

HONEYCOMB BLANKET WITH RIPPLE EDGING



This beautiful square cot blanket is soft and squishy, with a tactile texture to appeal to adults and babies alike. The neutral stitch pattern is perfect for boys or girls, making it the ideal shower gift (or cupboard filler) for parents who are keeping the gender a mystery until baby arrives.

With no little holes to trap baby's fingers and toes, it is an ideal first blanket – though it is sure to get many years of use!

YOU WILL NEED 800 m (875 yds) Aran yarn, 4.50mm hook and a needle for neatening ends. Quantities are based on a blanket measuring 70 cm (28") square (inclusive of border).

Instructions are provided for adjusting both length and width. When working to custom sizes, you should allow for an overall increase of 10 cm (4") when border is added.

GAUGE 8sts and 6 rows to 5cm (2") in pattern repeat (Rows 3-6).

This pattern is written in US terms.

US Abbreviation	US Term
BLO	back loop only
ch	chain
sc	single crochet
sc3tog	3sc worked together
hdc	half double crochet
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
yo	yarn over
dc	double crochet

sc3tog: (insert hook into next st, yo and draw up a loop) 3 times, yo and pull through 4 loops on hook.

The initial 1ch in the blanket (and border) does not count as a st in the st count.

PATTERN

Commence with foundation of 96ch. To adjust width, you will need a multiple of 10 + 6ch.

Row 1: (RS) 1sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1ch – always counts as 1hdc, 1hdc in each of next 4ch, *sl st in each of next 5ch, 1hdc in each of next 5ch, rep from * to end, turn – multiple of 5sts (remaining constant throughout).

From this point forward (and throughout the blanket) you should work all stitches in the **back loop only (BLO)** unless otherwise instructed.

Row 2: 1ch (always tighten to avoid an uneven edge), 1sc in first st, 1ch, 1hdc in each of next 4sts, *sl st in each of next 5sts, 1hdc in each of next 5sts, rep from * to end, turn.

Row 3: 1ch, sl st in each of first 5sts, *1hdc in each of next 5sts, sl st in each of next 5sts, rep from * to end, turn.

Row 4: As Row 3.

Row 5: 1ch, 1sc in first st, 1ch, 1hdc in each of next 4sts, *sl st in each of next 5sts, 1hdc in each of next 5sts, rep from * to end, turn.

Row 6: As row 5.

Rep Rows 3-6 until 26" (65 cm) or as desired, ending with Row 6 for symmetry and to ensure correct row count for the border. Fasten off, neaten ends and proceed to Border.

Border

In preparation for the border, with RS facing towards you, re-join yarn into first hdc of either side with 1ch. Evenly work a multiple of 10 + 5sts along the sides as follows:

1sc in each of the 2hdc rows, 1sc between the sl st rows, 1sc in each of next 2hdc rows, (1sc in each of the two sl st rows, 1sc in next hdc row, 1ch, 1sc in the next hdc row) across. Fasten off and neaten ends.

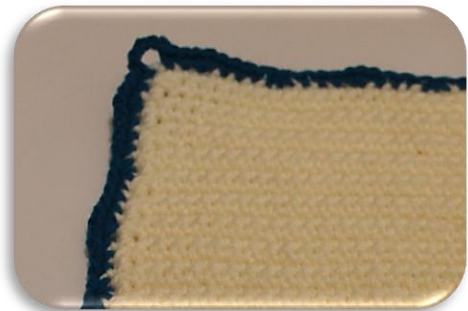
Rep for other side but do not fasten off, sl st to next st (i.e. first st along top/bottom). Continue as follows working into ch (in place of st) as required:

Rnd 1: RS (Working normally through both sts) 1ch, 1sc in each of first 2sts, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 3sts of top/bottom, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 2sts, 5ch,

(rotate, 1sc in each of first 2sts, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 3sts of side, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 2sts, 5ch) 3 times, sl st to first sc to join, turn.

You now have a series of bumps and dips along each edge. Each edge will have a bump at each end near the corner.

Each corner now has a ch-5 loop attached. The pictures show the corner prior to turning.



Rnd 2: [5ch, 1sc in ch-5 loop, 5ch, (working in BLO) 1sc in each of first 3sc, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 4sts, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts across, rotate] 4 times, sl st to first base of 5ch to join, turn.



The 3sc are always worked in the centre of the previous 3sc.

The sc3tog always has the previous sc3tog at its centre.

You now have two ch-5 loops in the corners, each joined to the previous ch-5 loop with a sc.

Rnd 3: (RS) 1ch, [(working in BLO) 1sc in each of first 4sc, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 5 sts, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 4sts, (working into the ch-5 loop from Rnd 1 keeping yarn to the front) 3sc in each side of the sc that is worked into it, rotate] 4 times, sl st to first sc to join, turn.

The (ch-5, 1sc, ch-5) in the corner remains behind and unworked.

There are now 3sc in the ch-5 loop from Rnd 1 one either side of the sc



Rnd 4: [(keeping yarn to front) 5dc into corner of blanket below the ch-5 loop you made in Rnd 1, (working in BLO) 1sc in each of first 5sc, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 6 sts, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 5sts, rotate] 4 times, sl st to first of 5dc to join, turn.



The 5dc are worked into the corner of the actual blanket. You will find a small space between the final dc of one corner and the first dc of the next.

The (ch-5, 1sc, ch-5) in the corner still remains behind and unworked while you are completing the round.

Rnd 5: (RS) 1ch, [(working in BLO) sc3tog, 1sc in each of first 3sts, *3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, 1sc in each of next 3sts, rep from * to last 7sts of row, 3sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3sts, sc3tog, (working into the ch-5 loops from Rnd 2, skipping 5dc) 3sc in ch-5 loop, (1dc, 2ch, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc) in sc, 3sc in ch-5 loop, rotate] 4 times, sl st to top of sc3tog to join.

3sc in first ch-5 loop.

1dc, a picot and a further dc in the dividing sc.

3sc in second ch-5 loop.



Fasten off and neaten ends.