

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Colorful Polka Dots Baby Blanket



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MATERIALS

Bernat Softee Baby (100% acrylic, 140 g/5 oz, 331 m/362 yds)
3 skeins Flannel, 1 skein each Soft Red, Soft Peach, Aqua and Mint
Size 4.5mm hook, tapestry needle, scissors

SIZE

Finished size 28 in x 31 in

STITCHES

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

Herringbone Half Double Crochet (HHDC): YO, insert your hook, pull up a loop and pull directly through first loop on hook. Then YO again, and pull through remaining two loops.

Double Crochet 6 Together Bobble (DC6tog): YO, insert your hook and pull up a loop. YO and pull through two loops. *YO, insert your hook into the same space and pull up a loop. YO and pull through two loops. Repeat from * four more times. Then YO, and pull through all seven loops on your hook. Use your fingers to push the bobble together and give it a round shape.

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

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

PATTERN

Chain 111 with Flannel. (To make your blanket a different size, make a base chain that is a multiple of 10, then add 1.)

ROW 1: Starting in third chain from the hook, work 1 HHDC in each chain. Chain 2 and turn.

ROWS 2 - 7: Work 6 more rows of HHDC with Flannel, chaining 2 and turning at the end of each row. (The chain 2 does not count as a stitch, so when you are starting each row you should work right into the top of the last stitch from the row below, which will be the third chain from the hook if you count down. Then when you reach the end of the row, you don't need to work into the top of the turning chain, you can just finish with the last stitch and chain 2 and turn. The sides of your blanket will start to form little ridges as you go, but this is normal and you will cover it up later with your border.) At the end of row 7, chain 1 and turn.

ROW 8: Work 4 SCs in Flannel. On the 4th SC pull through with Soft Red just before you finish the stitch, when you still have two loops on your hook. Leave a tail with Soft Red that you can weave into the blanket later. Take the Flannel and lay it across the top of your work, then crochet over it as you work a DC6tog bobble with Soft Red. Stop when you have 7 loops of Soft Red on your hook and pull through with Flannel to finish the stitch. Now take the Soft Red and lay it across the top of your work, and crochet over it as you work 9 SCs in Flannel. On the 9th stitch pull through with Soft Red. *Work 1 DC6tog in Soft Red, then 9 SCs in Flannel, always crocheting over whichever color you aren't using. Repeat from * to the end of the row. After your last bobble, you can stop carrying the yarn. You should end the row with 4 SCs. Cut the Soft Red and leave a tail long enough to weave into the blanket later. Chain 2 and turn.

ROWS 9 - 15: Work 7 rows of HHDC in Flannel. Chain 2 and turn for each row, until the end of row 15 where you will chain 1 and turn.

ROW 16: *Work 9 SCs in Flannel, then one DC6tog bobble with Mint, always crocheting over whichever color you aren't using. Repeat from * to the end of the row, until you end with 9 SCs in Flannel. Chain 2 and turn.

ROWS 17 - 23: Work 7 rows of HHDC in Flannel, chaining 2 at the end of each row. At the end of row 23, chain 1 and turn.

ROW 24: Repeat row 8 using Soft Peach. At the end of the row, chain 2 and turn.

ROWS 25 - 31: Work 7 rows of HHDC in Flannel, chaining 2 at the end of each row. At the end of row 31, chain 1 and turn.

ROW 32: Repeat row 16 using Aqua. At the end of the row, chain 2 and turn.

ROWS 33 - 39: Work 7 rows of HHDC in Flannel, chaining 2 and turning at the end of each row. At the end of row 39, chain 1 and turn.

Repeat rows 8 through 39 two more times, or until you reach your desired length. Weave in any ends with a tapestry needle.

BORDER

ROUND 1: Pull up a loop in any corner and chain 3. DC around the entire blanket, working 3 DCs into each corner stitch. On the sides of the blanket, do your best to work one DC per row. (And when you go around the end the blanket that has your base chain, you may want to insert your hook in between each HHDC instead of the tops of the stitches so your base chain doesn't pull away from the rest of the blanket.)

ROUND 2: When you reach the corner you started with, work 3 DCs into the corner, then go around the blanket again, this time alternating front and back post DC. When you get to the corners of this row, you will want to continue the pattern of alternating front and back post DC, but you will work three stitches around the corner post.

So, for example, if you get to the corner post and you are supposed to work a front post DC, then work a front post DC, a back post DC, and a front post DC all around that corner post. Then in the next stitch you would continue the alternating pattern, working the opposite of whichever stitch you just used (in this example, you would work a back post DC).

ROUND 3: When you finish row 2, work 3 alternating front post/back post DCs into the corner you started with and repeat row around the blanket. Always match your post DCs so that they are poking out in the same direction as the previous row.

xo, Hannah