



Odd Ball Blanket

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Size
47" wide x 54" long Hook: 8 mm / L

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Project Concept

Many of us get wishful thinking when we are doing the slow walk down the yarn aisle. We can end up with yarn balls that really stand on their own but we can fall into the trap where we need to have identical balls before we can do anything with it.

Myself, I fall into this category where I have many solo yarn balls. I wondered what if I pick 4 solid colours that are in the same colour family and then 4 variegates that have similar colours, what could this be like?

I chose the blue family as dominant and then reached into the taupes and cream colours. Some of the yarn is Bernat Baby Blanket and Bernat Blanket. Some of the colours are discontinued but I still have them left over.

I ended up with softball sizes with exception to the first colour used that starts off the blanket and finishes it off.

This is a ***"I don't know what to do with these balls project!"***



Yarn

Bernat Blanket or Bernat Baby Blanket, 300 g / 10.5 oz, 201 m / 220 yds

- A - Bernat Baby Blanket - Baby Blue
- B - Bernat Blanket - Light Teal
- C - Bernat Baby Blanket - Little Teal Dove Print
- D - Bernat Baby Blanket - Seafoam
- E - Bernat Baby Blanket - Little Lilac Dove Print
- F - Bernat Blanket - Sailors Delight
- G - Bernat Blanket - Almond
- H - Bernat Blanket - Unknown (Blue, Brown, Taupe)



Size Changing

This project starts off with 95 chains. However, you cannot get much more width out of the yarn to get the 4 rows you need for balance. So it may mean you need to have 2 or 3 balls of the same colour if you wish to go much wider to make it work.

You could go as much as 103 chains and still be safe but anything more than that won't work with the ball counts given in this pattern. Every 2 chains is approximately 1" wide.

If you want to change the size, it's in **stitch multiples of 4 + 3.**

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Size Changing to Medium #4 Weight

You can also use Medium #4 weight yarn with this pattern. If you chain 147 using 5 mm / H hook, you will get 48" wide.

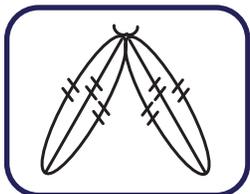
Every 3 chains is approximately 1". If you wanted a 60" standard width project. 60" x 3 chains = 180. 180 is a multiple of 4, so that works. Starting chain count would be 183 which is the **stitch multiple of 4 + 3.**

I don't know how much yarn you will need for this substitution but my guess is you have yarn in your collection that could be used up.

Abbreviations

Approx = Approximate(ly)
Beg = Begin(ing)
Ch = Chain(s)

Double Cluster = [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in same sp as previous st. [(Yoh) twice and



draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in next st. Yoh and draw through all.

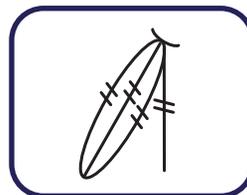
Dc = Double Crochet

Dcbp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next st at back of work inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

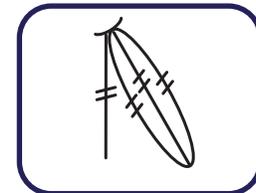
Dcfp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next st at front of work inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Half Cluster 1 = [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice in next st. [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in next st.

Yoh and draw through all 5 loops on hook. Ch 1 to close st.

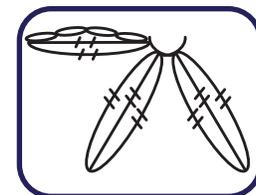


Half Cluster 2 = [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in same Triple cluster as last st. (Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice in next st. Yoh and draw through all 5 loops. Ch 1 to close st.



Hdc = Half Double Crochet
Rep = Repeat
RS = Right Side
Sl st = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)

Triple Cluster = Ch 4. [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] twice in top of last st worked. [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in same sp as previous st worked 1 row below. Skip next 3 sts. [(Yoh) twice and draw up a loop. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops) twice] 3 times in next st. Yoh and draw through all 9 loops. Ch 1 to close st.



Tr = Treble

Tr3tog = Treble 3 Together

Yoh = Yarn Over Hook



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Instructions

Inspired by the Garden Flowers Blanket. Main stitch is the Daisy Stitch. My example has the daisy stitches being stacked without any spacers in between.



Please note that tr3tog is different in this pattern as it starts with a ch 4 first. See abbreviations for clarity.

With A, ch 95 (or in multiples of 4 + 3)

1st row: RS. 1 dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2 dc). 1 dc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 93 dc. Break A.

2nd row: Join B with sl st to first dc. Ch 4 (counts as tr). 1 tr in each of next 2 dc. *Triple Cluster. Rep from * to last 2 sts. 1 tr3tog in same st as last triple cluster. 1 tr in same st as last Triple Cluster. 1 tr in each of last 2 dc. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 4. 1 tr in next tr. Half Cluster 1 over next tr and next Triple Cluster. *Ch 3. Double Cluster over sp where last st was made and next Triple Cluster. Rep from * to last 3 sts. Ch 3. Half Cluster 2 over sp where last st was made and next tr. 1 tr in each of last 2 tr. Break B.

4th row: Join C with sl st to first dc. Ch 4 (counts as tr). 1 tr in each of next 2 tr. *Triple Cluster. Rep from * to last 2 sts. 1 tr3tog in same st as last triple cluster. 1 tr in same st as last Triple Cluster. 1 tr in each of last 2 tr. Turn.

5th row: Ch 4. 1 tr in next tr. Half Cluster 1 over next tr and next Triple Cluster. *Ch 3. Double Cluster over sp where last st was made and next Triple

Cluster. Rep from * to last 3 sts. Ch 3. Half Cluster 2 over sp where last st was made and next tr. 1 tr in each of last 2 tr. Break B.

Last 2 rows form Flower Pattern. Repeat rows 4 and 5.

Continue on with a new colour for the next 2 rows. My colourway cycles through colours all colour. A, B and C have just been done, continue to H and then do A - H once more. You should see 16 visible flower pattern stripes.

Word of Caution

I don't normally admit to a mistake in the sample itself, so it's your lucky day. Usually a photograph will be edited so you won't see this error.



At some point, I **didn't get all the way** to the edge and thought I had and finished the row too early. I had finished the project but after I laid it out, I had seen that just after the seafoam colour. Disappointing to finish the project and realize this happened. ***It happens to all of us at some point.***

Just watch the edges. It should stay square like it does on the left hand side of the above photograph.

Final Edge

You will need to start edge on RS.

1st row: Join A to beg st. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc in each st and place 3 dc in each ch 3 sp across. 93 dc. Turn.

2nd row: Ch 2 (doesn't count as st), 1 hdc in first st. 1 dcfp in next st. *1 dc in next st, 1 dcfp in next st. Rep from * across. 1 hdc in last st. Fasten off.

Beginning Edge

Finish first edge where beginning chain is. The row of dc already exists. We just need to finish off the last row.

You need to start edge on WS.

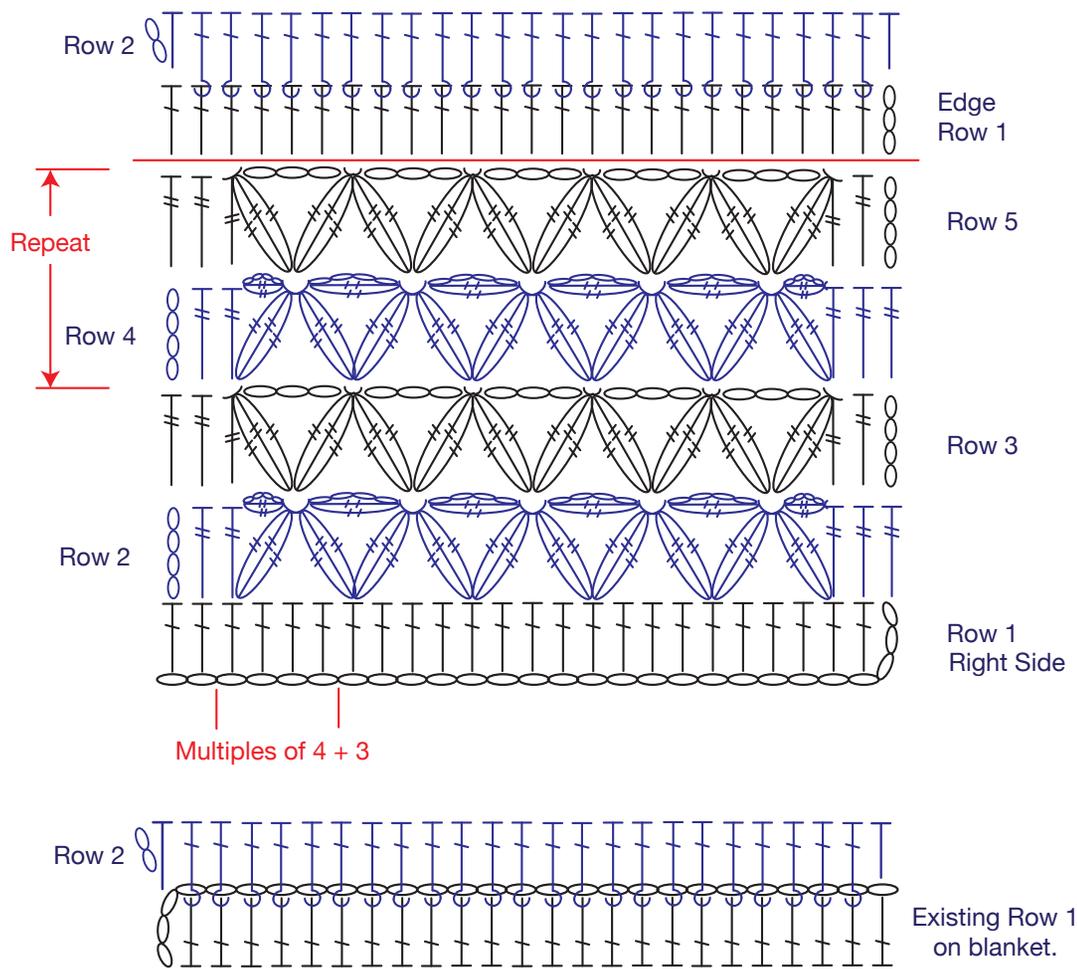
1st row: Join A to beg chain. Ch 2 (doesn't count as st), 1 hdc in first st. 1 dcfp in next st. *1 dc in next st, 1 dcfp in next st. Rep from * across. 1 hdc in last st. Fasten off.

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Repeat Rows 4 - 5 until 16 visible strips can be seen on blanket.

Proceed to edge next.



Beginning Edge To Finish

