

Berry Blossom Baby Blanket Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a **quick and easy baby blanket pattern** adapts the Grandma Cuddles Blanket pattern by using the **Berry Stitch** instead of Treble Crochet to create a lovely texture. It is designed as a **lighter weight stroller size blanket**.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Bernat Softee Baby Cotton (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 120 g/4.2 oz, 232 m/254 yds).
- **Hook:** Size H/5.00mm hook.
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle, scissors.
- **Measurements:**
 - **Finished size:** 26 in x 28 in.
 - **Gauge:** 4 in = 12 st and 16 rows of pattern.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

CH = Chain

SC = Single Crochet

Berry Stitch = Berry Stitch

DC = Double Crochet

SL ST = Slip Stitch

Instructions for Making the Berry Blossom Baby Blanket Pattern:

Main Blanket Pattern Instructions

The core of the blanket is formed by repeating a specific sequence of five rows.

- **Foundation Chain:** Begin by chaining **100 stitches**, or you can chain any even number if you prefer to adjust the blanket's width.
- **Row 1 (SC Row):** Starting in the **second CH from your hook**, work **1 SC in each chain** all the way across the row. At the row's end, **CH 1 and turn** your work to prepare for the next row.
- **Row 2 (Berry Stitch Row):** Work **1 SC in the very first stitch** of the row. Subsequently, **repeat the following sequence across the row:** work **1 Berry Stitch in the next stitch**, and then **1 SC in the stitch immediately after it**. After completing the repeats, **CH 1 and turn**.
- **Row 3 (SC Row):** Work **1 SC in each stitch** across the entire row. Conclude by chaining **CH 1 and turn**.
- **Row 4 (Offset Berry Stitch Row):** Start by working **1 SC in each of the first two stitches**. Following this, **repeat the sequence from * across the row** until only two stitches remain: work **1 Berry Stitch in the next stitch**, then **1 SC in the next stitch**. Finish the row by working **1 SC in each of the final two stitches**. Then, **CH 1 and turn**.
- **Row 5 (SC Row):** Work **1 SC in each stitch** across the row. As with previous SC rows, **CH 1 and turn**.

Repeating for Length:

To achieve the desired length for your blanket, you will **repeat rows 2 through 5** continuously. Continue these repetitions until your blanket measures between **27 to 28 inches** in length, or until it reaches your preferred overall length. If you desire the end of your blanket to visually **match the beginning**, it is advised to conclude your repetitions by ending with **rows 2 and 3** instead of rows 3 and 4.

Border Instructions

Once the main body of the blanket is completed, you can proceed to add the decorative border. You have the flexibility to either **tie off your yarn and neatly weave in your ends** before starting the border, or you can seamlessly continue by simply chaining 1 and beginning to work the border down the side of the blanket, choosing to weave in all your ends only after the entire border is finished.

- **Round 1 (SC Border):** With the **textured (berry) side of the blanket facing you**, proceed to work **1 full round of SC around the entire perimeter of the blanket**. As you crochet along the long sides of the blanket, ensure you place **1 SC per row**. For the top and bottom ends of the blanket, work **1 SC per stitch**. Crucially, make sure to work **3 SCs into each corner** of the blanket to create a smooth turn.
- **Round 2 (Shell Border):** Starting at one of the corners from Round 1, **slip stitch into the starting stitch** and continue crocheting in the **same direction** around the blanket. The pattern for this round is as follows: **repeat from * around the entire blanket:** work **5 DCs in the next stitch**, then follow with **1 SL ST in the next stitch**. After that, **skip 1 stitch**, and then make **1 SL ST again in the subsequent stitch**. The pattern notes that **no special adjustments are necessary for the corners** in this round; simply continue the repeating sequence (5 DCs, 1 SL ST, skip 1 st, 1 SL ST) all the way around the blanket. When you return to your starting corner, **slip stitch into the corner stitch** and then **tie off your yarn**.

Finishing Touches

To give your finished Berry Blossom Baby Blanket a professional and neat appearance, blocking is a recommended final step:

- **Lay the blanket out flat** on a clean towel or, if available, on foam blocking boards.
- Using a **spray bottle filled with water**, gently dampen the entire blanket evenly.
- **Carefully press the blanket into straight lines**, gently massaging the stitches with your hands and adjusting the tension as needed to achieve an even and desired shape.
- **Pin the blanket securely in place with straight pins** to hold its shape while drying.
- Allow the blanket to **dry completely** before carefully removing the pins.

Important Notes & Tips

- **Front and Back Sides:** It's important to note that this blanket has a distinct front side and a back side. A helpful tip to remember is that when you are crocheting a **Berry Stitch row**, the **berries themselves will be facing away from you**. Conversely, when you are working a **SC row**, the **textured berry side (the front) will be facing towards you**.

Offset Berries: To ensure that the berries are consistently **offset** and form the intended pattern, it is crucial to **check your work before beginning a Berry Stitch row**. Verify that you are starting the row with the correct number of SCs as indicated in the pattern to maintain the desired alignment of the berry texture.