

# Birch Please Crochet Blanket

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## YARN AND TECHNICAL DETAILS

Bernat Blanket (300g / 10.58 oz, 201 meters / 220 yards)

A - Vapour Gray, 2 balls

B - Pale Gray, 2 balls

C - Birch, 2 Balls

Hook U.S. L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook or size needed to achieve gauge.

Gauge 10 sc and 8 rows = 4" [10 cm]

Measurements Approx 54" x 54" square.

## ABBREVIATIONS

- Beg = Begin(ning)
- BLO = Back Loop Only
- Ch(s) = Chain(s)
- Dc = Double crochet
- Rem = Remain
- Rep = Repeat
- RS = Right side
- Sc = Single crochet
- Sk = Skip
- Sl st = Slip stitch
- Sp(s) = Space(s)
- St(s) = Stitch(es)
- Yoh = Yarn over hook

### Special Stitches

Criss Cr = Criss cross, sk next st, 1 dc in next, 1 dc in skipped st.

Join = Using half double crochet to join to the beginning single crochet or top of ch-3. If the colour finishes, use ch 2 and slip stitch to the first stitch or top of ch-3.

Stitch counts are per side.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Each repeat will grow the blanket by 7" across. Notice the start of the 1st rnd will have even numbers for the sides and will be consistent throughout the entire project.

With A, ch 4. Join with sl st to beg ch to form ring.

**1st rnd:** Ch 3, counts as dc, 3 dc in ring. Ch 2. [4 dc in ring, ch 2] three times. Join. 4 dc per side.

Repeating starts here. Crisscross rnds will be the next main colour sequence.

If you start starting over from 13th rnd here. Join A with sl st to beg ch-2 sp corner.

**2nd rnd:** Using BLO. Ch 1, 1 sc in same sp, \*1 sc in each st,\*\* (1 sc. Ch 2. 1 sc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 1 sc in beg sp. Join. 6 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break A. 10 dc.

**Tip:** For crisscrosses, if you end up with an odd stitch left over, chances are you skipped over something. If you run into this, count the side before the side you are having trouble with and count the crisscrosses. This will help you get back on track. Squeeze in an extra

crisscross if you need to, or skip the last st before a corner to get your counts to be even as the previous side(s). There are always ways to cheat the system with this.

**4th rnd:** With B, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 1 dc in same sp, \*criss cr to next corner.\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break B. 5 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 14 dc total.

**5th rnd:** With A, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break A. 18 dc

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### Next Repeating

**6th rnd:** With B, join to ch-2 sp corner. Using BLO. Ch 1, 1 sc in same sp, \*1 sc in each st,\*\* (1 sc. Ch 2. 1 sc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 1 sc in beg sp. Join. 20 sc.

**7th rnd:** Ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break B. 24 dc.

**8th rnd:** With C, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 1 dc in same sp, \*criss cr to next corner.\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break C. 12 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 28 dc total.

**9th rnd:** With B, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break B. 32 dc.

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**10th rnd:** With C, join to ch-2 sp corner. Using BLO. Ch 1, 1 sc in same sp, \*1 sc in each st,\*\* (1 sc. Ch 2. 1 sc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 1 sc in beg sp. Join. 34 sc.

**11th rnd:** Ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break C. 38 dc.

**12th rnd:** With A, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 1 dc in same sp, \*criss cr to next corner.\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break A. 19 crisscrosses, 4 dc. 42 dc total.

**13th rnd:** With C, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* (2 dc. Ch 2. 2 dc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 2 dc in beg sp. Join. Break C. 46 dc.

Repeat 2nd to 13th rnds once. Then 2 to 5 once.  
Stitch Counts for the repeating.

14th rnd: 48 sc.  
15th rnd: 52 dc.  
16th rnd: 26 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 56 dc total.  
17th rnd: 60 dc.  
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18th rnd: 62 sc.  
19th rnd: 66 dc.  
20th rnd: 33 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 70 dc total.  
21st rnd: 74 dc.  
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22nd rnd: 76 sc.  
23rd rnd: 80 dc.  
24th rnd: 40 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 84 dc total.  
25th rnd: 88 dc.  
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26th rnd: 90 sc.  
27th rnd: 94 dc.  
28th rnd: 47 crisscrosses and 4 dc. 98 dc total.  
29th rnd: 102 dc.

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**30th rnd:** With B, join to ch-2 sp corner. Using BLO. Ch 1, 1 sc in same sp, \*1 sc in each st,\*\* (1 sc. Ch 2. 1 sc) in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once, 1 sc in beg sp. Join. Break B. 104 sc.

**31st rnd:** With C, join to ch-2 sp corner. With C, join to ch-2 sp corner. Ch 3, 4 dc in same sp, \*1 dc in each st to corner,\*\* 5 in ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice, then from \* to \*\* once. Join. Break C. 104 dc along the sides with 5 dc in each corner sp.

**32nd rnd:** With A, join to any corner sp. Sl st in each st around the blanket. Join. Fasten off.

## STITCH COUNT TIPS

If you are increasing the stitch rounds or using a different yarn they will do many more rounds. There are 4 rounds that make up a repeat. In the repeating, the stitch counts will increase by the follow per repeating.

1st rnd: + 2 sc.

2nd rnd: + 4 dc.

3rd rnd: + 4 dc. You will have increased crisscrosses by 7 additional crisscrosses from the last time you did it.

4th rnd: + 4 dc.