

Granny's Baby Log Cabin Blanket



This combination of two classics works up quickly into the perfect blanket for a little one. With nearly infinite possibilities in choice of yarn and colors, you're sure to create a blankie that will be carried and cuddled for years to come.

Materials: Approximately 1200 yards of soft worsted weight acrylic yarn in your choice of colors and a size H (5.00 mm) crochet hook, or your choice of alternate yarn and appropriate hook (this may affect total yarn needed). Safety pin or scrap of yarn for marking right side. Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. notation):

ch...chain stitch
dc...double crochet
sl st...slip stitch
sp...space

Special Stitches:

2-dc cluster: 2 dc in same stitch or space.

3-dc cluster: 3 dc in same stitch or space.

Notes:

Because most of this blanket is worked in rows rather than rounds, the starting granny square is turned over at the beginning of each round so as to retain a consistent texture with the rest of the piece. The edging is also worked in this fashion, if you choose multiple rows of edging.

After the starting granny, I use a ch-2 to get up to height on my rows, as I find a ch-3 to be just a bit too tall. Use whichever you find works the best for you.

Edging: If you prefer to work rounds in multiple colors, simply fasten off after each one and rejoin as you would with a traditional granny square. You might also prefer to add a final round of simple edging, like a round of double crochet. The possibilities are endless...have fun with it!

Finished size: approximately 36 by 36 inches (91 by 91 cm)

(Afghan pictured was made with 5 skeins of Red Heart Soft Yarn [5 oz per skein/256 yds, worsted weight/4/medium, recommended gauge with an I hook 12 sc and 15 rows per 4 inches] in the following colors: 4601 Off White, 9114 Honey, 4422 Tangerine, 9522 Leaf, and 9520 Seafoam.)

The Pattern:

Initial Granny Square:

With your first color: ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in ring. Ch 2, *work 3-dc cluster in ring, ch 2.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then join with a sl st to the top of initial ch-3. (4 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 spaces) Mark this as the right side with a piece of scrap yarn or a safety pin.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3-dc cluster in same ch-2 space, ch 1 (first corner complete). *In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times, join with sl st to top of initial ch-3. (8 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 spaces, 4 ch-1 sp)

Round 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Then all in next ch-2 sp: 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times, then join with sl st to top of initial ch-3. (12 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 8 ch-1 sp)

Round 4: Ch 3 (counts as first dc) and turn the work over. 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. In next ch-2 space, work 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, then 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster all in next ch-2 sp, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times. 3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, then join with sl st to top of initial ch-3 and fasten off. (16 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-2 sp, 12 ch-1 sp)

First Block:

Turn your work over so that you'll be starting this set of rows on the right side.

With your next color:

Row 1: Join in any ch-2 sp with a sl st, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp across, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 3 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-1 sp)

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn (this is a ch-2 for the starting dc plus a ch-1 to form the next ch-1 sp), 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 2 3-dc clusters, 5 ch-1 sp).

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in next 3 ch-1 sps, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 3 3-dc clusters, 4 ch-1 sp)

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2 and fasten off. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 2 3-dc clusters, 5 ch-1 sp).

Second Block:

Turn your work over like the page of a book and rotate it 90 degrees to the right. You'll start this and each subsequent set of rows on the right side, beginning in the upper right hand corner, which should be a ch-2 sp made in the last color you used if you're oriented correctly at this point. Like this:



With your next color:

Row 1: Join in specified ch-2 sp with a sl st, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 and ch-2 sp across to last ch-2 sp. 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 5 3-dc clusters, 6 ch-1 sp)

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) four times, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 4 3-dc clusters, 7 ch-1 sp).

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in next 5 ch-1 sps, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp. (2 2-dc clusters, 5 3-dc clusters, 6 ch-1 sp)

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) four times, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2 and fasten off. (2 dc, 2 2-dc clusters, 4 3-dc clusters, 7 ch-1 sp).

Third and Subsequent Blocks:

Turn your work over and rotate it 90 degrees to the right.

Row 1: Join in upper right corner with a sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) across to last ch-2 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-2 sp.

Row 2: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp.

Row 4: Ch 3 and turn, 2-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) across to last ch-1 sp, 2-dc cluster in last ch-1 sp, ch 1. Dc in top of starting ch-2 and fasten off.

Continue in this fashion until the blanket measures approximately 32 inches (or one to four inches less than the desired finished length, depending on your choice of edging) on each side.

Edging:

Join in upper right corner with a sl st in ch-2 sp, ch 3, 2-dc cluster in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each sp across. In corner ch-2 sp, 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * around to last corner. In last ch-2 sp, make one more 3-dc cluster, ch 2, and join with a sl st to top of ch-3.

Fasten off if desired.

A wider edging can be worked around just as if this were a traditional giant granny, but turned at the end of each round like the initial granny square in this pattern. Turn your work over and rotate it 90 degrees. Then:

Round 2: Ch 3, turn. 2-dc cluster in same ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3-dc cluster in same ch-2 sp, ch 1. (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 across. *In corner ch-2 sp, 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. Then (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 across.* Repeat from * to * around to starting corner. Join with a sl st to top of beginning ch-3.

Round 3: Ch 3, turn. 2-dc cluster in same ch-1 sp, ch 1. *(3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp across. In corner ch-2 sp, 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to top of starting ch-3.

Round 4: Ch 3, turn. 2-dc cluster in same ch-1 sp, ch 1. *In corner ch-2 sp, 3-dc cluster, ch 2, 3-dc cluster, ch 1. Then (3-dc cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp across.* Repeat from * to * around to starting cluster and join with a sl st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Weave in your ends and you're done! Enjoy!



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