



CRESCENT MOON BLANKET

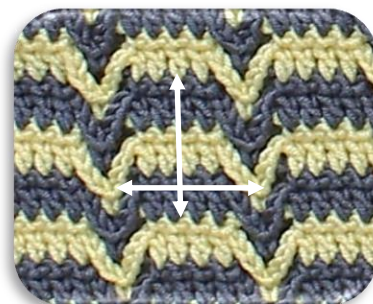
This unusual crochet blanket is perfect whether you're looking for a striking contrast or a subtle colour change – you're sure to find a combination you love.

Size is fully adjustable to make everything from pram blanket to Queen sized bedspread in a wide variety of yarn choices.

YOU WILL NEED 400 m DK yarn in colour A, 400 m DK yarn in Colour B, 3.50 mm hook and a needle for neatening ends.

GAUGE: One crescent moon repeat (6sts) and 6 rows to 5 cm (2") when worked in DK yarn.

Other yarns will work but will, of course, produce a different gauge. You should aim for a lightly draping fabric that is not too stiff or loose.



This pattern is written in UK terms. The table below includes the US equivalents as applicable.

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
CA	colour A		
CB	colour B		
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
dc2tog	2 dc worked together	sc2tog	2sc worked together
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
rep	repeat		
rnd	round		
RS	right side		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet
WS	wrong side		
yrh	yarn round hook	yo	yarn over

UK dc2tog: (insert the hook into the next st, yrh and draw up a loop) twice, yrh and draw through 3 loops on hook.

US sc2tog: (insert the hook into the next st, yo and draw up a loop) twice, yo and draw through 3 loops on hook.

Quantities are based on a pram blanket size 50 x 62.5 cm (20 x 25") excluding border and after blocking. Instructions are provided for adjusting the repeat to change width and length.

In the sample, Colour A is Patons Smoothie Double Knit in Grey (01088). Colour B is The Women's Institute Soft and Cuddly DK in Lemon (704.70403).

NOTES

PATTERN

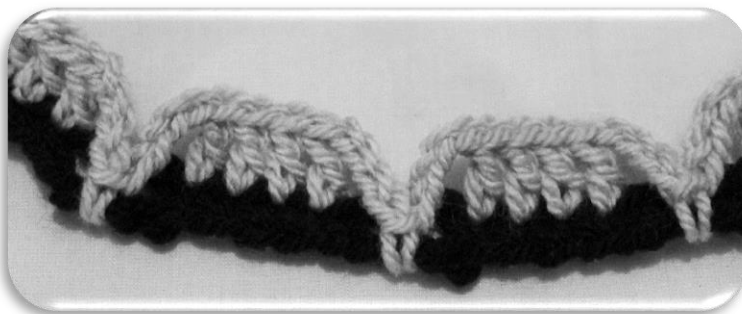
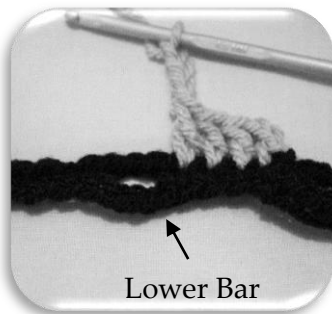
In CA, commence with 101ch.

To adjust the width for a wider blanket, or to use different yarn, work a multiple of 8 + 5ch.

Row 1: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 3ch, *4ch, miss next 4ch, 1dc in each of next 4ch, rep from * across, turn.



Row 2: (RS) Pick up CB with 1ch, 1dc in first st, 2ch – always counts as 1tr, 1tr in each of next 3sts, *4ch, (keeping yarn to front) 1dc around lower 4ch bar, 4ch, 1tr in each of next 4sts, rep from * across, turn.

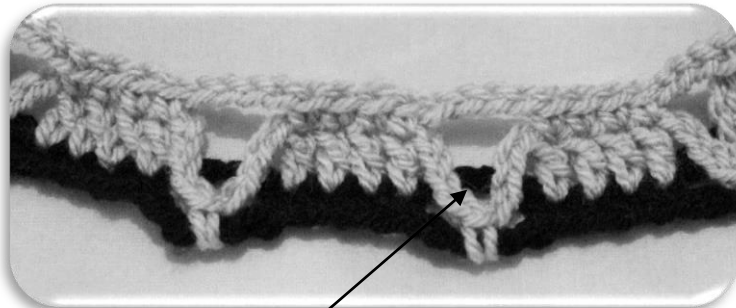


Note: For the first rep of this row, you may find it easier to flip the piece temporarily while you work the dc around the 4ch bar.

The dc will twist into its correct position when the row is complete.

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each of first 4tr, *4ch, 1dc in each of next 4tr, rep from * across, turn.

Row 4: Pick up CA with 1ch, 1dc in first st, 2ch, 1tr in each of next 3sts, *4ch, (keeping yarn to front and working through the sp below) 1dc around lower 4ch bar, 4ch, 1tr in each of next 4sts, rep from * across, turn.



Lower bar just showing through
(behind previous row)



Note: Carry yarn changes along the edge of the blanket. These will be covered by the border later. From this point forward, the lower loop you use will be the same colour as the current working yarn.

Row 5: 1ch, 1dc in each of first 4tr, *4ch, 1dc in each of next 4tr, rep from * across, turn.

Rep Rows 2-5 until 77.5 cm (31") long or as desired. Works Rows 2 & 3 once more to ensure correct row count for border and proceed to Top Rows 1 & 2.

Top Row 1: Pick up CA with 1ch, 1dc in each of first 4sts, *2ch, (keeping yarn to front and working through the sp below as before) 1dc around lower 4ch bar, 2ch, 1dc in each of next 4sts, rep from * across, turn.

Top Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each of first 4 sts, *4dc in CB ch-4 loop, 1dc in each of next 4sts, rep from * across, turn.

Proceed to Border.

Border – for additional assistance with working this unusual border, please download the BorderHelp.pdf from your purchase point.

Rnd 1: Pick up CB with 1ch, (dc2tog, 3ch, dc2tog) across,

Rotate and work side two, dc2tog using corner st and CA dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CB dc row and CB tr row,

(dc2tog using CB tr row and CA dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CA dc row and CA tr row, dc2tog using CA tr row and CB dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CB dc row and CB tr row) across,

Rotate and work side three, dc2tog, 3ch, dc2tog,

(dc2tog using ch-sp and sp between the two attaching threads of dc, 3ch, dc2tog using same sp as before and next ch-sp, dc2tog, 3ch, dc2tog) across,

Rotate and work side four encasing colour change yarns as you work, dc2tog using corner st and CA dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using same CA dc row and CB tr row,

(dc2tog using CB tr row and CB dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CB dc row and CA tr row, dc2tog using CA tr row and CA dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CA dc row and CB tr row) across ending with a final dc2tog using CB tr row and CB dc row, 3ch, dc2tog using CB dc row and CA dc row,

slip stitch to initial chain to finish.

Rnd 2: (1dc, 1ch, 4htr) in each ch-3 loop along the top of the blanket, work (1dc, 1ch, 3htr) in each ch-3 sp along the side of the blanket, (1dc, 1ch, 4htr) in each ch-3 loop along the bottom of the blanket, work (1dc, 1ch, 3htr) in each ch-3 sp along the final side of the blanket, ss to first dc to join.

Fold the border inwards to the centre RS of the blanket. In each of the corners, gently fold the 'shells' over each other in the same direction. Stitch the corners in place to prevent lifting.

Fasten off CB and neaten ends.

Turn so that the WS of the work is facing towards you and pick up CA with 1ch as close to its current position as possible. Using the stitch below each of the eyelets in the CB border, work Rnd 2 again in CA (please note you will be working the sides first this time).

Fasten off and neaten all remaining ends.

Block gently.