. Babies and toddlers will love nothing more than to curl up with this precious blanket. This crochet blanket combines sewing and crochet and the center is made of fleece fabric. Use pink yarn instead of blue if this blanket is for a girl.

This image courtesy of repeatcrafterme.com

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium

Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Vanna's Choice yarn
- Size H crochet hook
- Tapestry Needle
- Poly-fil stuffing
- 2 small buttons for eyes

Abbreviations:
SC: Single Crochet
HDC: Half Double Crochet
DC: Double Crochet
Sl St: Slip Stitch
Ch: Chain
St: Stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:
Head (make two):
Chain 9, HDC in 2nd chain from hook, HDC across, chain 1, turn

Row 2: 2 HDC, HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in last stitch, (10 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 3-4: HDC across (10 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 5: HDC decrease, HDC in next 6, HDC decrease, chain 1, turn

Row 6: HDC across (8 HDC), chain 1, turn

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Row 7: 2 HDC in first st, HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in last, chain 1, turn

Row 8: 2 HDC in first st, HDC in next 8, 2 HDC in last, chain 1, turn

Row 9: 2 HDC in first st, HDC in next 10, 2 HDC in last, chain 1, turn

Row 10-11: HDC across (14 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 12: HDC decrease, HDC in next 10, HDC decrease, chain 1, turn

Row 13: HDC across (12 HDC)

Row 14: HDC decrease, HDC in next 8, HDC decrease, chain 1, turn

Row 15: HDC across (10 hdc), continue to sc around, sl st to join, fasten off, weave in ends

Nose:
Chain 9, HDC in 2nd chain from hook, HDC across (8 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 2: HDC across (8 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 3: 2 HDC, HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in last, chain 1, turn

Row 4: HDC across (10 HDC), fasten off, weave in ends and sew onto one of the head pieces.

Eye Patch:
Magic Ring, 8 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, fasten off, weave in ends and sew on to head piece.

Sew on two small black buttons for the eyes.

Sew together head with face embellishments to solid color head. Leave a small opening to lightly stuff with poly-fil and then sew shut. Now sew on the ears.

Outside of Ears:
Chain 6, HDC in 2nd Chain from hook, HDC across, chain 1, turn (5 HDC)

Row 2-6: HDC across (5 HDC), chain 1, turn

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Row 7: HDC decrease, HDC, HDC decrease, continue to SC around and when you get to the top, make two HDC decrease right before Sl St to join, fasten off

Note: It helps to make 2 SC in each bottom corners.

Inside of Ear:
Chain 4, HDC in 2nd Ch from hook, HDC across (3 HDC), chain 1, turn

Row 2-5: HDC across (3 HDC), chain 1, turn

At the end of Row 5, continue to SC around and when you get to the top, make two HDC decrease right before Sl St to join, fasten off

Note: It helps to make 2 SC in each bottom corners.

Sew the inside of the ear to the outside of the ear but be careful to sew only on the inside stitches so the yarn doesn't show through the outer ear.

Dog Paw Pattern (make 4): This would also make a great appliqué!

Magic Ring, Chain 1, 6 HDC in ring, join, chain 1

Round 2: 2 HDC in each around (12 HDC)

Round 3: Change color, *2 HDC, HDC, *around (18 HDC), chain 1

Round 4: *HDC and DC in same stitch, DC and HDC in next, slip stitch, *Repeat two more times, (be sure to end with a slip stitch) and continue around by making 2 SC in each stitch (18 SC), join with slip stitch to bottom of first ch 1,

Round 5: *2 DC in next 4, slip stitch to slip stitch, *Repeat two more times, fasten off.

Now make 4 more of these but without changing color (just solid)

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Dog paw pads (make 12):
Magic Ring, Chain 1, 8 SC in magic ring, join to first SC, fasten off and sew onto dog paws

Now sew together dog paw with pads to solid dog paw like you did with the head. Be sure to leave a small opening to lightly stuff with poly-fil before you completely sew it shut.

The dog bone fleece I found is currently being sold as a "dog blanket" at Jo-Ann Fabrics for only $2.50! I cut it into a 11x13 size piece and then crocheted around the edges.

To crochet around the edges you will first need a skip stitch blade to make holes around the edges. I bought the "original" size from the Project Linus website. You will also need a 45mm rotary cutter handle. I bought the Fiskars 9521 45mm Contour Rotary Cutter from Amazon.

After you have crocheted around the edge of your blanket, sew head and paws onto the edging and PHEW! You are done!
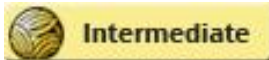
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Train Tracks Baby Blanket

By: Heather Tucker from Mama's Stitchery Projects

This Train Tracks Baby Blanket is a crib sized blanket perfect for your little one. The patchwork appearance gives the blanket a fun design. Free baby afghan patterns make great gifts for those expecting a newborn.

This image courtesy of blogs.thetucker.com

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- For lap blanket size, 680 grams/24 ounces/1260 yards worsted weight yarn
- Size H (5mm) crochet hook

Gauge: With H hook: 7 sc to 2 inches

To change color in sc: Draw up a lp in last st before color change, drop color in use, with next color to be used yo and draw through 2 lps on hook.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
ch sp = chain space
dc = double crochet
sc = single crochet
sl st = slip stitch

Size: 34" by 42"

INSTRUCTIONS

There are three different types of squares. Make four of each type. The train track square requires two colors. The other two squares can be made in solid colors, but can be different colors from the train track square. I assembled the blanket with the same color as the track color, but any color can be used. Each of the square types has a special stitch which is described at the beginning of each of their instructions.

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Each of the squares are alternating rounds of single crochet and double crochet or double crochet type stitches. On all rounds, the corners are a single chain stitch. The corners on the double crochet rounds consist on making a (2dc, 1ch, 2dc) cluster in this corner chain space. Take particular care on the next stitch after the corner to find the true next sc. It tends to get buried under that cluster, so you may have to pull the cluster back a bit to get into that stitch.

Unless otherwise indicated, crochet in the back loop only.

Train Track Square:

Ldc – yo, insert hook in sc or chain space below the dc of the previous row, yo and pull up a loop even with last stitch made, (yo and draw through 2 loops) twice.

Ch4. Sl st in first chain to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch3 (counts as a dc), 2dc in ring, (ch1, 3dc in ring) three times, ch1, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 2: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next two dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 3: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in next 3 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 5 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 4: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 5 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 9 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 5: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in next 6 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 11 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 4 sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 6: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 8 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 15 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 6 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 7: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in next 9 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in

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next 17 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 7 sc, change to track color, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 8: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 11 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 21 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 9 dc, change to main color, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 9: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in next 12 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 23 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 10 sc, change to track color, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 10: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, (ldc in next dc, sc in next 2 dc) four times, ldc in next dc (so that the ldc is in the ch sp of prior sc row), sc in next dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next dc, ldc in next dc (so that the ldc is in the ch sp of prior sc row), sc in next 2 dc, (ldc in next dc, sc in next 2 dc) seven times, ldc in next dc (so that the ldc is in the ch sp of prior sc row), sc in next dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next dc, ldc in next dc (so that the ldc is in the ch sp of prior sc row), sc in next 2 dc, (ldc in next dc, sc in next 2 dc) two times, ldc

in next dc, sc in next dc, change to main color, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 11: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in next 15 sc/ldc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 29 sc/ldc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next 13 sc/ldc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 12: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 17 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 33 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 15 dc, sl st in first sc, finish off.

Crossed Double Crochet Square:

Cdc – crossed double crochet – skip a stitch, dc in next stitch, yo, go behind that dc, insert needle through back loop of skipped stitch and then complete a dc

Ch4. Sl st in first chain to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in ring, (ch1, 3dc in ring) three times, ch1, dc in ring, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

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Rnd 2: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 3: Ch3 (counts as a dc), cdc in next 2 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 2 sc, dc in next sc, cdc in next 2 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 2sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 4: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 4 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 9 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 4 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 5: Ch3 (counts as a dc), cdc in next 4 sc, dc in next sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next sc, cdc in next 4 sc, dc in next sc, cdc in next 4 sc, dc in next sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next sc, cdc in next 4 sc, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 6: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 7 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 15 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 7 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 7: Ch3 (counts as a dc), cdc in next 8 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 8 sc, dc in next sc, cdc in next 8 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 8 sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 8: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 10 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 21 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 10 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 9: Ch3 (counts as a dc), cdc in next 10 sc, dc in next sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next sc, cdc in next 10 sc, dc in next sc, cdc in next 10 sc, dc in next sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, dc in next sc, cdc in next 10 sc, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 10: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 13 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 27 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 13 dc, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 11: Ch3 (counts as a dc), cdc in next 14 sc, [(2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 14 sc, dc in next sc, cdc in next 14 sc] three times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp, cdc in next 4 sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 12: Ch1, sc in same stitch as sl st, sc in next 16 dc, [(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp,

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sc in next 33 dc] three times, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp, sc in next 16 dc, sl st in first sc, finish off.

Cluster Square:

Cluster – (yo, insert hook, draw up a loop, yo, draw through 2 loops) three times in same stitch, yo, draw through 4 loops.

Ch4. Sl st in first chain to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch4 (counts as a dc and chain), (3dc in ring, ch1) three times, 2dc in ring, sl st in 3rd chain of 4ch.

Rnd 2: Sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch space, [sc in next 3 dc, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 3 dc , sl st in first sc.

Rnd 3: Sl st in ch space, ch3, (1dc, ch1, 2dc) in same ch space, [dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, dc in next sc, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp] three times, dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next dc, sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch space, [sc in next 3 dc, sc in ch sp, sc in cluster, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc,

(sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 3 dc, sc in ch sp, sc in cluster, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc , sl st in first sc.

Rnd 5: Sl st in ch space, ch3, (1dc, ch1, 2dc) in same ch space, [ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) five times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp] three times, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) five times, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next dc, sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch space, [sc in next 2 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) five times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 2 dc, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 2 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) five times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 2 dc , sl st in first sc.

Rnd 7: Sl st in ch space, ch3, (1dc, ch1, 2dc) in same ch space, [dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 7 times, dc in next sc, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp] three times, dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 7 times, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 8: Sl st in next dc, sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch

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space, [sc in next 3 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 7 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 3 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 7 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc , sl st in first sc.

Rnd 9: Sl st in ch space, ch3, (1dc, ch1, 2dc) in same ch space, [ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 11 times, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp] three times, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 11 times, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 10: Sl st in next dc, sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch space, [sc in next 2 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 11 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 2 dc, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 2 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 11 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 2 dc , sl st in first sc.

Rnd 11: Sl st in ch space, ch3, (1dc, ch1, 2dc) in same ch space, [dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 13 times, dc in next sc, (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in ch sp] three times, dc in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc, (cluster in next sc, ch1, skip 1 sc) 13 times, dc in next sc, sl st in top chain of 3ch.

Rnd 12: Sl st in next dc, sl st in ch space, ch1, (sc, ch1, sc) in same ch space, [sc in next 3 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 13 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch sp] three times, sc in next 3 dc, (sc in ch sp, sc in cluster) 13 times, sc in ch sp, sc in next 3 dc , sl st in first sc, finish off.

Assembly:

Lay out the squares in a three by four grid. The first joining will be first to second row. Keeping the squares in the order you have laid out, put the second row squares back to back with the first row squares, holding up the sides you want to seam with the second row square toward you. Make all stitches in both loops of the edge of the squares. Form a starting loop and make a single crochet in the edge corner chain space of the second row square. Sc in the edge corner chain space of the first row square. Sc in the next sc of the second row square. Skip a stitch on the first row square and sc in the next stitch. Skip a stitch on the second row square and sc in the next stitch. Proceed in this fashion across to the end of those squares, skipping stitches between sc

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on each square, except at the end to sc in each ch1 space. Then sc in the ch1 space of each of the next two squares keeping with the alternating pattern, then proceed across as with the first squares. Do this again for the third squares.

Make this join across each of the rows then again down the two columns. If the border is to be the same color, do not finish off the last one.

Border:

Rnd 1: On right side, starting from last join row make a single crochet in the ch1 spaces of the adjacent corner. Sc across each edge of each square, and sc in each ch1 corner space. At each seam, sc in the side of the seam. At each outside corner, (1sc, ch1, 1sc) in the corner ch1 space. Continue around the perimeter of the blanket to the beginning and slip stitch in the beginning sc.

Rnd 2: Ch3 (counts as a dc), and dc in each sc across each side of the blanket. At each ch1 space on the outside corners, do (2dc, 1ch, 2dc) in the ch1 space. At the end of the round, join with a slip stitch to the third chain of the beginning ch3.

Rnd 3: Ch1, sc in same stitch. Sc across each side. At each ch1 space on the corners, do (1sc, 1ch, 1sc) in the ch1 space. At the end of the round, join with a slip stitch to the first sc. Finish off and weave in all ends.

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Baby M Blanket

By: Vickie Howell for Caron

Make this precious baby blanket for yourself or an expectant friend. The neutral colors of this crocheted afghan will look great in any nursery. The Baby M Blanket is also a great gift to make for a baby shower.

This image courtesy of caron.com

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Vickie Howell for Caron Sheep(ish) (70% Acrylic/30% Wool; 3oz/85g, 167yds/153m):
  #0011 Taupe(ish) (A): 3 balls
  #0004 White(ish) (B): 2 balls
  #0018 Robin Egg(ish) (C): 1 ball
- One size US H-8 (5mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.
- Yarn needle

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Stitches Used:
Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

Special Stitches:
dc3tog: Double crochet 3 together—[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

dc6tog-over-7-sts: Double crochet 6 together over 7 stitches—[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, skip next stitch, [yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times yarn over and draw through all 7 loops on hook.

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PATTERN STITCHES

Harlequin Stitch (foundation ch is multiple of 8 ch + 1)

Row 1 (RS): (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in 5th ch from hook, sk next 3 ch, sc in next ch, *sk next 3 ch, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch, sk next 3 ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * to end of row, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, sk first sc, dc3tog, *ch 7, sk next ch-1 sp, dc6tog-over-7-sts; repeat from * across to last ch-1 sp, ch 7, sk last ch-1 sp, dc3tog, dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, sk first dc, 3 dc in top of first dc3tog, working over next ch-7 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp 2 rows below (in Row 1), *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next dc6tog, working over next ch-7 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp 2 rows below; repeat from * to last dc3tog, 3 dc in last dc3tog, dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 4: Ch 4 (counts as sc, ch 3), sk first dc, dc6tog-over-7-sts, *ch 7, sk next ch-1 sp, dc6tog-over-7-sts; repeat from * across to turning ch, ch 3, sc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sk first ch-3 sp, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next dc6tog, *working over next ch-7 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp 2 rows below, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next dc6tog; repeat from * across to

turning ch, sc in first ch (at base) of turning ch, turn.

Repeat Rows 2–5 for Harlequin Stitch.

NOTE:

To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Carry color not in use up side of piece until next needed. Take care when working edging round to cover carried strands.

BLANKET

With A, ch 121.

Row 1: Work Row 1 of Harlequin Stitch; change to B—15 pattern repeats.

Rows 2 and 3: With B, work Rows 2 and 3 of Harlequin Stitch; change to A.

Rows 4 and 5: With A, work Rows 4 and 5 of Harlequin Stitch; change to B.

Repeat Rows 2–5 until piece measures 8"/20.5cm measured from beginning to "valley" of one ridge.

With A, continue in Harlequin Stitch until piece measures 15"/38cm from

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beginning, end with a RS row; change to C.

With C, work 2 rows in Harlequin Stitch; change to A.

With A, continue in Harlequin Stitch until piece measures 20"/51cm from beginning, end with a Row 4 of pattern; change to B.

With B, work 2 rows in Harlequin Stitch; change to A.

With A, work 2 rows in Harlequin Stitch; change to B.

Rep last 4 rows until piece measures 26 1/2"/67.5cm from beginning, end with a Row 4.

Edging Rnd: Ch 1, sk first sc, 2 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc6tog, *2 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc into ch-1 sp 2 rows below, 2 sc in same ch-7 sp, sc in next dc6tog; repeat from * across to turning ch, 3 sc in turning ch sp, sc evenly spaced around remaining edges of blanket; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired.

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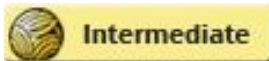## Bacon Baby Blanket

By: Jaime Maraia from Crochet Dynamite

Know an expectant mom with a love of bacon? Make her this Bacon Baby Blanket! This easy afghan pattern is the perfect gift to give at a baby shower. Use Lion Brand Yarn Vanna's Choice and a size G crochet hook to complete this yummy looking afghan!

This image courtesy of crochetdynamite.com

Intermediate

Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Lion Brand Yarn Vanna's Choice
- MC A - 180 Cranberry - 1 skein
- MC B - 133 Brick - 2 skeins
- CC A - 123 Beige - 2 skeins
- CC B - 126 Chocolate - 2 skeins
- 4.25mm/G crochet hook
- Yarn Needle

MAIN BLANKET:

With MC A chain 101.

R1: sc in second ch from hook, sc across all ch, change to MC B, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R2: hdc across all st, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R3: (4 sc, 3 hdc in next st) 20 times, change to MC A, ch 2, turn. (140 st)

R4: (sc 3 st tog, 4 hdc) 20 times, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R5: sc across all st, change to MC B, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R6: (2 sc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, 6 sc) 10 times, ch 1, turn. (120 st)

R7: (6 hdc, sc 2 st tog, sc 2 st tog, 2 hdc) 10 times, change to CC B, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R8-11: sc across all st, ch 1, turn. (100 st)

R12: sc across all st, change to MC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R13: (4 sc, 3 dc in next st) 20 times, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (140 st)

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R14: (sc 3 st tog, 3 sc, 3 dc in next st) 20 times, change to MC B, ch 2, turn. (140 st)

R15: (sc 3 st tog, 4 hdc) 20 times, ch 1, turn. (100 st)

R16: hdc across all st, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R17: (3 sc, 3 dc in next st, sc) 20 times, change to MC A,ch 2, turn. (140 st)

R18: (sc, sc 3 st tog, 2 sc, 2 dc in next st) 20 times, change to CC B, ch 2, turn. (120 st)

R19: (sc 2 st tog, 4 sc) 20 times, ch 1, turn. (100 st)

R20-22: sc across all st, ch 1, turn. (100 st)

R23: sc across all st, change to MC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R24: sc across all st, change to MC B, ch 2, turn.(100 st)

R25-90: repeat rows 2-24 three times.

R91: hdc across all st, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R92: (4 sc, 3 hdc in next st) 20 times, change to MC A, ch 2, turn. (140 st)

R93: (sc 3 st tog, 4 hdc) 20 times, change to CC A, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R94: sc across all st, change to MC B, ch 2, turn. (100 st)

R95: (2 sc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, 6 sc) 10 times, ch 1, turn. (120 st)

R96: (6 hdc, sc 2 st tog, sc 2 st tog, 2 hdc) 10 times, fasten off. (100 st)

Weave in the 120 (or so) loose ends.

BORDER:
Pick which side is going to be the front (both sides are going to look amazing, so just choose the one you like best.)

R1: Starting in the top corner, attach CC A and ch 2, 2 sc in same st, 98 sc across top edge, 3 sc in next corner, 98 sc across side, 3 sc in corner, 98 sc across bottom, 3 sc in corner, 98 sc across side, sl st to 2nd ch in first corner cluster.

R2: Ch 2, 2 sc in same st, 100 sc across top, 3 sc in corner st, 100 sc across side, 3 sc in corner st, 100 sc across bottom, 3 sc in corner st, 100 sc across side, sl st to 2nd ch in first corner cluster. Fasten off.

Weave in the loose ends and celebrate the fact that you're done!

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Basket Weave Baby Blanket

By: Joanne for Craft Passion

Give baby his very first gift by making this Basket Weave Baby Blanket. Free baby afghan patterns are great for those expecting a little one. This blanket is crocheted with cotton worsted weight yarn, while the basket weave design makes it nice and warm for those winter months.

This image courtesy of cre8tioncrochet.com

Intermediate

Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Yarn – Brand: Lion, Range: Cotton Ease, Weight: medium worsted, Color: Lake (Misty Cool Blue), qty: 9 balls x 100g\

- Yarn – Brand: Lion, Range: Cotton, Weight: medium worsted, Color: Natural (Soft Cream), qty: 1 ball x 140g
- Crochet hook: H or 5 mm
- Tapestry Needle (to weave and hide yarn ends)
- Scissors

Size: approx. 42" (W) x 33" (L)

Gauge: Not essential as long as the hook size matches the medium worsted yarn weight.

Basket weave pattern (2 x 2 squares in the weave = 6 sts x 4 row) = approx. 1 1/2" (W) x 1 2/5" (L)

Border (3 sts x 6 row) = approx. 1 1/2" (W) x 1 1/2" (L)

Abbreviations:
ch = chain
hdc= half double crochet
dc=double crochet
FPdc=Front Post double crochet
BPdc=Back Post double crochet
sc=single crochet
st = stitch
slst = slip stitch
sk=skip
fo = fasten off

DIRECTIONS

[with yarn 1 (blue)]

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Starting Row: ch156, turn.

Row 1: sk 3 ch, dc in the 4th ch from hook, ch2, turn. (Counting the first sk 3 ch as 1dc, there is 154dc on this row)

Row 2 & 3: skip first st, hdc1 on the next st, *FPdc3, BPdc3* repeat 25 times until last 2 sts. hdc2, ch2 (deem as first st for the following row), turn.

Row 4 & 5: skip 1st st, hdc1 on the next st, *BPdc3, FPdc3* repeat 25 times until last 2 sts. hdc2, ch2, turn.

Repeat row 2 to 5 until row 85 or until the blanket measure about 30", ending with either row 3 or row 5 pattern minus the ch2 st.

Border
Determine which side you want as the front of the blanket to crochet the border. There is no turning on the border, all stitches are done on the front.

[with yarn 1 (blue)]

Round 1: Ch1, 3 sc in the same corner. sc1 on every st around the entire blanket, with 3 sc in each corner. slst to the beginning ch. fo. Don't turn.

[with yarn 2 (cream)]

Round 2 – 6: Ch1, sc on back loops only around entire blanket, with 3 sc in each corner. slst to the beginning ch, don't turn. fo after finish row 6.
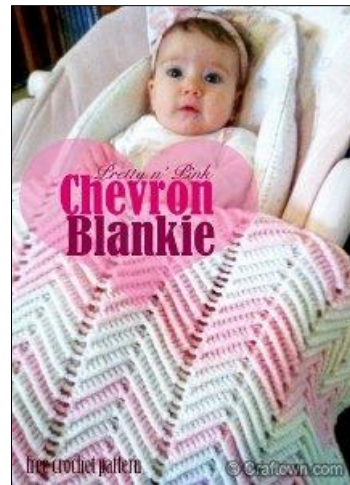
Weave and hide all yarn ends.

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