Easy Striped Crochet Blanket

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This is the blanket to make if you have never made one: half double crochet in rows from start to finish, wide stripes in three colors, and a simple single crochet border. No pattern repeats to track, no counting beyond keeping the same number of stitches each row. The stripes make it look planned and give you a natural place to stop and rest.

It comes in two sizes: a baby blanket about 30 x 36 in / 75 x 91 cm and a throw about 50 x 60 in / 128 x 152 cm.



The baby size in cream, sage and dusty rose.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (chain, half double crochet, color changes, single crochet border)
- **Sizes:** baby 30 x 36 in / 75 x 91 cm; throw 50 x 60 in / 128 x 152 cm
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) acrylic or wool blend; baby about 947 yd / 866 m, throw about 2672 yd / 2444 m
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 14 hdc x 11 rows = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** baby about 15 hours, throw about 40 hours

Materials

- Worsted yarn in three colors (A, B, C), roughly a third of the total in each; a soft acrylic is easy to wash for a baby blanket
- 5 mm (US H/8) hook, a tapestry needle, two stitch markers

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **hdc** half double crochet · **sc** single crochet · **FO** fasten off

Before you start

- The turning ch 1 does not count as a stitch. Put a marker in the first and last stitch of the first few rows so the edges stay straight.
- Change color on the last yarn-over of the last stitch of row 11, 22, 33 and so on: pull the new color through and keep

going.

• Carry the unused colors up the side instead of cutting them if you like; the border covers the strands.



Stripes of 11 rows and the two-round border.

The pattern

Make the size you want. The stripes go A, B, C, then repeat: 9 stripes for the baby blanket, 15 for the throw.

Baby Blanket

Color: start with A (cream).

Chain 106 in color A.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (104)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–99:** Ch 1 turn, hdc around. (104)

Finish: Chain 106 and work R1 into the 3rd ch from the hook; change color every 11 rows (A, B, C, repeat); border: 2 rounds of sc all around with 3 sc in each corner.

Throw

Color: start with A (cream).

Chain 178 in color A.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (176)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–165:** Ch 1 turn, hdc around. (176)

Finish: Chain 178 and work R1 into the 3rd ch from the hook; same stripes and border.

Border

1. Join color A in any corner. Work sc evenly all around the blanket: one sc in each stitch along the top and bottom, one sc in the end of each row along the sides, and 3 sc in each corner.
2. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Work a second round the same way, with 3 sc in the middle stitch of each corner.
3. FO and weave in all ends, running them through at least 2 in / 5 cm of stitches of the same color.

Tips

- **Any size:** chain any even number plus 2. Each 7 stitches add about 2 in / 5 cm of width; each 11 rows add 4 in / 10 cm of length.
- **Calmer look:** two colors only, or one color with a contrast border.
- **Weave as you go:** crochet over the tails for the first few stitches after a color change and you'll have almost nothing to weave in at the end.

FAQ

My blanket is getting narrower.

You are missing the last stitch of the row, which hides next to the turning chain. Count every row until the edges are straight.

Which yarn for a baby?

A soft, machine-washable acrylic or cotton blend. Avoid fluffy yarns and long fringes for babies.

Smaller winter projects with the same stitch: the ribbed beanie and the beginner scarf.