CROCHET CHRISTMAS BLANKET: PRINTABLE PATTERN

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A chunky striped throw in classic red, green, and white

Skill level: Beginner

Pattern terms: US crochet terms

This pattern is adapted in our own words from the free pattern published by Lovable Loops. See sources.txt for the original source. All measurements, hook size, yarn amounts, gauge, and stitch counts below come from that source.

MATERIALS

- Jumbo weight yarn, weight 7. The source uses Bernat Blanket Extra Thick:
- Vintage white: 3 skeins
- Brick red: 2 skeins
- Green frost: 2 skeins
- Crochet hook: T/X, 30 mm
- Jumbo yarn needle
- Scissors

FINISHED SIZE

- About 54 inches wide by 60 inches long (137 by 152 cm)

GAUGE

- About 3 stitches = 4 inches (10 cm), and 2 rows = 4.5 inches (11.5 cm), measured in the alternating half double crochet and half double crochet slip stitch pattern described below.
- Check your gauge before you start. If your blanket is coming out much smaller or larger, change to a larger or smaller hook until your gauge matches.

ABBREVIATIONS

- ch: chain
- st / sts: stitch / stitches
- hdc: half double crochet
- hdc-slst: half double crochet slip stitch
- BLO: back loop only
- sl st: slip stitch

SPECIAL STITCH: HALF DOUBLE CROCHET SLIP STITCH (hdc-slst)

Work this stitch as follows, in your own rhythm: yarn over, insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop so you have 3 loops on your hook, then draw the first loop straight through the other two loops, without an extra yarn over. When the pattern says BLO, insert your hook under the back loop only.

PATTERN NOTES

- The blanket is worked flat in rows, turning your work at the end of each row.
- From Row 2 onward, work every stitch in the back loop only (BLO).
- Alternate one row of hdc-slst BLO with one row of hdc BLO to build the ribbed texture.
- The turning chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Work the first stitch of each row into the first stitch of the row before it. Do not skip a stitch after the turning chain.
- Every row has 40 stitches.
- Change color at the end of the row shown, before you start the next row.

HOW TO CHANGE COLOR

Finish the last half double crochet of the row until 3 loops stay on your hook. Yarn over with the new color and pull it through all 3 loops to finish the stitch. Turn your work and continue with the new color.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

- Rows 1 to 3: Vintage white (3 rows to begin)
- Then repeat 2-row blocks in this order: brick red, vintage white, green frost, vintage white, brick red, vintage white, green frost, vintage white, brick red, vintage white, green frost, vintage white.
- That gives 27 rows in total.

ROW BY ROW

Foundation: With vintage white, chain 42.

Row 1 (vintage white): Half double crochet in the 3rd chain from your hook and in each chain across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Row 2 (vintage white): Chain 2, hdc-slst BLO in each stitch across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Row 3 (vintage white): Chain 2, hdc BLO in each stitch across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Rows 4 to 5 (brick red): Chain 2, then work one row of hdc-slst BLO followed by one row of hdc BLO, each row across. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 6 to 7 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation: one row of hdc-slst BLO, then one row of hdc BLO. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 8 to 9 (green frost): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 10 to 11 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 12 to 13 (brick red): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 14 to 15 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 16 to 17 (green frost): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 18 to 19 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 20 to 21 (brick red): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 22 to 23 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 24 to 25 (green frost): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

Rows 26 to 27 (vintage white): Same two-row alternation. Turn after each row. (40 stitches per row)

FINISHING

Fasten off and weave in every yarn tail with a jumbo yarn needle or a smaller crochet hook. Take care to weave the tails along the striped rows so they stay hidden and the edges stay neat. Block lightly only if your yarn label allows it, and lay the blanket flat to dry.

NOTE ON CARE

The source pattern does not state washing instructions for this blanket, so none are given here as a fact. Always follow the care label on the yarn you use.

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