

Mini Car-Seat Blanket



A baby needs a light blanket for the car no matter what time of year it is. This Blanket fits on the lap, will cover their little toes, and straps to the sides of the car seat. It's small enough it won't get stuck in the car door and wont drag on the ground.

Start- In white/color1 chain 6 and join into a circle by a slip stitch into the first chain you created.

Basic Granny Square

Round 1- Chain 3, 2 dc (right into the middle of the circle you created), Chain 3, 3dc, Chain 3, 3dc, chain, slip stitch in the 3rd chain in our first chain 3 (12 dc) *see picture 1-3.*

*This is the beginning of a simple granny square. This double crochet pattern increases by 16 dc each round. Which is 2dc on either side of your row.

Round 2- Chain 3, dc into the next two dc, then 2dc into corner chain. Chain 3 again, and do 2 more dc into the same corner chain. 1dc into each of the next 3 dc, 2dc into corner chain, chain 3, 2 more dc into that same corner chain, dc into next 3 dc, 2dc into corner chain, chain 3, slip stitch into first chain. (28 dc)

Materials:

Hook- G, 4.25

Yarn- 1 roll each of Blue, Grey, and White, in Love by red heart yarn

2 medium sized buttons

Darning needle

Gauge: Isn't important for this project. So if you don't meet my gauge its ok.

Finished measurements:

Approx.-

Abbreviations:

ss- slip stitch

hdc- half double crochet

dc- double crochet

ch- chain

yo- yarn over

By now you probably have the pattern down. We need one more round of the dc granny square.

Round 3- Chain 3, dc 4 times, dc 2 times in corner, chain 3dc 2 times in corner, dc 7. When you complete this round you will have 11 dc on each side of your square. **Stop before the slip stitch!** (44 dc)

Grab your grey yarn or color two. Use your color two yarn for your slip stitch in round 3. It helps the yarn transition look clean.

Round 4- continue the pattern above for the next 8 rounds. This round will have 60 dc

Round 5- 76 dc

Round 6- 92 dc

Round 7- 108 dc, use blue or color 3 for slip stitch.

Round 8- Change to blue or your color 3. 124 dc

Round 9- 140 dc

Round 10- 156 dc

Round 11- 172 dc, slip stitch end of round with color 1.

Double Crochet Clusters

Round 12- Complete one beginning dc cluster (found on the right hand side of this pattern). You will stitch directly into the same stitch as the slip stitch.

(Chain 1, skip 1 dc, dc cluster) * repeat* until end of the first side. The chain 3 on the corner will have a dc cluster, chain 3, dc cluster.

Pattern A: The next side is the same. (Chain 1, skip 1 dc, dc cluster)* repeat * until end of side. The corner will be dc cluster, chain 3, dc cluster.

Repeat **Pattern A** for the next two sides.

Lastly, you will complete the side that you started with. You will have 12 clusters left to do. (start in the second chain space from the corner) ss.

Pattern Stitches:

Beginning dc cluster-

Ch. 2, yo, pull hook through same stitch as the slip stitch. Yo again, pull through same stitch as the slip stitch. You have 3 chains on hook. These are all unfinished dc. Yo, pull yarn through all 3 stitches.

Dc cluster-

With one chain on the hook, yo and pull through 3 times. You have 4 chains on the hook. Yo and pull through all 4 chains.

Each side will have 23 clusters. Check carefully.

Round 13:

Slip stitch once or twice. Change to color 2. You will be creating a beginner dc cluster in the first space.

(chain 1, dc cluster) * repeat * to end of side. Corner chain will contain a dc cluster, chain 3, dc cluster.

Continue this pattern around ending with a SS. (24 dc clusters)

Round 14

Slip stitch once or twice. Change to color 3. You will be creating a beginner dc cluster in the first space.

(chain 1, dc cluster) * repeat * to end of side. Corner chain will contain a dc cluster, chain 3, dc cluster.

Continue this pattern around ending with a SS in color 1. (25 dc clusters)

Back To Double Crochet

Round 15

Lets get back on track. Each side will have 54 dc.

Chain 3 (this counts as a dc over a space) dc into each stitch, increasing with 2 dc in the corner, chain 3, 2 dc in the corner. Continue to follow pattern around. Slip stitch at end of round.

Round 16 and 17

Follow pattern of round 15. Increasing at each end of row by two dc. Slip stitch with color 2.

Round 18, 19, 20

Follow pattern of round 15. Increasing at each end of row by two dc. Slip stitch with color 3.

Round 21, 22, 23

Follow pattern of round 15. Increasing at each end of row by two dc. Slip stitch and tie off.

Straps (make 2)

Pick a color. I used color 1.

Chain 46.

Row 1

Half double crochet in the second chain from hook.
Continue hdc until end of row. (45 stitches) chain 1,
turn work.

Row 2

Hdc. Chain 1, turn work.

Row 3

3 sc, chain 2 and skip 2 hdc (this makes a button hole)
sc to end of row.

Row 4 and 5

Hdc

Straps complete

Buttons and sewing on straps

Sew on the buttons to each strap so they form a circle
when connected.

Sew the straps to the right side of the blanket toward
the upper half so that when the blanket is strapped to
the car seat it doesn't cover their face or drag on the
floor.