



Crochet Blanket Square

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Blanket Square Size: 10" x 10"
(25.4 x 25.4 cm)

Yarn: any DK, light worsted weight, or equivalent yarn (i.e. fingering weight held double) that makes gauge.

Recommended Hook: US H (5 mm) or size needed to achieve gauge.

Gauge: Measurements are given for each section.

Supplies: tapestry needle, stitch markers

Special Abbreviations

This is a list of the special abbreviations. Please refer to [Crochet Abbreviations Master List by the Craft Yarn Council](#)

BPCN - beginning popcorn

ch - chain

dc - double crochet

hdc - half double crochet

PCN - popcorn

pm - place marker

rnd - round

sc - single crochet

sdc - stacked double crochet

sl st(s) - slip stitches

st (sts) - stitch (stitches)

tr - treble crochet

yo - yarn over

Sample was made with Cascade 220 Superwash Merino in the following colors:

Border Color (**BC**), No. 40 Tan

Contrast Color (**CC**), No. 28 Black

Main Color (**MC**), No. 25 Off White

Notes: All joins are done using invisible join technique unless otherwise indicated. See Video Resources at end for help.

Special Stitches

Beginning Popcorn (BPCN) – Ch 3 in designated location. Make 3 dc in same st. Elongate the loop on the hook after the last dc. Remove hook and insert it from front to back through the top loop of the beginning ch3. Catch the loose loop on your hook and pull it through the loop from the beginning ch 3. Ch 1 to close.

Popcorn (PCN) – In designated st, make 4 dc. Elongate the loop on the hook after the last dc. Remove hook and insert it from front to back through the top loop of the 1st dc. Catch the loose loop on your hook and pull it through the loop from the 1st dc. Ch 1 to close.

Pattern Instructions

Using CC black, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring. Join.

Rnd 2: Ch 2. 2 hdc in each st. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 1. Starting in st with the join, (sc in 1st st, 2 sc in next st) 8 times. Join. (24 sts)

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Rnd 4: Ch 2. Starting in st with the join, (1 hdc in 1st and 2nd st, 2 hdc in next st) 8 times. Join. (32 sts) PM in join st. PM in every 8th st so as to divide the circle into 4 sections of 8 sts each.

Rnd 5: **Make Right Ear.** Starting at the join, *ch 9. Sc in 2nd chain from hook, then sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc. Hdc in last 2 chains.* Sc in 1st st to left of join. Sc in next 6 sts. Sl st into the st with the marker. **Make Left Ear.** Repeat the sts between *. Sl st into the next st with a marker. Join. Secure the st and cut yarn. (2 ears, 1 sl st, and 29 sc, including those from the previous rnd.)

Rnd 6: Mark the back side of the right ear. Turn the work to the back (*right side when facing you, right side up*), and attach MC white to the marked ear in the st at the left of where the marked ear began in the previous rnd. Ch 3 and turn work back to the front. The ch 3 remains behind the ear. Sl st in the back loop of the 6 sc between the ears. Keep the sl sts in this rnd a bit loose. Ch 3 behind left ear. Sl st in back loop of the first sc after the left ear. Sl st through the back loop of the next 7 sc. Sl st in the next sc with a marker. Sl st remaining sts in the back loop until reaching the right ear. Join with sl st into next ch 3 space. (30 sl st and 6 chs).

The center circle (the sheep's head) should measure between 2.75" and 3" in diameter.

Sheep's Fleece.

Rnd 7: Work only in the white sl sts and chain sts of the previous rnd. BPCN in ch 3 space behind right ear. (ch 1, skip 1 st, PCN in next st) 3 times. Ch 1, PCN in ch 3 space behind left ear. Move the ear markers to the top of the PCN behind each ear. Ch 1, *skip 1 sl st, PCN in next st, ch 1* 4 times. Move marker to top of last PCN. Repeat between * * 2 times. Join to BPCN. (17 PCNs, including BPCN, and 17 ch 1 spaces).

Rnd 8: Make BPCN in top of 1st PCN from previous rnd. (Ch 1, PCN in next ch 1 space, ch 1, PCN in top of next PCN) 15 times. Ch 1 and join to BPCN. Move markers up. Place marker in every 8th PCN. (33 PCNs, including BPCN, 33 ch 1 spaces).

Rnd 9: Sl st into next ch 1 space after the join. Make BPCN in same ch 1 space. (Ch 1, PCN in next ch 1 space) 31 times, moving markers up. In this rnd the markers will be in ch 1 spaces. Ch 1 and join to BPCN. (33 PCNs, including BPCN, 33 ch 1 spaces).

Rnd 10: Sl st into next ch 1 space after the join. Make BPCN in same ch 1 space. (Ch 1, PCN in next ch 1 space) 31 times, moving markers up. In this rnd the markers will be in PCNs again. Ch 1 and join to BPCN. (33 PCNs, including BPCN, 33 ch 1 spaces). Cut yarn and fasten off.

After the fleece is completed, the diameter should measure between 7.25" and 7.5".

Set-up for legs

Check that the ears are evenly centered between 2 marked PCNs and that the 4 markers are evenly spaced with one marker every 8 PCNs. 7 PCNs are between the two marked PCNs on the bottom. PM in ch 1 spaces on either side of the middle PCN at the bottom. PM in the middle bottom PCN.

Measure 3.5 yards of CC black. Thread the yarn through the marked ch 1 spaces so that the yarn dangles at the front of the work and both strands are the same length. Remove markers from the ch 1 spaces. Pull up a loop from back to front in behind the middle bottom PCN. Thread both yarn ends through this loop, and pull loop almost closed. Bring loop over the top of the middle PCN and finish pulling it closed. Pull both stands of yarn through the ch 1 spaces to the back of the work. Turn the work so that the ears are at the bottom and the bottom marked PCN is at the top.

Make First Leg

Insert hook into the middle of the PCN to the right of the middle marked PCN, and pull up a loop. Ch1 and sc in same space, 3 sc in next ch 1 space. If a strand of the CC is visible, catch it under the 3 sc. Turn. Do not make a turning chain here or in any of the turns for either leg. *Sc in each of the 4 sc. Turn. Skip the 1st sc, sc in the remaining 3 sc. Turn, sc in the 3 sc. Turn. Skip the 1st sc, sc in the remaining 2 sc. Turn, sc in the 2 sc. Turn. Skip the 1st sc, sc in the remaining sc. Pull the yarn through the loop to secure it. Do not cut the yarn.*

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Make Second Leg

Insert the hook into the ch 1 space to the left of the marked popcorn. Ch 1, 3 sc in ch1 space, sc in center of PCN to the left of the ch 1 space. Follow direction for First Leg between the * *. Remove marker from the middle PCN.

Make the Pasture Fence

The 4 marked popcorns, equally spaced out, are the 4 corner sts. Join BC tan in the ch 1 space to the right of the marked popcorn which is to the right of the legs.

Rnd 11: Sdc and dc in ch 1 space. Pm marker in sdc to mark beginning of the rnd. *5 tr in corner PCN, pm in center tr. Tr, dc in next ch 1 space, dc in next PCN, 2 dc in next space, hdc in next PCN, hdc in next space, sc next PCN, 2 sc in next space, sc in next PCN, 2 sc in next space, Sc in next PCN, hdc in next space, hdc in next PCN, 2 dc in next space, dc in next PCN. Dc, tr in last ch 1 space before next corner.* Repeat between * * 2 times. Last side: 5 tr in corner PCN, pm in center tr. Tr, dc in next ch 1 space, dc in next PCN, 2 dc in next space, hdc in next PCN, hdc in next space, sc next PCN, ch 2 behind leg, sc in next PCN, ch 2 behind second leg, sc in next PCN, hdc in next space, hdc in next PCN, 2 dc in next space, dc in next PCN. Join with standard sl st to sdc at beginning of rnd. (25 sts per side not counting the corner sts).

Rnds 12, 14, 16 : sl st in every st around. Join with standard sl st at rnd beginning.

Rnd 13: Sdc at join, dc in next 3 stitches. *5 tr in corner st, move marker up. Dc in next 8 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, dc in next 8 sts.* Repeat between * * 2 times. Last side: 5 tr in corner st, move marker up. Dc in next 8 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, dc in next 4 sts. Join with standard sl st. 29 sts per side not counting the corner sts.

Rnd 15: Sdc at join, dc in next 5 sts. *5 dc in corner st, move marker up. Dc in next 29 sts.* Repeat between * * 2 times. Last side: 5 dc in corner st, move marker up. Dc in next 24 sts. Join with standard sl st.

Rnd 17: Ch 1, sc in all sts with 3 sc in each corner. Join using invisible method. Remove markers. Cut yarn leaving tail to weave in.

Finishing

Tack down feet into border. Cut yarn leaving 6 to 8 inches to weave in. Position ears and tack down with matching sewing thread. Embroider eyes and nose.

Weave in ends and block to 10" x 10" square. Enjoy!

Video Resources

Invisible join in the round

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4V1JgDB7eNw>

Stacked double crochet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5JDo0CSxrg>