



Crochet Blanket Square



The Nifty Knitter

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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: 19 sts x 18 rows over 4" (10cm) unblocked.

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](#)

CC – Contrast Color

ch – chain

ch-sp – chain space

dc - double crochet

dc-cl - double crochet cluster (three dc in the same space)

MC – Main Color

RS – right side

sk - skip

sp (sps) - space (spaces)

st (sts) – stitch (stitches)

sl st – slip stitch

WS – wrong side

yo – yarn over

Sample was made with Berroco Vintage.

Notes

Instructions within brackets [] should be repeated as specified.

Each row begins with a ch 3. These are turning chains and always count as a dc. Edges will alternate: 2 dc per edge on RS rows, 1 dc per edge on WS rows.

To change colors, work a dc in the old color until 2 loops remain, yo in the new color and pull through 2.

When you carry the unused yarn along, crochet over it while working in the other color.

Always work the edge sts with the MC.

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Pattern Instructions

With MC, ch 43.

Row 1 (RS): Dc in fourth ch from the hook (this counts as first 2 dc), [sk 2 ch, dc-cl in next ch] to last three chains, sk 2 ch, 2 dc in last ch. Turn. (12 MC dc clusters, plus 2 dc on each edge)

Row 2 (WS): With MC, ch 3, dc-cl in first sp, [change to CC, dc-cl in next sp, change to MC, dc-cl in next sp] to end of row, on the last cluster with the CC, drop yarn to front of work, with MC dc between last two dc from previous row. Turn. (7 MC clusters, 6 CC clusters, plus 1 dc on each edge in MC)

Row 3 (RS): With MC, ch 3, dc into first sp, change to CC, dc-cl in each of the next 12 sps (crocheting over MC and over the MC loops visible from the previous row), change to MC, dropping CC to front of work, 2 dc in the last ch-sp. Turn. (12 CC dc clusters, plus 2 dc on each edge in MC)

Row 4 (WS): Repeat Row 2.

Optional: Cut CC yarn. If you do not, a line of CC yarn will show on the front of your work leading up to the next cluster where it is used.

Row 5 (RS): With MC, ch 3, dc into first sp, dc-cl into each sp across, 2 dc in last ch-sp.

Repeat Rows 2 - 5 six more times. (7 sets of CC motifs)

Border Row: Ch 1, work sc in each st around square working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner.

Repeat Border Row until your square measures approximately 10x10".

Cut yarn and fasten off.

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

When the yarn carried on the previous round is visible, slip your hook under it and crochet it in with the next cluster. In the example below, the yellow loop is visible above a white cluster in the first photo. In the second photo, the cluster will be made with white yarn over the yellow yarn being carried along AND over the yellow loop below (by tucking the hook under the yellow loop drawing it upwards).

