

Retro Waves Baby Blanket Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Retro Waves Baby Blanket features an **interlocking single and double crochet pattern**, which gives it a mid-century feel.

This blanket is made with **Bernat Bundle Up yarn**, a **100% polyester** material known for being super soft and easy to wash, making it a favorite for baby blankets.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Bernat Bundle Up (100% polyester, 140 g/4.9 oz, 244 m/267 yds).
 - **Colors/Skeins:** 2 skeins of Marshmallow, 1 skein each of Violet Gray, Duckling, and Brook.
- **Hook:** Size I/5.5 mm hook.
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle and scissors.
- **Measurements:** The finished size is approximately **29 x 27 inches**. The gauge is 4 inches = 15 stitches and 11 rows of pattern.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Single Crochet (SC):** Insert your hook, yarn over (YO) and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops on hook.

- **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.
- **Half Double Crochet (HDC):** YO, insert your hook, pull up a loop YO, and pull through all loops on hook.
- **Slip Stitch (SL ST):** Insert your hook, YO, pull up a loop and pull directly through loop on hook.

Instructions for Making the Retro Waves Baby Blanket Pattern:

Starting the Retro Waves Baby Blanket

To begin the Retro Waves Baby Blanket, you will need to create a foundation chain. The pattern instructs you to **Chain 93**.

Alternatively, if you wish to adjust the size, you can chain any **multiple of 8, plus 5**. This initial chain should be made with the **Violet Gray** yarn.

Once the foundation chain is complete, you will proceed with Row 1:

- Work **1 Single Crochet (SC)** into the 2nd chain (CH) from your hook.
- Then, work **1 SC into each of the next 3 chains**.
- Following this, you will establish the repeat pattern for the row: ***Work 1 Double Crochet (DC) into each of the next 4 chains, then 1 SC into each of the next 4 chains**.
- You will **repeat from * to the end of the row**, and then **turn** your work.

Main Pattern Repeats

The core of the Retro Waves Baby Blanket pattern involves repeating a sequence of four rows (Rows 2 through 5) to create the characteristic wave design.

Row 2: This row continues the established pattern and is where the first color change occurs.

- **CH 1.**
- Work **1 SC into each of the next 4 SC**.
- Then, ***work 1 DC into each of the next 4 DC, followed by 1 SC into each of the next 4 SC**.
- **Repeat from * to the end of the row.**
- Crucially, at the end of Row 2, you will **pull through with your new color** (as per the color sequence), and then **turn** your work.

Row 3: This row begins with a chain that counts as a stitch and introduces more DC stitches.

- **CH 3**, which will **count as 1 DC**.
- **Skip the first SC.**

- Work **1 DC into each of the next 3 SC**.
- Then, *work **1 SC into each of the next 4 DC**, followed by **1 DC into each of the next 4 SC**.
- **Repeat from * to the end of the row**, and then **turn** your work.

Row 4: Similar to Row 3, this row also starts with a chain counting as a DC.

- **CH 3**, which counts as **1 DC**.
- Work **1 DC into each of the next 3 DC**.
- Then, *work **1 SC into each of the next 4 SC**, followed by **1 DC into each of the next 4 DC**.
- **Repeat from * to the end of the row**.
- Important for this row, you will **work the last DC into the 3rd CH of the beginning CH-3**.
- At the end of Row 4, you will **pull through with your new color** (as per the color sequence), and then **turn** your work.

Row 5: This row returns to starting with a single crochet chain and alternates the stitch types.

- **CH 1**.
- Work **1 SC into each of the next 4 DC**.
- Then, *work **1 DC into each of the next 4 SC**, followed by **1 SC into each of the next 4 DC**.
- **Repeat from * to the end of the row**.
- For Row 5, you will **work the last SC into the 3rd CH of the beginning CH 3** from the previous row, and then **turn** your work.

To continue the blanket, you will **repeat rows 2 - 5** until you reach the desired length or use up your yarn according to the color sequence.

Color Sequencing

The Retro Waves Baby Blanket relies on a specific color change sequence to achieve its distinctive "nautical waves" appearance. You are instructed to **change colors every two rows**.

The specified order of colors is as follows:

- **Violet Gray**
- **Marshmallow**
- **Brook**
- **Marshmallow**
- **Violet Gray**

- **Marshmallow**
- **Duckling**

You will **repeat from this sequence** to continue the color pattern throughout the blanket.

Adding the Border

After completing the main body of the blanket, the final step is to add a border, which also involves a unique ribbing technique.

Preparation: Before starting the border, you should **weave in all loose ends with a tapestry needle**.

Round 1: This round establishes a basic single crochet edge around the entire blanket.

- Work **1 round of SC** around the blanket.
- At each corner, you will **work 3 SC into the corner stitch** to create a neat turn.

Round 2: This round creates the ribbed border.

- Continue working in the **same direction** as Round 1.
- **CH 5.**
- Work **1 Half Double Crochet (HDC)** into each of the next 4 chains.
- Now, you will begin the ribbing pattern: ***Slip Stitch (SL ST) into the next 2 stitches on the edge of the blanket.**
- **Turn the blanket edge away from you.**
- Work **1 back loop HDC** into each of the 4 HDC you just made.
- **CH 1 and turn your work.**
- Work **1 HDC** into each back loop of the next 4 HDC.
- **Repeat from * until you reach a corner.**

Rounding the Corners in Round 2:

The corners require a specific adjustment to maintain the ribbing pattern.

- First, **SL ST into the next stitch only once.**
- Then, **work the ribbing** as described (HDC, CH 1, turn, HDC).
- Next, **SL ST once into the middle corner stitch**, then **work the ribbing.**
- **SL ST into the same middle stitch again**, then **work the ribbing.**
- If necessary, **SL ST a final time into the middle stitch** and **work the ribbing.**

- After the corner, **SL ST 1 time into the next stitch, work the ribbing**, then **resume SL ST into each of the next 2 stitches** for the straight edges.

Finishing the Border:

- **Continue the ribbing around the entire edge** of the blanket.
- When you return to the starting corner, **finish working around that corner**.
- Finally, **tie off your yarn and sew the bottom edge of the starting chain to the last row of ribbing** to create a seamless finish.

Tie off any remaining yarn ends and weave them in.