

2 Crochet Baby Blankets

1950s Vintage Patterns

Size: 34" x 36" and 30" x 37



Blue Blanket

Approximate size 34×36 inches.

MATERIALS Sport Yarn Weight

SPINNERIN Mona (1-oz.) 5 balls A and 4 balls B

Afghan Hook: Size J

Crochet Hook: Size F Aluminum

GAUGE: 9 sts = 2 inches

With Afghan hook and A, chain 155 to measure 33 inches.

Row 1—First Half: Skip first ch, *yo, draw up a loop in next ch, forming a loop on hook, retain loop on hook (K st), bring yarn forward and with left thumb hold yarn below next ch, yo, draw loop thru (P st); rep from * to end. Upright sts formed are referred to as bars. **Row 1—Second Half:** Join B. Yo hook and draw thru first loop, *yo and draw thru 2 loops; rep from * until there is 1 loop on hook. **Row 2—First Half:** With B, skip first bar, *bring yarn forward as before, yo, draw loop thru next bar, yo, draw loop thru next bar; rep from * to end. **Row 2—**

Second Half: With A work same as Row 1—Second Half. Rep Rows 1 and 2 for pat. Work to 35 inches from beg, or desired length, ending with loops worked off with A. **To Bind off:** *Draw up a loop in next bar in pat, yo hook and draw thru 2 loops; rep from * to end. Fasten off.

Border: With crochet hook and B, from right side, work 1 row sc around blanket, spacing sts to keep edges flat and working 3 sc at each corner. Join with a sl st to first sc. **Row 2:** Work 1 sc in each sc, 3 sc in each corner sc. Join with a sl st. **Row 3:** Ch 5, skip 3 sc, sc in next sc draw up and drop loop from hook. Holding B loop and ch at back of work, join A to 2nd sc from beg of row. Ch 5 A, skip sc after last B sc, work sc in next sc, drop loop from hook. Insert hook in B loop and tighten. Holding A loop and ch at back, ch 5, skip next sc after last A sc, work sc in next sc. Continue around in this way, working ch 5 with each color and skipping 1 sc of Row 2 between each color change. Join with a sl st. Fasten off A and B. Sew in all ends neatly. Block.

Red-and-White Blanket

Shown at upper right on page 10

Approximate Size 30×37 inches.

MATERIALS Sport Yarn Weight

SPINNERIN Allround or Wintuk Sport (2-oz.)

3 MC and 3 CC

OR Mona (50-gr.) 4 MC and 3 CC

Crochet Hooks: Afghan Size H **OR** SIZE TO GIVE GAUGE

Size E Aluminum

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1 inch; 5 rows = 1 inch

With MC and afghan hook, chain 135 to measure approx 27 inches.

Row 1—First Half: Skip first ch, *insert hook under 2 loops of next ch, yo hook, draw thru ch to form a loop on hook, retain loop on hook; rep from * across foundation ch. There will be same number of loops on hook as there were sts on foundation ch. **Row 1—Second Half:** Yo and draw thru first loop, *yo and draw thru 2 loops; rep from * until there is 1 loop on hook. Draw CC thru loop on

hook. Drop MC. **Row 2—First Half:** Skip first upright loop (bar), *bring yarn forward, insert hook under next bar, with yarn in *front* of hook; yo and draw thru this bar (1 P st), take yarn to *back*. Insert hook under next bar (1 sl st); rep from*, ending sl last st. **Row 2—Second Half:** Same as Second Half of Row 1. Draw MC thru loop on hook. Drop CC. **Row 3—First Half:** Skip first bar, *bring yarn to *front*, insert hook under next bar, take yarn under hook to back (1 sl st), insert hook under next bar, yo and draw loop thru (1 K st); rep from*, ending K last st. **Row 3—Second Half:** Same as Second Half of Row 1. Draw CC thru loop on hook. Drop MC. Rep Rows 2 and 3 for pat st and work to 34 inches from beg, or 3 inches less than desired length. End with MC row. Do *not* break yarn.

To Bind Off: *Draw up a loop under bar, then draw loop also thru loop on hook; rep from * to end.

BORDER: Insert Size E hook in loop, ch 2, work 1 hdc in end of each row on side edge; hdc, ch 1, hdc, at corner; hdc in each st of foundation ch; hdc, ch 1, hdc, at corner; continue on other 2 sides to correspond, ending hdc, ch 1, join to top of ch-2 (corner). Work rnds of hdc in each hdc with hdc, ch 1, hdc under ch-1 at each corner until border measures 1½ inches. Join with a sl st and fasten off. Weave in ends and block.

Abbreviations and Tips

ABBREVIATIONS

Rnd(s)	Round(s)
K	knit
P	purl
st(s)	stitch(es)
beg	beginning
tog	together
MC	Main Color
CC	Contrasting Color
rep	repeat
inc	increase
dec	decrease
yo	yarn over
dp	double point
sl	slip
psso	pass slip st over K st
ch	chain
sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	triple crochet
sp(s)	space(s)
sk	skip
LT	left twist
RT	right twist
pat	pattern
St St	Stockinette Stitch
SS	Seed Stitch

* means repeat instructions following the *, as many more times as specified in addition to the first time.

DO YOU KNOW WHY GAUGE IS SO IMPORTANT?

BECAUSE GAUGE DETERMINES THE SIZE OF THE GARMENT

Suppose given gauge is 5 sts = 1 inch. This means that the entire garment is charted to this gauge. An 18 inch width would be 90 sts (18×5). Now . . . if you are getting only $4\frac{1}{2}$ sts per inch, instead of the required 18 inches, you will have 20 inches ($90 \div 4\frac{1}{2}$); but . . . should you get 6 sts, instead of 18 inches, you will have only 15 inches ($90 \div 6$). So, unless you get the CORRECT GAUGE AS GIVEN, your garment will not measure correctly.

WHY NEEDLE SIZE IS LESS IMPORTANT

People knit differently. Some use aluminum needles, others use plastic; some use 14 inch needles, others use 10 inch; some knit tightly, others loosely. A needle size is given for each pattern, with a gauge. The original garment was made on that size needle and at that gauge. BUT YOU, PERHAPS CANNOT GET THE SAME GAUGE ON THOSE NEEDLES. Therefore, since the garment has been charted TO THAT GAUGE, you must get the gauge, REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE NEEDLES YOU FIND YOU MUST USE.