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Crochet Lap Blanket: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **Finished size:** approx 36 in wide x 46 in long, a generous sofa lapghan.
- **Skill level:** Confident beginner. You only need chains, single crochet, and double crochet.
- **Stitch pattern:** Block stitch - simple rows of single crochet alternating with rows of 3-double-crochet groups. It looks textured and impressive, but the repeat is only 2 rows.

Materials

- **Yarn:** Worsted weight #4 acrylic, approx 1080 yds total. Sample uses two colors: **Color A** (main) approx 700 yds and **Color B** (accent) approx 380 yds, e.g. Caron One Pound. Work it in one solid color if you prefer.
- **Hook:** US H-8 (5 mm), or size needed to obtain gauge.
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle, scissors, tape measure. Stitch markers optional.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain sc = single crochet dc = double crochet
- st(s) = stitch(es) sp(s) = space(s) rep = repeat
- RS = right side WS = wrong side rnd = round

Gauge

- **13 sts x 12 rows = 4 in** in block stitch pattern (after Row 3 set-up), using US H-8 hook.
- Take time to check gauge. If your blanket is wider than 36 in, go down a hook size; if narrower, go up a hook size.

Pattern Notes

- The ch-3 at the start of a block row **counts as a dc**.
- Stitch counts stay at **116 sts** on every row. Count your stitches on the first few rows until the rhythm feels natural.
- To change color, work the last yarn-over of the final stitch of the old color with the new color, then chain and turn. Carry unused color up the side if you like, or fasten off and weave in ends.
- Stripe suggestion (optional): work 6 rows in Color A, 6 rows in Color B, and repeat for the whole blanket.
- **To resize:** chain any multiple of 3, then add 3 more chains. (The sample: 3 x 38 + 3 = **chain 117**.) For length, simply work more or fewer pattern repeats until you reach your desired measurement.
- Turning chains: ch 1 at the start of a sc row does not count as a stitch; ch 3 at the start of a block row counts as a dc.

The Pattern

With **Color A** (or your main color), chain **117**.

Row 1 (RS):
Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (116 sc)

Row 2 (block row):
Ch 3 (counts as dc), skip next 2 sts, ***3 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts; rep from * across until 1 st remains, dc in last st. Turn. (116 sts: 38 groups of 3 dc plus 2 edge dc)

Row 3 (sc row):
Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st across. Turn. (116 sc)

Rows 4 and beyond:
Rep Rows 2 and 3 until the blanket measures **46 in long** (about 136 rows total, roughly 138 pattern rows including Row 1), **ending with a Row 3 (sc row)**. Do not fasten off if continuing to the border in the same color.

Border
Join yarn in any corner if you fastened off. Work with the RS facing.

- **Rnd 1:** Ch 1, sc evenly around the entire blanket: sc in each st across the top and bottom edges, 1 sc in the end of each row along the long sides, and **3 sc in each corner st**. Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working **3 sc in the center st of each 3-sc corner**. Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- **Rnd 3 (optional, Color B):** Join Color B in any corner. Ch 1, sc in each sc around, 3 sc in each corner center st. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing
- Weave in all ends with a tapestry needle, following the direction of the stitches so they disappear.
- Lightly block if desired: lay flat, mist with water or steam gently, pat to 36 x 46 in, and let dry completely.
- Snuggle up. Your block stitch lap blanket is done.

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