

Retro Baby... Buggy Blanket



US Version

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Measurements- This is an initial measurement before use or laundering and, due to the stretchy nature of the blanket, is approximate.

Length - approx 78cm (30 and 3/4 inches)

Width - approx 76cm (30 inches)

You will need

Tools

1 x size 6(UK 4mm) crochet hook, 1 x large yarn needle for weaving in loose ends,

Yarn

Any DK/Light Worsted yarn. I used 300g for a blanket made with wool/acrylic mix, and 230g for a blanket made with 100% acrylic. Amount required will vary, depending on fibre content of yarn used so this pattern cannot be exact.

Tension Gauge

Approx 20 sts to 11cm, 8 rows to 10cm. This is the initial tension only and is approximate.

Abbreviations

approx = approximately, beg = begin(ning), ch = chain, ch sp = chain space (refers to chain previously made), sc = single crochet, dec = decrease, prev = previous, rem = remain, sl-st = slip stitch, sp(s) = space(s), st(s) = stitch(es), tr = triple crochet

Main Body of Blanket

Very loosely ch115, turn

Row 1:

Starting with colour 1, tr into 6th ch-sp from beg, tr into each of next 2 ch-sp *ch 1, miss next st sp, tr into each of next 3 ch sp*, repeat from *to* until 2 ch sp rem, ch 1, miss next ch sp, tr into last ch sp, turn.

Row 2:

ch 1, miss 1st st sp, *sc into next sp below ch (pictures a & b), ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from *to* until last sp below ch, sc into next sp below ch, sl-st into next ch sp (pictures c, d & e), turn.



Row 3:

ch 4, 3 tr into sp below next 3 ch, *ch 1, miss next st sp, 3 tr into sp below next 3 ch*, repeat from *to* until 2 st sp rem, ch1, miss next st sp, tr into last st sp (pictures f - j), turn



Row 4:

Change to highlight colour. Make sl st on hook, sl-st into 1st st sp, *sc into next st sp below ch, ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from *to* until last sp below ch, sc into next sp below ch, sl-st into next ch sp, turn.

Row 5:

Change to colour 2. Make slip st on hook, sl-st into 1st st sp, ch 3, tr into 1st st sp, dtr into each of next 2 ch-sp *ch1, miss next st sp, 3 tr into sp below next 3 ch*, repeat from *to* until 2 st sp rem, ch1, miss next ch sp, tr into last st sp, turn.

Row 6:

ch 1, miss 1st st sp, *sc into next sp below ch, ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from *to* until last gap below ch sp, sc into next sp below ch, sl-st into next ch sp, turn

Row 7:

ch 4, miss 1st st sp, 3 tr into sp below next 3 ch *ch1, miss next ch sp, tr into sp below next 3 ch*, repeat from *to* until 2 ch sp rem, ch1, miss next st sp, tr into last st sp, turn.

Row 8:

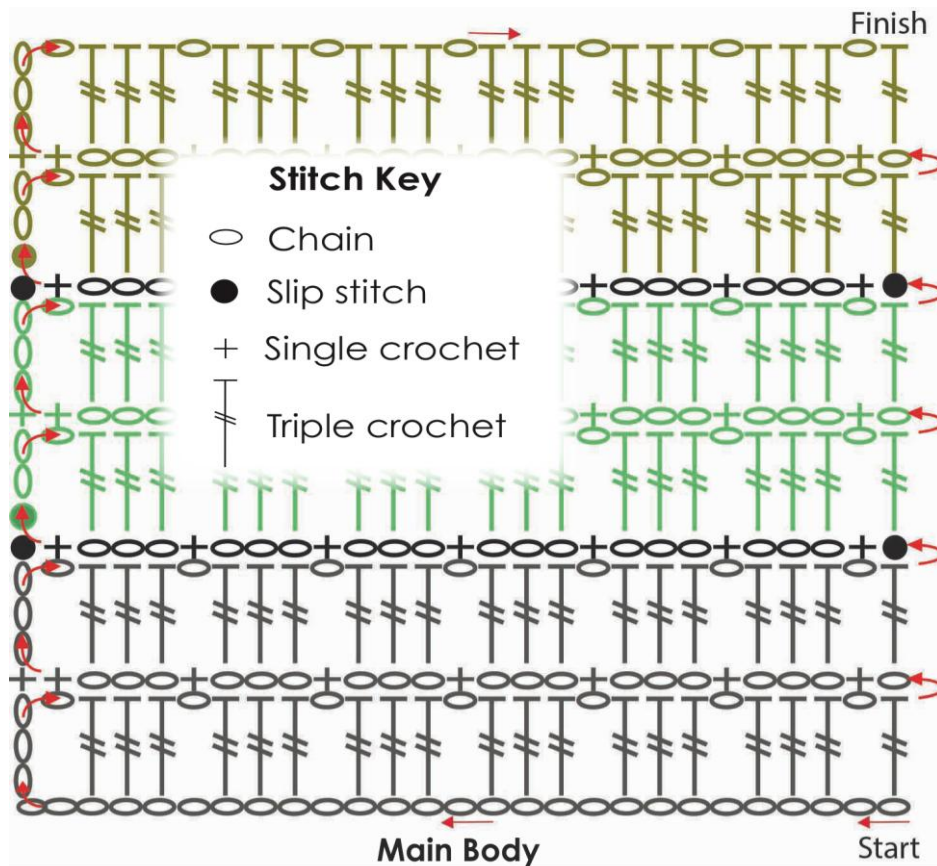
Change to highlight colour. Make slip st on hook, sl-st into 1st st sp, *sc into next sp below ch, ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from *to* until last sp below ch, sc into next st gap below ch, sl-st into next ch sp, turn.

Row 9-12

Repeat rows 5-8, changing to colour 3 instead of 2 from row 9.

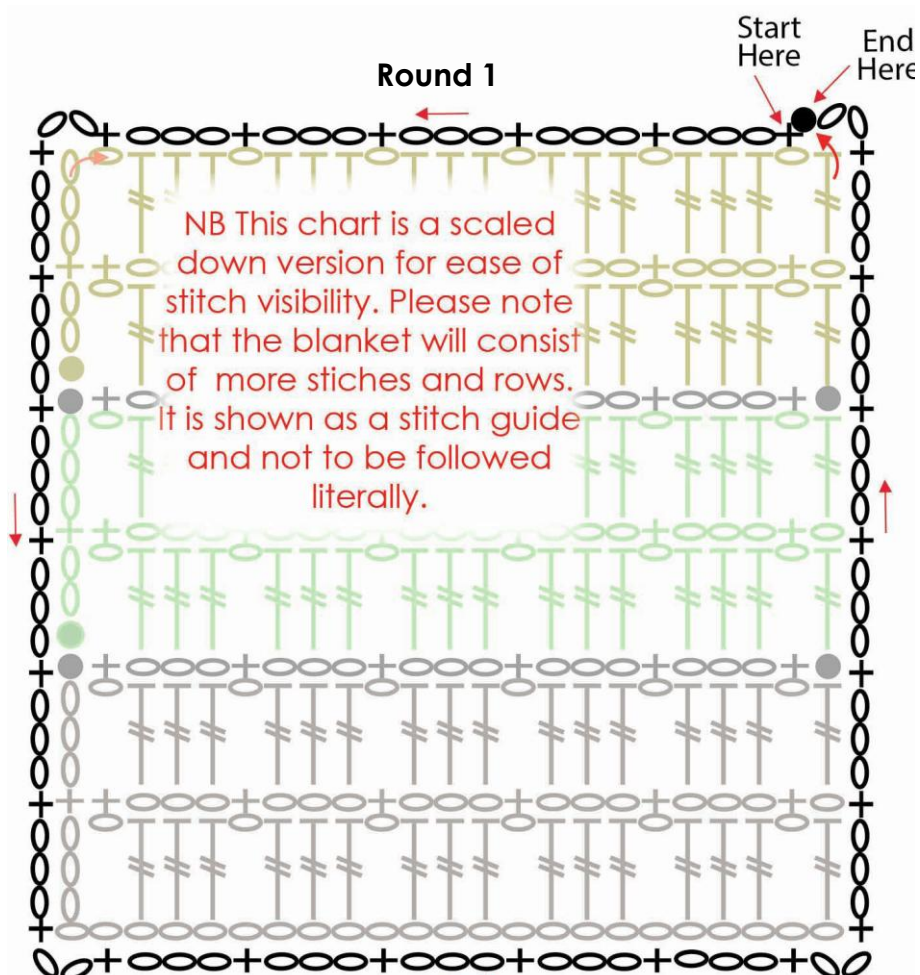
Row 13-43: Repeat rows 5-13 until you have completed 43 rows, ending with colour 2, fasten off.

The chart below shows a shortened row version for the first 11 rows (IMPORTANT you must apply this to the correct no of stitches and continue in the same way to 43 rows).



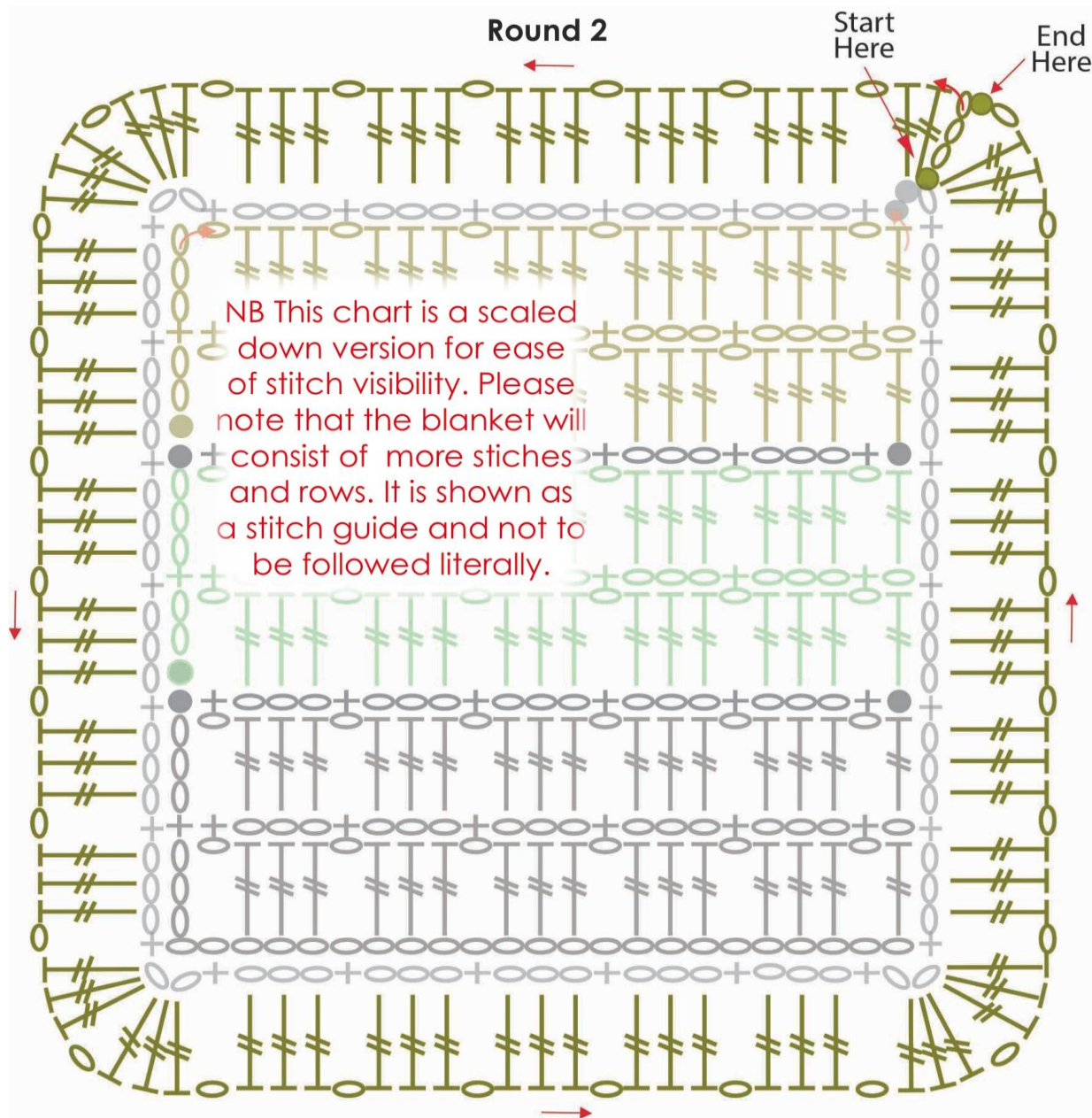
Round 1:

Using highlight colour and with right side facing upwards, make sl-st on hook, sc into 1st corner sp, ch 3, *sc into next sp below ch, ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from * until sp below last ch, sc into sp below next/last ch, ch 2, turn corner, sc again into same sp (this will form a slight picot at corner), *ch 3, sc into side of next end-of-row st, repeat from *, down side edge of blanket until last sc before corner, ch 3, sc into corner sp, turn corner, ch 2, sc again into same corner sp, continue along bottom edge in the same way as top edge, then back up the second side as with the 1st until you come to the last corner, ch 3, sc into last/1st corner, ch1, sl-st into 1st st sp to close.



Round 2:

Change to colour 3 and with Right side facing upwards, make sl-st on hook, sl-st into 1st corner sp, ch 3, 2 tr into same corner sp, (now continuing along top edge) *ch 1, miss next ch sp, 3 tr into next 3 ch sp*, repeat from * to * until last rem 3 ch sp before corner, 3 tr into last 3 ch sp, ch1, 3 tr into corner sp, ch1, 3 tr into same corner sp, (turn corner) rep from * to * until next corner. Continue in this way around edge of blanket until last rem 3 ch sp before corner, 3 tr into last 3 ch sp, ch 1, 3 tr into first corner, ch 1, sl-st into 3rd ch at beg of round to join.



Round 3:

Using highlight colour and with Right side facing upwards, make sl-st on hook, sl-st into 1st corner sp, *sc into next st sp below ch, ch 3, miss 3 st sp*, rep from * to * until next corner space, sc into corner sp, ch 2, turn corner, dc again into same corner sp (this will form a slight picot at corner), ch 3, rep from * to * until next corner and continue in this way around edge of blanket until back to first corner sp, sc into corner sp, ch 1, sl-st into 1st sl st of round to join.

Round 4:

Change to colour 2 and with right side facing upwards, repeat round 2.

Round 5:

Change to highlight colour and with right side facing upwards repeat round 3.

Round 6:

Change to colour 1 and with right side facing upwards repeat round 2.

Round 7:

Change to highlight colour and with right side facing upwards repeat round 3.

Fasten off.

Weave in loose ends.



A pompom can be added to each corner to give a luxury finish. For instructions on a simple way to make small pompoms, follow the link on my 'Retro Baby.... Buggy Blanket' blog post thred-hed.blogspot.co.uk

This pattern is non refundable. I will endeavor to resolve any technical issues.

All feedback welcome. Any comments and queries can be sent to -

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