



EASY CROCHET BABY BLANKET

MATERIALS:

Universal Cotton Supreme Waves – 5 skeins

US H crochet hook

Stitch marker

Tapestry Needle

Blanket Sizes: Premie, Newborn, Toddler

This crochet baby blanket pattern includes instructions for three sizes: preemie and newborn. Instructions list the smallest size first with changes for the larger size noted in parentheses.

- **Premie:** The smallest blanket measures about 26 inches wide by 34 inches long. You will need two to three skeins of yarn to complete this project, depending on how tight you crochet. As far as yardage goes, you'll need about 724 yards/662 meters for the blanket itself, plus a bit more for your gauge swatch.
- **Newborn/receiving blanket:** The mid-sized blanket is 30 inches square. You can make it a little bit longer if you prefer a more rectangular shape for the blanket. If so, aim for 30" x 34". You will need two to three of the 5-oz balls of yarn for this size, depending on how tight you crochet.

Abbreviations Used in This Pattern

- ch = chain
- ch-1 sp = chain-1 space, the space formed when you crochet a chain stitch in the previous row
- rep = repeat
- sc = single crochet
- st = stitch

Gauge

- **Stitch gauge:** 4 stitches = 1 inch when crocheting the stitch pattern as instructed below.
- **Row gauge:** The row gauge is not important for this pattern.

Design Notes

The pattern directions instruct you to crochet into the ch-1 spaces. If you have difficulty finding these—sometimes they seem to vanish—carefully poke your finger at the row of stitches from back to front. Your hands will feel the gap even if your eyes don't spot it at first.

How to Crochet a Baby Blanket

1. Begin Row One

Ch 105 (121). *Remember, the instructions are for the small size (with the larger in the parenthesis).*

Place a stitch marker in the first ch from your hook. Sc in 3rd ch from hook. [ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch.] Rep across the entire row. ch 1, turn.

2. Start on Row Two

[sc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1.] Rep the sequence in brackets across the rest of the row. At the end of the row, work a sc st into the st where you placed the marker; you can remove the marker before working the stitch. ch 1, turn.

3. Continue Rows Three and Up

The rest of the rows are all exactly the same as row 2, with one minor difference: at the end of the row, work your last sc st into the turning chain of the previous row. Rep this row until the baby blanket reaches your desired length.

Finish Off Your Blanket

When the baby blanket is the length that you want, cut the yarn, leaving at least six inches of extra yarn. Thread a tapestry needle with the yarn end and use the needle to weave the loose end of the yarn into the blanket. Repeat with any other loose ends you may have hanging from the blanket (which occur when you switch from one ball of yarn to the next).

