

Free Bundle Up Polka Dots in Cream Pattern



Pattern Description:

The "Bundle Up Polka Dots in Cream" is a **baby blanket pattern** from the Daisy Farm Crafts archives.

It features **textured bobbles**, resembling dots, and is described as a good project for **learning how to make bobbles**. The pattern requires attention to spacing between dots for accurate row count.

Materials Needed:

- **Yarn:** Bernat Bundle Up (100% polyester), approx. 5 skeins in Cream or chosen color
- **Yarn Weight:** Light/Category 3 (DK)
- **Hook:** Size I / 5.5 mm crochet hook
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle, scissors, optional stitch markers
- **Measurements:** Finished blanket approx. 35 in x 35 in
- **Gauge:** 7 sts x 6 rows = 2 in in HDC

Abbreviations Used:

- **CH** - Chain
- **SC** - Single Crochet
- **HDC** - Half Double Crochet
- **BOB** - Bobble Stitch (5 DC worked together in same st)
- **ST** - Stitch
- **SL ST** - Slip Stitch

Bobble Stitch (BOB): YO, insert hook into ST, YO, pull up a loop, YO, pull through 2 loops (repeat 5 times in same ST). YO, pull through all 6 loops.

Instructions for Making the Bundle Up Polka Dots in Cream Pattern:



Foundation Chain

- CH 120 (multiple of 10 + turning CH).
- Row 1 (HDC Row)
- Work 1 HDC in 2nd CH from hook and in each CH across. (119 HDC) CH 1, turn.
- **Rows 2-5 (Base Rows)**
- HDC in each ST across. CH 1, turn at the end of each row.
- These rows form a sturdy base before introducing bobbles.
- **Row 6 (Bobble Row)**
- SC in first 9 STS, BOB in next ST, SC in next 9 STS. Repeat from to across, ending with 9 SC. CH 1, turn.
- **Pattern Repeat**
 - **Rows 1-5:** HDC across.

- **Row 6:** Alternate bobble placement as above.
- Repeat this 6-row sequence until blanket measures approx. 35 in, or until square. End with Rows 2–5 (HDC rows) to finish neatly.

Border Instructions



- **Round 1 (HDC Border)**
- Work HDC evenly around blanket. Place (HDC, CH 1, HDC) in each corner.
 - On sides: approx. 3 HDC for every 2 rows.
 - On ends: 1 HDC per ST.
- At end of round, join with SL ST to first HDC. Do not turn.
- **Ribbing Border**
 - CH 8.
 - HDC in 2nd CH from hook and each CH back toward blanket edge (7 HDC).
 - SL ST in next 2 STS on blanket edge.
 - Turn, HDC in BLO across ribbing. CH 1, turn.
- Repeat Steps 3-4 around blanket. Ribbing is worked perpendicular to the edge, joining as you go.
- **Corner Adjustments:**
 - At each corner CH-1 space, SL ST twice before turning.
 - On next return row, SL ST once. This allows ribbing to fan outward smoothly.
- Continue around until ribbing meets starting point.
- **Joining Ribbing**
- At the end, fasten off with a long tail. Sew final ribbing row to first ribbing row with tapestry needle for seamless join.

Finishing

- Weave in all yarn ends securely.
- Gently stretch blanket to shape edges and ribbing evenly.
- Smooth the bobbles outward so they stand proudly against the HDC background.

Tips for Success

- **Counting Matters:** Always maintain multiples of 10 to keep bobbles aligned in neat columns.
- **Use Stitch Markers:** Place markers every 10 STS if you struggle to keep bobbles evenly spaced.
- **Tension:** Bobbles naturally pull fabric inward, so keep SC and HDC stitches relaxed for even tension.
- **Customization:** Adjust foundation chain (multiple of 10) to change size. Add or subtract 6-row repeats for length variation.
- **Alternative Borders:** While ribbing gives a modern look, you can substitute with a shell border for a more traditional baby blanket style.

Final Thoughts

The Bundle Up Polka Dots in Cream baby blanket is a balance of simplicity and charm. By alternating rows of HDC with dotted bobble rows, the blanket achieves a playful, polka-dot effect while remaining soft and cozy. The ribbing border frames the design and adds a professional finish.

This project is approachable for beginners who want to learn bobbles and edging techniques, yet satisfying for experienced crocheters looking for a relaxing, repeatable pattern.

With careful stitch counts and consistent tension, you'll have a blanket that is timeless, functional, and perfect for gifting to new parents or keeping as a handmade heirloom.