

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Even Berry Stitch Blanket



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MATERIALS

Bernat Roving (80% acrylic, 20% wool, 100 g/3.5 oz, 109 m/120 yds)
4 skeins Rice Paper, 1 skein each Quartz Pink, Low Tide, Squashed, Putty
Size N/10.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

SIZE

Finished size 32 in x 36 in

STITCHES

Single Crochet (SC): Insert your hook, yarn over (YO) and pull up a loop, YO, pull through two loops on hook.

Berry Stitch: YO, insert hook, YO, pull up a loop, YO pull through one loop on the hook, YO, insert hook into same space, YO, pull up a loop, YO, pull through all five loops left on the hook.

PATTERN

With Rice Paper, **chain 70**, or any even number will do. So if you want a bigger blanket, chain any even number.

Row 1: (MESH STITCH) In the second chain from the hook, work *1 SC, CH 1, skip 1 chain, SC into the next.* This is what is called a mesh stitch. Continue working across the whole length of the chain by alternating SC, CH, SC, skipping over a chain. You'll know you did it right if you SC into the very last stitch. If not, go back and make sure you chained an even number, started in the second chain from the hook, and skipped over a chain every time you made a chain.

It seems simple, but until your brain can get the pattern down, I can't tell you how many times I messed up on this! (Please do a practice chain of 16, and then see if you can get it just right, if this is not working out for you.)

Chain 1 and turn.

Row 2: SC into the first SC, CH 1, SKIP over the Chain, SC into the SC of the row below. You are continuing to work the mesh stitch for this row. Same thing as row 1, you will end this row with a SC into the very last space.

CHANGE COLOR to Putty by pulling through with the new color just before you finish the last SC. Then chain 1 and turn.

Row 3: (MESH STITCH) Work in the new color, one whole row of the mesh stitch. (That's right, SC into the SC of the row below, chain over the chain space.) End with a SC, chain 1 and turn.

Row 4: (BERRY STITCH) SC into the first SC of the row below, now, instead of doing a chain, work a berry. Then work a SC into the next SC, a berry into the chain space. Alternate the SC and the berry stitch across the whole length ending with a SC into the last SC, but CHANGE COLOR back to Rice Paper, just before you finish working that SC and then CH 1 and turn.

Rows 5 - 6: Mesh stitch in Rice Paper

Row 7: Mesh stitch in Squashed

Row 8: Berry stitch in Squashed

Rows 9 - 10: Mesh stitch in Rice Paper

Row 11: Mesh stitch in Quartz Pink

Row 12: Berry stitch in Quartz Pink

Rows 13 - 14: Mesh stitch in Rice Paper

Row 15: Mesh stitch in Low Tide

Row 16: Berry Stitch in Low Tide

Rows 17 - 64: Mesh Stitch in Rice Paper (Change color to Low Tide.)

Row 65 to the end of the blanket work rows 1-16 in the opposite order of colors. Start with Tidal blue, then Quartz Pink, Squashed, and end with Putty.

Tie off, weave in all the ends and do whatever blocking technique you wish to do to get your blanket straight. (I sometimes just lay it out, use a spray bottle and finger press everything into shape. Sometimes I give them a bath. It depends on how much I needed to drag this blanket around with me to work on it.)

Now, here is one last tip. When I was working the mesh stitch rows all in the middle of this blanket, I noticed my tension tightening up. So pay attention and keep it a bit looser. I think it's because of the berries. They add a bit of bulk at the bottom. But after I blocked the blanket, it wasn't a problem.

xo, Tiffany

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