

Flamingo Stripes Baby Blanket Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a **small, quick-to-make car seat size baby blanket**. It features a **puffy stitch** and **stripes**, using **Bernat Softee Baby Cotton** yarn which is very soft. The blanket is finished with a **simple frilly border of shells and picot stitches**.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - 3 skeins **Bernat Softee Baby Cotton in Petal**
 - 3 skeins **Bernat Softee Cotton in Clear White**
- **Hook:** Size H 5.00 mm hook
- **Notions:** Scissors, tapestry needle
- **Measurements:** The finished size is **27 x 27 inches**, designed as a car seat blanket.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **SL ST** - Slip Stitch
- **SC** - Single Crochet

- **HDC** - Half Double Crochet
- **CH** - Chain
- **DC** - Double Crochet
- **YO** - Yarn Over

Instructions for Making the Flamingo Stripes Baby Blanket Pattern:

Beginning the Blanket

The creation of the "Crochet Flamingo Stripes Baby Blanket" commences with the foundation chain and initial rows:

- **Starting Color:** Begin the blanket with the **Clear White** yarn.
- **Foundation Chain:** You will **Chain 123** to start. A helpful tip for customizing the blanket's size is to ensure your starting chain is a **multiple of the number 3**.

Main Blanket Body Pattern

The main body of the blanket is constructed by repeating a specific two-row sequence that creates the textured "puffy stitch":

- **Row 1:**
 - Starting in the **2nd CH from the hook**, you will work **1 SC** and **1 HDC** into that same chain.
 - Next, you will ***Skip two chains**. In the very next chain, work **SC, HDC, HDC**.
 - **Repeat from * across the row** until there is **only one chain left**.
 - Finally, work **1 SC into the final chain**. To prepare for the next row, **CH 1 and turn** your work.
- **Row 2:**
 - Work **1 SC** and **1 HDC** into the **top of the SC of the previous row**.
 - Then, ***Skip two stitches**, followed by working **SC, HDC, HDC into the next stitch**.
 - **Repeat from * across the row**, ensuring you end in the last stitch with **1 SC**. As before, **CH 1 and turn**.

The remainder of the blanket's body is created by simply **repeating Row 2**. This repetitive nature makes the pattern approachable once the initial rows are established.

Implementing Color Stripes

The distinct striped appearance of the blanket is achieved through regular color changes:

- You will **change colors every 8 rows**. This means you will work 8 rows with one color, then switch to the other color for 8 rows, and so on, alternating between the Petal and Clear White Bernat Softee Cotton yarns.

The Frilly Border

A "simple frilly border of shells and picot stitches" is added to complete the blanket, enhancing its charm:

- **Round 1 (Single Crochet Base):**
 - Begin by **pulling up a loop in any corner**.
 - **CH 1**, then work **1 SC in the same space**.
 - Work **1 SC into each HDC stitch across the top and bottom** edges of the blanket.
 - Along the sides, work **1 SC at the end of each row**.
 - Crucially, work **3 SC into each corner** to maintain a flat edge.
 - Join the round with a **SL ST to the starting SC**, then **CH 1**, but **do not turn** your work.
- **Round 2 (Shells):**
 - **SC in the same stitch as the join**.
 - Then, you will start the shell pattern: ***Skip one stitch, then work 5 DC into the next stitch**.
 - **Skip one stitch, then work SC into the next stitch**.
 - **Repeat from * around** the entire blanket.
 - Finish the round by performing a **SL ST to the starting SC**. Again, **do not turn** at the end of this round. This round forms the prominent "shells" that define the border.
- **Round 3 (Picot Edging):**
 - This round adds the decorative picot detail: ***SL ST into the first DC, then CH 2, and finally SL ST into the next DC**.

- **Repeat from *** across the tops of the **DC** stitches from the previous round.
- After completing the picots over the shell, **SL ST into the SC that separates the DCs** in the previous row.

Finishing the Blanket

Upon completion of the border, the final steps are straightforward:

- **Join at the end of the round** (Round 3 of the border).
- **Tie off** your yarn.

Finally, **weave in all the ends** using your tapestry needle to ensure a neat and finished appearance.