

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Sedge Stitch Baby Blanket



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MATERIALS

Bamboo Pop (50% cotton, 50% bamboo, 100 gr/292 yds)

3 skeins White, 4 skeins Lily Pad

Size G/4.00mm hook, scissors, tapestry needle

SIZE

Finished size 32 in x 38 in

STITCHES

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

Half Double Crochet (HDC): YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through three 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.

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

Start with a chain in a multiple of three. (For this blanket I chained 120.)

Row 1: In the second chain from the hook, do a HDC (half double crochet) and a DC (double crochet), skip two chains and in the next work a SC, HDC, DC. *Skip two chains and repeat “SC, HDC, DC” into the next space. Repeat * across to the end and there is one chain left. Do one SC and turn.

Row 2: Chain one (this counts as your first SC), HDC and DC into the top of the SC you just made of the row below. Skip over the DC and HDC, “SC, HDC, DC” into the SC. You’ll always be looking for the SC to do your “SC, HDC, DC” into. Repeat the pattern across ending the last stitch with one single crochet. (When you get to the end, you’ll have two stitches left, just skip one and SC into the last stitch).

Repeat row 2 for the rest of the blanket! The more rows you do, the easier it gets to figure out where to work each of your “SC, HDC, DC,” but I would suggest doing a small practice swatch before you get started just to make sure you understand how to work the stitch.

Here is the color pattern I used: *10 rows White, 4 rows Green, 2 rows White, 4 rows Green, 10 rows White, 10 rows Green. Repeat from * until you reach your desired length. (When you are switching colors, pull through with the new color on your last single crochet at the end of the row when you have two loops on your hook.)

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 lily pad, 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, so you’ll want to try to space them out as evenly as you can. 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 (Since this is a lighter yarn, I worked 7 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 7 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