Free Winter Trees Baby Blanket Pattern

Pattern Description:

The Crochet Winter Trees Baby Blanket is a **soft, squishy, and chunky baby blanket** featuring a **triangle pattern that forms little trees**, making it ideal for **cold-weather babies** or as a **play mat**.

Created by Hannah, this pattern was developed after realizing a mountain pattern could be adapted into trees.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Bernat Bundle Up yarn, 100% polyester.
    - **Quantity & Colors: 6 skeins Brook, 2 skeins Cloud White**.
    - **Yarn details:** Small ball, 140 g/4.9 oz, 244 m/267 yds per skein. The blanket works up to be a bit on the chunkier side.
- **Hook: Size I/5.5mm crochet hook**.
- **Notions: Tapestry needle, scissors**.
- **Measurements:**
    - **Finished size: 33 inches x 35 inches**.
    - **Gauge: 4 inches = 11 stitches and 14 rows** of pattern.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

Stitches:

- **WIDE HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (WHDC) CLUSTER:** Yarn over (YO), insert hook in between the posts of the row below, pull up a loop, YO, insert hook again into same space, pull up another loop, YO, pull through all loops on hook.
- **HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (HDC) CLUSTER:** Used in Row 1 of the pattern.
- **DOUBLE CROCHET (DC):** YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops.
- **FRONT AND BACK POST DOUBLE CROCHET (FPDC & BPDC):** A front post double crochet involves inserting your hook from front to back around the post of the next DC and working a DC. A back post double crochet involves inserting your hook from back to front around the post of the next DC and working a DC.

Abbreviations:

- **WHDC** (Wide Half Double Crochet)
- **DC** (Double Crochet)
- **FPDC** (Front Post Double Crochet)
- **BPDC** (Back Post Double Crochet)
- **HDC** (Half Double Crochet)

Instructions for Making the Winter Trees Baby Blanket Pattern:

Here are the detailed instructions for making the Crochet Winter Trees Baby Blanket pattern:

General Instructions for Carrying Yarn:

When working with two colors and carrying yarn, follow these tips:

- **Pull through with the new color** on the last step of the stitch.
- **Lay whichever color you aren't using along the top of your work** and crochet over it as you go.
- To avoid yarn getting twisted, **always keep one color to the front and one color to the back** each time you switch colors.
- When turning to a new row, **wrap the color not in use around the side of your work** and continue to crochet over it.
- To better cover up carried yarn, **always insert your hook underneath the yarn that was carried across the previous row**.

Main Blanket Pattern Instructions:

The pattern repeat for the starting chain is a **multiple of 10, plus 9**.

- **Starting Chain:** With **Brook** yarn, **chain 79**.
- **ROW 1:** Starting in the **3rd chain from the hook**, work an **HDC cluster** into each chain. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 2:** Work a **WHDC cluster** into each of the first 3 spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next 9 spaces with

Brook, then a WHDC cluster into the next space with White. Repeat from * to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.

- **ROW 3:** With **Brook**, work a **WHDC cluster** into each space across the row. (Continue to carry the White yarn across your work and crochet over it as you go.) Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 4:** Repeat row 2.
- **ROW 5:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROW 6:** Work a WHDC cluster into the first space with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 7:** Work a WHDC cluster into the first space with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next four spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next six spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next four spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 8:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first two spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next three spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next seven spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next three spaces with White. Repeat from * to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 9:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first two spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next two spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next eight spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next two spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 10:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first three spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next nine spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with White. Repeat from * to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 11:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROWS 12 - 16:** Repeat rows 6 - 10.
- **ROW 17:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROWS 18 - 22:** Repeat rows 6 - 10.
- **ROW 23:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROW 24:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first eight spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next nine spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with White. Repeat from * to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 25:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROW 26:** Repeat row 24.
- **ROW 27:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROW 28:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first six spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next five spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 29:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first six spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next four spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next six spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next four spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 30:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first seven spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next three spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of

the next seven spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next three spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.

- **ROW 31:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first seven spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next two spaces with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next eight spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into each of the next two spaces with White. Repeat from to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 32:** Work a WHDC cluster into each of the first eight spaces with **Brook**, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with **White**. Work a WHDC cluster into each of the next nine spaces with Brook, then work a WHDC cluster into the next space with White. Repeat from * to the end of the row. Chain 2 and turn.
- **ROW 33:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROWS 34 - 38:** Repeat rows 28 - 32.
- **ROW 39:** Repeat row 3.
- **ROWS 40 - 44:** Repeat rows 28 - 32.
- **ROW 45:** Repeat row 3.
- **Repeat rows 2 through 45** two more times, or until your blanket reaches your desired length.

Border Instructions:

- **Weave in all ends** with a tapestry needle before starting the border.
- **ROUND 1 (Double Crochet):**
    - Pull up a loop in any corner and chain 3.
    - Work **one round of DC** around the blanket.
    - On the sides, work **one DC per row**.
    - On the ends of the blanket, continue inserting your hook in between the posts, and work **one DC in the first space, then 2 DC in the next space**. Repeat from across each end.

- o   Work **5 DCs into each corner**.
- **ROUND 2 (Alternating Post Double Crochet):**
    - o   When you reach the corner you started with, work **5 DCs in the starting corner**.
    - o   Keep going around the blanket in the same direction, this time alternating **front and back post double crochet (FPDC and BPDC)**.
    - o   When you get to the corners of this row, continue the alternating pattern, but you will work **three stitches around the corner post**. For example, if you are supposed to work an FPDC, then work an **FPDC, a BPDC, and an FPDC** all around that corner post. Then continue the alternating pattern in the next stitch.
- **ROUNDS 3 - 4 (Continue Post Double Crochet):**
    - o   When you finish round 2, work **3 alternating front post/back post DCs into the corner you started with** and repeat round 2.
    - o   **Always match your post double crochets** so that they are poking out in the same direction as the row below.
    - o   The designer did four rounds total for the border, but you can go around as many times as you'd like for your desired border height.
    - o   When finished, **slip stitch into the starting stitch and tie off**.

Finishing Touches:

If desired, block your blanket:

- Lay the blanket out flat on a towel or foam blocking boards.
- Use a spray bottle with water to dampen the blanket.
- Press the blanket into straight lines, massaging the stitches and adjusting tension.
- Pin with straight pins and let it dry.