

Nine-Patch Crocheted Baby Blanket

A	B	C	A
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This blanket can be worked in squares or in strips. For squares, stop at the change in colour and repeat the first pattern the required number of times.

For approx. 8" squares, I used a 5.5 mm crochet hook and medium-weight (4) yarn (e.g. Bernat SuperValue) in the following approximate quantities:

250 g of colour A, 200 g of colour B, 150 g of colour C

For the first strip: With colour A, chain 30.

Row 1: 1 dc in 6th ch from hook. {Ch 1. Miss 1 st. 1 dc in next st} twelve times. Ch 4. Turn.

Rows 2-4: Miss 1 st. {1 dc in each of next 7 sts. Ch 1. Miss 1 st} three times. 1 dc in 2nd st of turning ch. Ch 4. Turn.

Row 5: Miss 1 st, 1 dc in next st. {Ch 1. Miss 1 st. 1 dc in next st} twelve times. Ch 4. Turn.

Repeat rows 2-5 twice. On the final row, end with the final double crochet and finish off (i.e. do not chain 4 and turn at the end of the row).

Join colour B. *1 sc in each st across (27 sts total). Ch 4. Turn.

Follow the instructions for row 5, then repeat rows 2-5 three times. On the final row, end with the final double crochet and finish off (i.e. do not chain 4 and turn at the end of the row).*

Join colour C. Follow the instructions from * to *.

Join colour A. Follow the instructions from * to *.

Join colour B. Follow the instructions from * to *. This finishes the first strip. Weave in loose ends.

Make two more strips in the following colour sequences:

Second strip: BCABC Third strip: CABCA Fourth strip: ABCAB

Sew strips together with the main colour (A).

- Border 1: Join colour A to any of the double crochet stitches on the edge of the afghan. With the right side facing up, single crochet all the way around. Use one single crochet in the “spaces” and one for each “post” on the sides to match the top and bottom (one single crochet in each chain and one in each dc). Join with sl st. Ch 4. Do not turn.
- Border 2: Miss 1 st, 1 dc in next st. {Ch 1. Miss 1 st. 1 dc in next st} all the way around. Match the dc so that they line up with the dc “posts” in the pattern. Ch 3 in each corner. Join with sl st when you reach the beginning. Ch 1. Do not turn.
- Border 3: Sc in each stitch all the way around. At each corner, 3 sc in the middle chain of the corner. Join with sl st when you reach the beginning. Finish off and weave in ends.

