



Grandma Svenson's BABY-in-a-BLANKET Crochet Pattern



MATERIALS

- 1 4 oz. skein washable worsted weight 4-ply yarn in main color for blanket
- 1 4 oz skein similar yarn for pocket & trim

Crochet hooks sizes G & H, or sizes needed for gauge

Plastic baby doll, 5-7" tall (If doll is for child under 3 years, it is safer if the arms & legs do not detach.)

Gauge (H hook): 3 dc = 1"
2 rows dc = 1"

Completed size: approximately 20" X 23"

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain	sc = single crochet
ss = slip stitch	dc = double crochet
st = stitch	yo = yarn over
sp = space	fdc = front dc
sk = skip (st or sp)	bdc = back dc
	dec = decrease

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Grandma Svenson's new BABY-IN-A-BLANKET is just right for your special little girl to love. The purchased baby doll slips into a pocket in the middle of her very own blanket.

Front & back of the pocket are made first, & then attached on 3 sides, leaving top open. Pocket top is trimmed with a shell border. Starting in the middle of one side of the pocket, the blanket is crocheted directly around the pocket. Baby's ruffled bonnet is easily crocheted with the smaller hook.

If doll was purchased without a diaper, cut one from soft cloth & tack together with needle & thread.

For best results, read the directions through completely before starting.

TO MAKE POCKET

Pocket Front: This side uses fdc & bdc, described below.

Front Double Crochet (fdc): This st is sometimes called "around the post" because it is worked around the dc ("post") in the previous row. To work fdc: yo;

inserting hook around post from front to back to front, dc around post, complete st as in dc.

Back Double Crochet (bdc): This st is just like fdc, only the hook is inserted around the post from back to front to back.

Start: Ch 16 with pocket color yarn.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, & in each ch across (15 st). Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: With turning ch as 1st dc, dc in each st in previous row (15 st). Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: fdc around 2nd post in previous row; continue fdc across row (15 st; remember, turning ch counts as 1st st). Ch 3, turn.

Row 4: bdc around 2nd post in previous row; continue bdc across row (15 st). Ch 3, turn.

Rows 5-16: Repeat Rows 3 & 4, alternating fdc rows with bdc rows. At end of Row 16, ch 1 only.

Row 17: sc in each st in previous row (15 st). Finish off.

Pocket Back: Using H hook, ch 13 with pocket color yarn.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, & in each ch across (12 st). Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: With turning ch as first dc, dc in each st in previous row (12 st). Ch 3, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece is nearly same length as pocket front. On last row of dc, ch 1. Complete with a row of sc. Finish off

TO ATTACH POCKET FRONT & BACK

Hold front & back sides together, with the ridged side of the front inside. Attach pocket color yarn to top left corner of front (top right corner for left-handers); sc the front & back together around 3 sides. To turn the bottom corners without pulling, put 3 sc in the same place. Be sure to leave the pocket top open. Finish off.

POCKET RUFFLE

With blanket color yarn & H hook, crochet row of shells across top of front side. To make row of shells, start by attaching yarn at top right corner (left corner for left-handers) of pocket front. Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc) in the 1st st in the top row, 4 dc in that same st; sk 1 st, sc, 5 dc. Repeat pattern across top: sk 1 st, sc, 5 dc. Finish off at row end.

BLANKET

Blanket is crocheted with H hook in a "granny square" pattern (3 dc, ch 1) directly on the pocket. The four corners of the blanket are formed in the middle of the sides, the top, & the bottom.

Row 1: Starting in the middle of the right side (left side for left-handers), attach blanket color yarn to pocket edge. All in same space: ch 3, 2dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1. This creates the 1st blanket corner. (Remember, blanket corners are made at the 3, 6, 9, & 12 o'clock positions on the pocket.)

Make a row of small shells (3 dc, ch 1) in between the blanket corners. Space shells so there are 4 between corners. (Total of 4 corners + 16 shells in row.) When working on pocket top, be sure to work only on the back piece so the top stays open.

To complete the row, ss in the ch 3 at the beginning of the row; ss in next 2 dc.

Row 2: ss around ch 2 sp in 1st corner of previous row, ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1. Keep making shells in the ch 1 sp of previous row. When you come to a corner, always make another corner (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1) in the ch 2 sp of corner in previous row. To complete row, ss in ch 3 at beginning of row; ss in next 2 dc.

Rows 3-9: Repeat Row 2. Finish off at end of Row 9.

Row 10: Attach trim color yarn in 2nd dc in any small shell in Row 9, ch 1, 5 dc in next sp between shells, sc in 2nd dc of next shell. Repeat pattern all around blanket: 5 dc in sp between shells, sc in 2nd dc of next shell. Finish off.

BABY BONNET

Using G hook, ch 31 using pocket color yarn.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, & in each ch across (30 st). Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Counting turning ch as 1 dc, dc in each st in previous row (30 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (27 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (24 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 6: sc in each st in previous row (24 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (21 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 8: sc in each st in previous row (21 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 9: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (18 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 10: sc in each st in previous row (18 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 11: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (15 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 12: sc in each st in previous row (15 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 13: Dec 3 st evenly spaced as you sc in each st in previous row (12 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 14: sc in each st in previous row (12 st). Ch 1. Hold bonnet with start of Row 14 next to ch, with right side in. Make 2 sc to attach both ends of Row 14 together. Finish off. Turn bonnet right side out.

Bonnet Ruffle: Attach blanket color yarn to edge of starting chain, ch 1, 4 dc, sk 1 ch, sc. This makes a shell. Continue pattern across bonnet front: 4 dc, sk 1 ch, sc. Finish off.

Bonnet Ties: With bonnet color yarn, ch 65, finish off. Weave through Row 2 dc's. Put bonnet on doll, tie under chin.

Tuck baby doll into pocket, wrap up in blanket, and give to someone special to love!

