

Baby Blanket Squared

with
**SIMPLY
SOFT**

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TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



BEGINNER

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Blanket measures approximately 40 x 40"/127 x 127cm

MATERIALS

Caron International's Simply Soft

(100% Acrylic, 6 oz/170g, 315 yd/288 m):

11 oz (A), 3 oz (B), 4 oz (C), 4 oz (D), 5 oz (E), 3 oz (F), 3 oz (G).

Shown in: #9701 White (A); #9726 Soft Yellow (B); #9737 Light Country Peach (C); #9719 Soft Pink (D); #9717 Orchid (E); #9712 Soft Blue (F); #9739 Soft Green (G)

CROCHET HOOK

Size US I-9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge

GAUGE

Rnds 1–5 = 4"/10cm. Gauge is not critical for this project.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet, single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

NOTE

1. Blanket is worked with RS facing throughout.
2. Two double crochet rounds are worked with a color, then one single crochet round is worked with white. This color pattern is repeated throughout.

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With B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, [ch 2, 3 dc in ring] 3 times; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-2 (joining hdc serves as a ch-2 sp)—12 dc (consisting of four 3-dc groups) and 4 ch-2 sps.

Round 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in first ch-2 sp (formed by joining hdc), [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp (corner made)] 3 times, ch 1, 3 dc in first ch-2 sp again, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2—24 dc, and 8 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Round 3: With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp] 3 times, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sc in first ch-2 sp again, ch 3;



join with sl st in first sc—12 sc, and 12 ch-sps. Fasten off.

Round 4: With RS facing, join C with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same corner ch-3 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp] across to next corner ch-3 sp, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp] across to next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, 3 dc in first corner ch-3 sp again; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning ch-2 (joining ch 1 and hdc serves as a ch-3 sp)—48 dc, and 16 ch-sps.

Round 5: Ch 2, 2 dc in first ch-2 sp (formed by joining ch 1, hdc), *[ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner; repeat from * around, 3 dc in first corner ch-2 sp again, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2—60 dc, and 20 ch-sps. Fasten off.

Round 6: With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, *ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * around, ch 2, sc in first ch-2 sp again, ch 3; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc, and 24 ch-sps. Fasten off.

Rounds 7 and 8: With D, repeat Rounds 4 and 5—96 dc, and 32 ch-sps.

Round 9: With A, repeat Round 6—36 sc, and 36 ch-sps.

Rounds 10 and 11: With E, repeat Rounds 4 and 5—132 dc, and 44 ch-sps.

Round 12: With A, repeat Round 6—48 sc, and 48 ch-sps.

Rounds 13 and 14: With F, repeat Rounds 4 and 5—168 dc, and 56 ch-sps.

Round 15: With A, repeat Round 6—60 sc, and 60 ch-sps.

Rounds 16 and 17: With G, repeat Rounds 4 and 5—204 dc, and 68 ch-sps.

Round 18: With A, repeat Round 6—72 sc, and 72 ch-sps.

Rounds 19 and 20: With B, repeat Rounds 4 and 5—240 dc, and 80 ch-sps.

Round 21: With A, repeat Round 6—84 sc, and 84 ch-sps.

Rounds 22–39: Repeat Rounds 4–21.

Rounds 40–47: Repeat Rounds 4–11.

Round 48: With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, *ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * around, ch 2, sc in first ch-2 sp again; join with ch 1, hdc in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 49: With A, repeat Round 4. Do not fasten off.

Round 50: With A, [ch 3, sl st in center dc of next 3-dc group, ch 3, sl st in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, *(sl st, ch 3, sl st) in corner next ch-2 sp, [ch 3, sl st in center dc of next 3-dc group, ch 3, sl st in next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in base of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.