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This baby blanket is made up of two major techniques. You will complete a solid granny square in blue to start. Then the stripes are applied in a mitered crochet effect where you just crochet along two sides of the blue square. To top it off, you will do a beautiful border.

### **Materials Used**

- 2 - Balls Caron United - Red
- 2 - Balls Caron United - Blue
- 1 - Balls Caron United - White
- 1 - Balls Caron United - Dark Grey Heather
- Size 5 mm or H Crochet Hook
- Tapestry Needle

### **Step 1 - Solid Granny Square**



Solid Double Crochet Granny Square

1. Chain 4, join with sl st to form a ring.
2. Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch2, \* 3 dc in ring, ch 2. Repeat \* twice more, join with sl st to the top of beg ch-3
3. Ch 3, 1 DC into the same corner. 1 dc in each dc to next corner, ( 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner stitch, repeat from \* three times more, dc in each dc across to beg ch-3, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3
4. Repeat step 3, until you can count 9 rounds in the square. Fasten off and weave in ends.

## Step 2 - Mitered Stripes



### Mitered Granny Square Built Around Solid Granny Square

Choosing 2 sides of the Solid Granny Square, you will begin to do a mitered square. For those unaware, mitre means we are working on the afghan just on two sides of a square.

There are 11 stripes on this baby blanket. You will start with red. Each stripe is consisting of 3 rows.

1. Fasten on Red to 1 corner of the Solid Granny Square with the right side facing up. When you were working on the granny square, you went in a continuous revolution. The side you were looking at while crocheting that square is the right side.
2. Ch 3, 1 DC into the same corner. Dc into each dc to the next corner. 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc into the corner. Then dc into each dc across. The final corner space is 2 dc. Turn.
3. Ch 1, 1 dc into the next stitch and into each dc across to next corner. In corner 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, then 1 dc into each across. Turn.
4. Repeat Step 3 again and then fasten off red.
5. Fasten on white, then repeat step 3 for 3 rows. Fasten off.
6. Fasten on Red, then repeat step 3 for 3 rows. Fasten off.
7. Keep repeating until you have 11 stripes completed.

## Step 3 - The Border



### Border Around the Blanket

The border has 4 rounds. Starting with Dark Heather Grey to separate the colours to better define the interior of the blanket.

Establishing the first round is key. If you don't have the right stitch count. Don't frog it, fake it by placing an extra sc, ch 2 close to the corner so it stays in balance. See picture directly below as I faked 1 of the corners.

I ended up not having 2 stitches left at the end of the row. I just placed an extra SC directly before the corner, followed by a ch 2... then did my corner as usual.



This Corner is Faked to Make the Stitches Work.

On the sides where you have the sides of the posts instead of stitches. Place sc around the sides of the post of a row, ch 2, sc into the next side of the post of the next row. See the picture above to see.

1. Fasten on Dark Heather Grey to a corner, Ch 1, sc into same space, ch 2 and sc into same space (corner made). ch 2, \* skip next stitch, sc, ch 2. Repeat across. In corners, sc, ch 2, sc into the corners. Then continue repeat \* pattern. Join with a slip stitch to beginning sc. (see pictures above if your stitches aren't balancing. Fasten off at the end of the round.
2. Join White, ch 3, 4 dc, into the same corner. \* 2 dc into each ch 2 gaps of the round below to the next corner. In corners, 5 dc. Repeat \* around. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the ch 3. Fasten off.
3. Join Blue in the middle stitch of the 5 dc corner, ch 3, 4 dc, into the same stitch. \* 2 dc into each ch 2 gaps of the round below to the next corner. In corners, 5 dc into the middle stitch of the 5 dc corners. Repeat \* around. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the ch 3. Fasten off.

4. Join Red in the middle stitch of the 5 dc corner, ch 3, 4 dc, into the same stitch. \* 2 dc into each ch 2 gaps of the round below to the next corner. In corners, 5 dc into the middle stitch of the 5 dc corners. Repeat \* around. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the ch 3. Fasten off.

Enjoy your new baby blanket.