Striped Suzette Stitch Baby Blanket Pattern

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Materials

- Worsted weight yarn from your stash. I used approximately 5 skeins for this blanket.
- Size I/9 crochet hook
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Finished Size

Approximately 33×33"

Notes

I strongly suggest using stitch markers at the end of each row so there is no guesswork involved. This makes for wonderful mindless crocheting!

Special Abbreviations

PM: place stitch marker behind your hook.

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Ch any even number of chains. For my blanket I chained 110.

Row 1: PM. In the 2nd chain from the hook, sc, dc into the same stitch. *Skip one stitch. Sc, dc in the next stitch.* In the final ch, sc. Ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: PM. Sc, dc into the first stitch (last sc from previous row). *Skip next stitch (dc from previous row) and sc, dc into the next stitch (sc from previous row). Repeat from * across until you have 2 stitches remaining. Skip one stitch and sc in last stitch. Ch 1 and turn.

Repeat Row 2 until desired length. Cut yarn and weave in ends.



Border

Round 1: Pull up a loop of yarn in any corner. Note: I prefer the upper right hand corner, because that way you'll work across the top row of stitches where it is easiest to see where to place your hook, and this will give you a sense of how widely apart to space your border stitches. Ch 1, then sc in same space. Work 1 sc in each stitch across the top of the blanket. In the corner, work 3 sc. Along the side, work approximately 2 sc per row. (The sides are tricky so I'm including a helpful photo below!) 3 sc in the corner. Along the bottom, work 1 sc in each stitch, 3 sc in the corner, and along the next side work approx 2 sc per row again. In the final corner, work 2 sc as you've already worked 1 sc into this corner at the start. Sl st into the starting ch. Do not turn.

Note: if the border starts rippling/ruffling, you've crocheted too many stitches. If the border starts pulling/stretching, you've crocheted too few.



Round 2: Now you have a nice sc foundation border to take the guesswork out of where to place the hhdc stitches! Ch 2. Work 1 herringbone half double crochet (hhdc) into each stitch. Work 3 hhdc into each corner. At the end of the round, join with a sl st.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Note: You can continue this border and make it thicker if you'd like! After joining with a sl st at the end of round 2, ch 2 and continue working 1 hhdc into each stitch around, 3 hhdc into each corner, to desired thickness. Then sl st, cut yarn, and weave in ends. I found <u>this video from Daisy Farm Crafts</u> super helpful in learning this stitch! She demonstrates the hhdc border around the 11 minute mark. Enjoy!