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Crochet Shell Stitch Baby Blanket Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- About 30 in (76 cm) wide x 36 in (91 cm) long - a classic all-purpose baby blanket
- **Skill level:** Beginner - single crochet, double crochet, and the shell stitch
- **Time:** about 15-20 hours of relaxed stitching

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) baby yarn:** approx 1,200 yds (1,097 m), about 5-6 skeins depending on the brand
- **5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook**
- Yarn needle, scissors

Gauge

Gauge is not critical, but check your width after Row 3: it should measure close to 30 in. If it is much narrower, go up a hook size; if much wider, go down a hook size.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **sc** = single crochet | **dc** = double crochet (UK: tr)
- **shell** = 5 dc in the same stitch | **sk** = skip | **st(s)** = stitch(es)

The ch 1 turning chain does not count as a stitch. The ch 3 turning chain counts as one double crochet.

Blanket Body

Foundation: Ch 92.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (91 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sk 2 sts, shell in next st, sk 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * across. (15 shells)

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in first st, *sk 2 sts, sc in center dc of next shell, sk 2 sts, shell in next sc; repeat from * 13 more times, then sk 2 sts, sc in center dc of last shell, sk 2 sts, 3 dc in last st. (14 full shells + 2 half shells)

Rows 4-68: Repeat Rows 2 and 3, ending with a Row 2 repeat.

Row 69: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (91 sc)

Your blanket should measure about 30 in wide x 36 in long. Do not fasten off.

The shell stitch is worked in multiples of 6. To make a wider blanket, add 6 chains to the foundation for about 2 more inches of width.

Border

Round 1: Ch 1 (do not turn). Sc evenly around the entire blanket, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a sl st to the first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each corner st. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with a yarn needle.
- Wash gently with mild detergent and lay flat to dry before gifting, so the blanket is fresh and clean for the baby.