

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Blue Stripes Baby Blanket



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MATERIALS

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

2 skeins Berry Blue, 1 skein White

Size H/5.00mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

Optional Link to YouTube Video Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/rcexfRy81ng>

SIZE

Finished size 28 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.

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.

Mixed Cluster (MC): explained in pattern below

PATTERN

Chain 102 with Blue (or any multiple of 3).

Row 1: Starting in the second chain from the hook, SC in each chain across the row. (101 SC) CH 2 and turn.

Row 2: In the first stitch yarn over *(YO) and insert your hook, YO and pull through, YO and pull through only 2 loops. YO and skip (SK) the next stitch. In the next stitch, insert your hook, YO and pull through, YO and pull through 1 loop. YO, insert your hook into the same stitch, YO and pull through, YO and pull through 1 loop. YO and pull through all 6 loops on your hook. CH 1. Mixed Cluster completed (MC). In the same space that you ended repeat from * and work MC across to the end of the row. On the last MC, in the last stitch of the row, omit the CH 1 to close up the MC and work a DC, inserting your hook into the same space as the last MC. CH 1 and turn.

Row 3: SC in the first stitch from the hook and in the top of each stitch across, ending the last stitch in the top of the turning chain (101 SC). CH 2 and turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 for the remainder of the blanket.

For this blanket, I did 14 rows of blue (so 7 MC rows with 7 SC rows in between) and then I alternated white and blue for 58 rows before ending with 14 rows of just blue again.

When switching colors, you'll want to pull through with the new color at the end of the MC row, on the last two loops of your DC. Then you'll do a row of SC in the new color, then one MC row in the new color and then switch back to the other color at the end of the MC row.

Just to make sure that's clear, after you finish your blue section at the beginning, you should end on a MC row and pull through with white at the end of the row. Then you should work one row of SC in white, then one MC row in white, then pull through with blue at the end of the MC row. Then work one row of SC in blue, then one MC row in blue, before switching back to white again.

When I finished my blanket, I wove in all the ends, then added a simple SC border. To do that, pull up a loop in any corner and chain 1, then SC into each stitch around the blanket, working 3 SCs into each corner.

When you reach the corner you started with, work 3 SCs and slip stitch into the starting Ch 1. After I adding the border, I tied on some simple tassels.

TASSELS

For this blanket I tied on some tassels in the same way I have for several of my other blankets, but this time I decided to braid them for a different kind of fringe.

Here's how to make them:

First, take some yarn and wrap it around a notebook or anything square. For my braided tassels I used a book that was about 8 inches in length. After you wrap the yarn, use some scissors to cut it in half so that all the strands are equal. So for this blanket my strands were all about 16 in. long.

Then, take 3 pieces of yarn and line them up evenly and fold them in half. Then use your fingers or a crochet hook to insert the loop you just made into a chain space on the end of your blanket. When you pull it through, you want the loop to be facing away from the blanket, not towards it.

Pull the straight ends of the yarn through the loop and pull it tight to make a knot. Then you can either leave them as regular tassels, or you can braid them and tie a knot at the end of the braid to keep it together. I did 9 braids for each tassel before I tied it off and then I trimmed the ends so they were all about the same length.

xo, Hannah