

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Strawberry Stripes Baby Blanket



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MATERIALS

Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170 g/6 oz, 288 m/315 yds)

2 skeins Strawberry, 3 skeins White

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

SIZE

Finished size 33 in x 40 in

STITCHES

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

Double Crochet (DC): YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops on hook.

Front and Back Post Double Crochet (FPDC & BPDC): A front post DC means you insert your hook from front to back around the post of the next DC and work your DC. A back post DC means you insert your hook around the post from the back to the front and work a DC.

PATTERN

Chain 95 (or any odd number) in White.

In the second chain from hook, work a single crochet (SC). In the next stitch, work a double crochet (DC). Alternate across the whole row SC and DC. The last stitch you make should be a DC. Chain one and turn. Single crochet into the DC you just made from the previous row. Then, double crochet into the SC. Alternate again across the whole row. Always DC into SC. Always SC into DC.

Work 2 rows in white, then pull through with Strawberry just before finishing your last DC (pull through the last two loops on your hook). Don't cut the white yarn. Chain one and turn, then work two rows of the griddle stitch in Strawberry. When you reach the end of the second row, pull through with white, carrying the white yarn up the side.

Continue this pattern, switching colors every two rows and carrying the yarn up the side until you reach your desired length! To make the blanket 40 inches long, I ended up with 98 rows total.

BORDER

Before you start the border you'll want to weave in all the ends with a tapestry needle.

For this border you will be making a ribbed stitch look on each side of the blanket, working one side at a time. I'll explain how to do this first, and then you can watch a short video clip that shows how to work front post and back post double crochet.

Pick either side to work across. Using white, pull up a loop in the corner and chain 3. DC across the entire side. When you are working on the sides it can be hard to figure out how many DC's to work so that the border doesn't ripple or fan out. I found that the sides turned out the most even when I worked 3 DC's into the sides of the white stripes and 2 DC's into the sides of the pink stripes. This may be different for you depending on your personal tension.

Stop when you reach the first corner, chain 3 and turn. This counts as your first DC.

Insert your hook from front to back around the post of the next DC and work your DC (front post DC). Then, around the next DC, insert your hook from the back to the front and work your next DC (back post DC). Now continue alternating FPDC and BPDC around each DC. When you get to the last DC, work one DC into the top of the stitch. Chain 3 and turn.

Work back across the row with your alternating FPDC and BPDC matching each stitch to start making the ribbed look.

Go back and forth across the row until the border is as high as you would like it (I worked 5 rows for my ribbing - you'll want to pick an odd number so you can work around the whole blanket without having to tie off.)

When you finish the ribbing for the side, do not tie off, simply chain 3, and start working across the end of the blanket, working DCs into the sides of the FPDC and BPDC stitches, and then one DC per stitch. Chain three and turn, then work back across in the same manner you did before and work your ribbed stitch, alternating FPDC and BPDC.

When you finish 5 rows, chain 3, and now work in the same manner up the side, again working one DC per stitch. When you finish working the ribbing up this side and then across the last end, chain 1 and work a SC into each DC all the way around the entire blanket, putting 3 SCs into each corner space. This helps to even everything out and give the corners a nice finished look.

Tie off and weave in the ends.

xo, Hannah

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