

Bumble Bee Stripes Baby Blanket Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Crochet Bumble Bee Stripes Baby Blanket is a **stroller-sized blanket**, perfect for taking on the go. This "bumble bee themed blanket" is designed to pair well with the illustrated children's book,

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - **Bernat Softee Cotton** (60% cotton, 40% acrylic)
 - Colors and quantities: **3 skeins Clear White, 1 skein Black, 1 skein Golden**
- **Yarn Weight:** Each skein is 120 g/4.2 oz, 232 m/254 yds.
- **Hook:** Size H/5.00mm hook
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle, scissors
- **Measurements:**
 - **Finished size:** 25 in x 30 in
 - **Gauge:** 4 in = 10 stitches and 17 rows of pattern

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Single Crochet (SC):** Insert hook, yarn over (YO) and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops on hook.
- **Puff Stitch:** YO, insert hook, YO and pull up a loop. Repeat from 3 more times, inserting hook into the same space. YO and pull through all loops.
- **Half Double Crochet (HDC):** YO, insert hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through three loops on hook.
- **Slip Stitch (SL ST):** Insert hook, YO, pull up a loop and pull directly through loop on hook.
- **Chain (CH):** Used for initial chain (e.g., "Chain 100") and within rows (e.g., "CH 1," "CH 2").
- **Yarn Over (YO):** An instruction used within stitch definitions.

Instructions for Making the Bumble Bee Stripes Baby Blanket Pattern:

Main Blanket Pattern Instructions

The core of the blanket is created by repeating sections of moss stitch and puff stitch rows.

- **Starting Chain:** Begin by **chaining 100** stitches with the **Clear White** yarn. Alternatively, you can chain any even number if you wish to adjust the blanket's width.
- **Row 1 (Moss Stitch Foundation):** In the 4th chain from your hook, work a **SC, then CH 1**. Skip the next chain, then work another **SC, CH 1**. Continue this pattern of working **SC, CH 1 into every other chain**. You should conclude this row with a single **SC in the very last chain**. After completing the row, **CH 2 and turn** your work.
- **Row 2 (Moss Stitch):** Work a **SC, CH 1** into the chain-one space of the row directly below. Skip the next stitch, then work **SC, CH 1** into the subsequent chain-one space. Continue this sequence of **SC, CH 1 into all the chain-one spaces from the row below**. End this row with a **SC that is positioned between the last stitch and the turning chain of the row below**. Conclude by **CH 2 and turning**.
- **Rows 3 - 7 (Moss Stitch):** For these rows, simply **repeat the instructions given for Row 2** (which is the moss stitch pattern).
- **Row 8 (Puff Stitch Row):** This row is worked similarly to the previous rows, but you will **replace each SC with a puff stitch**. When working the puff stitches, you should **alternate between Golden and Black yarn for each puff row**. Specifically, work a **puff stitch into the chain-one space of the row below**, where you would normally place an SC, then **CH**

1. Continue working **puff stitch, CH 1 into all the chain-one spaces** from the row below. The only exception is the very last space, where you should **end with a SC that is between the last stitch and the turning chain of the row below**. Finish the row by **CH 2 and turning**.

- **Repeating Rows:** You will **repeat Rows 1 through 8** until you have a total of **13 puff rows**, or until your blanket reaches your desired length. It is important to **always maintain 7 rows of moss stitch in between each puff row**. Always **CH 2 and turn at the end of each row**. Conclude the main body of the blanket with **7 rows of moss stitch** to create a symmetrical look with the starting end.

Creating the Border

Once the main blanket body is complete, you will add a decorative border.

- **Weave in Ends:** Before starting the border, ensure all loose yarn ends are woven in using your tapestry needle.
- **Round 1 (Moss Stitch Border):** Work **one round of moss stitch (SC, CH 1)** into every other space around the entire edge of the blanket. When you reach the corners, work **2 SC in each corner**, or **3 SC if you find the corner is pulling too tightly**.
- **Round 2 (Ribbing):** Continue working in the same direction. **CH 5**, then work **1 HDC into each of the next 4 chains**.
 - **Ribbing Repeat:** Now, **SL ST** into the next 2 stitches on the edge of the blanket. **Turn the blanket edge away from you**, then work **1 back loop HDC into each of the 4 HDC**. **CH 1 and turn**. Work **1 HDC into each back loop of the next 4 HDC**. Repeat this sequence until you reach a corner.

Rounding Corners:

To properly navigate the corners with the ribbing:

- First, **SL ST into the next stitch only once**.
- Then, work the ribbing as described.
- Next, **SL ST once into the middle stitch**, work the ribbing again, and then **SL ST into the same middle stitch once more**.
- Work the ribbing, and then **SL ST a final time into the middle stitch**.
- Work the ribbing again, then **SL ST 1 time into the next stitch**, work the ribbing, and then you can **resume SL ST into each of the next 2 stitches**.

Finishing the Border:

Continue the ribbing around the entire edge of the blanket. Once you return to your starting corner and finish working around it, **tie off your yarn**. Finally, **sew the bottom edge of the starting chain to the last row of ribbing**, then **tie off and weave in all remaining ends**.