Christmas Crochet Baby Blanket (Chunky and Quick)

Cranberry, cream and pine stripes in chunky half double crochet · US terms



In the stroller

Finished size: Stroller about 30 x 35 1/4 in, large about 36 x 43 1/4 in (approximate)
Level: Easy: ch, hdc and sc
Time: About 6 hours (Stroller) or 8 (Large) of crocheting, plus about 1 hour to weave in ends; estimated, not timed

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https://www.amgroyal.com/christmas-crochet-baby-blanket/?utm_source=pdf&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=christmas-crochet-baby-blanket

Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Cranberry (stripes): about 380 yd (large size)
Cream (stripes and border): about 350 yd (large size)
Pine Green (stripes): about 320 yd (large size)
Yardage above is for the large size; the stroller is in the Sizes cards.
Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers.
Buy one extra skein of each color if you are between sizes.
Pick a soft, washable yarn: the label should say you can wash it the way you will wash the blanket.

Sizes

Stroller: about 30 x 35 1/4 in

Yarn needed: Cranberry 270 yd · Cream 240 yd · Pine Green 210 yd, about 720 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)
Finished size: about 30 x 35 1/4 in (76 x 89 cm), approximate. Stroller: 26 3/4-34 1/4 in wide and 30 1/4-42 in long across the gauge range.
Counts: Foundation ch 61; 59 hdc per row; 52 rows in 17 stripes. Border: 226 sc (57 sc along the top and along the bottom, 50 sc up each side, 3 sc in each corner). About 36 ends to weave in. About 6 hours of crocheting, estimated, plus about 1 hour to weave in ends.

Large: about 36 x 43 1/4 in

Yarn needed: Cranberry 380 yd · Cream 350 yd · Pine Green 320 yd, about 1050 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)
Finished size: about 36 x 43 1/4 in (91 x 110 cm), approximate. Large: 32-41 in wide and 37-51 3/4 in long across the gauge range.
Counts: Foundation ch 73; 71 hdc per row; 64 rows in 21 stripes. Border: 274 sc (69 sc along the top and along the bottom, 62 sc up each side, 3 sc in each corner). About 44 ends to weave in. About 8 hours of crocheting, estimated, plus about 1 hour to weave in ends.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
tch = turning chain (ch 2 here: never counted, never worked into)
yo = yarn over

Gauge

Suggested only, not swatched: We assumed 8 sts and 6 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc with super bulky yarn and a US M-13 (9 mm) hook; the range is 7-9 sts and 5-7 rows. Chunky hdc varies a lot between crocheters, so swatch and adjust.

Notes

- US crochet terms: see the abbreviations above.
- Turning ch (ch 2): it does not count as a st. Work the first hdc in the very first st and the last hdc in the last st of the row, never in the turning ch.
- Hdc (half double crochet): yarn over, insert the hook in the st, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
- Back bump: the bump on the back of each foundation ch, the side away from the V. Row 1 goes in the back bumps; the border later goes in the free loop (the V) of the same ch.
- Odd rows are the wrong side, even rows are the right side. Stripes always end on an even row.
- [ ] times: do everything inside the brackets as many times as it says.



Flat lay

Hdc rows

Foundation, Row 1, then repeat Row 2. Counts for both sizes are given in the Sizes cards.

Foundation

Ch 61 (Stroller) or 73 (Large).

Stitch count: 61 ch (Stroller) or 73 ch (Large)

Row 1 (WS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (the loop on your hook does not count; the 2 skipped ch are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 59 hdc (Stroller) or 71 hdc (Large)

Row 2 (RS)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each of the 59 (Stroller) or 71 (Large) sts across: the first hdc goes in the very first st, the last hdc in the last st. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 59 hdc (Stroller) or 71 hdc (Large)

Rows 3 to the end

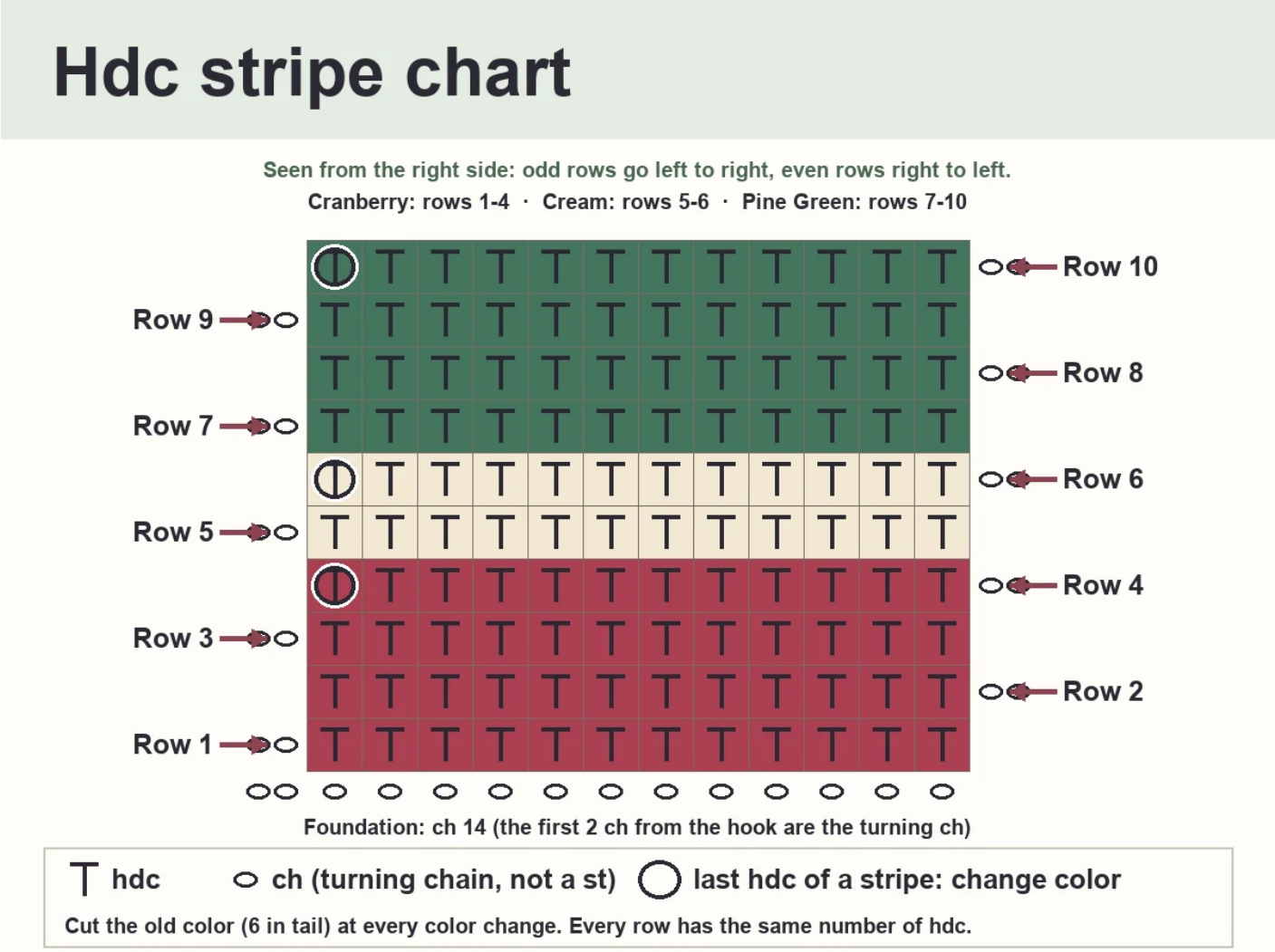
Repeat Row 2 until you have the number of rows in your size card. The last row is always an even row. Change color as in the stripe chart.

Stitch count: 52 rows in all (Stroller) or 64 rows in all (Large)



Close-up of the stitch

Chart



Rows 1-10 drawn from our row model (12 sts so it fits on a phone); your blanket has 59 (stroller) or 71 (large) sts. Seen from the right side: odd rows left to right, even rows right to left. A computer drawing.

Stripe plan



Both sizes to scale, with the row numbers of every stripe and the Cream border (drawn thicker than scale). A computer drawing.

Stripes, row by row

Stroller stripes, Row 1 first

Stripe 1	Rows 1-4: Cranberry
Stripe 2	Rows 5-6: Cream
Stripe 3	Rows 7-10: Pine Green
Stripe 4	Rows 11-12: Cream
Stripe 5	Rows 13-16: Cranberry
Stripe 6	Rows 17-18: Cream
Stripe 7	Rows 19-22: Pine Green
Stripe 8	Rows 23-24: Cream
Stripe 9	Rows 25-28: Cranberry
Stripe 10	Rows 29-30: Cream
Stripe 11	Rows 31-34: Pine Green
Stripe 12	Rows 35-36: Cream
Stripe 13	Rows 37-40: Cranberry
Stripe 14	Rows 41-42: Cream
Stripe 15	Rows 43-46: Pine Green
Stripe 16	Rows 47-48: Cream
Stripe 17	Rows 49-52: Cranberry

Large stripes, Row 1 first

Stripe 1	Rows 1-4: Cranberry
Stripe 2	Rows 5-6: Cream
Stripe 3	Rows 7-10: Pine Green
Stripe 4	Rows 11-12: Cream
Stripe 5	Rows 13-16: Cranberry
Stripe 6	Rows 17-18: Cream
Stripe 7	Rows 19-22: Pine Green
Stripe 8	Rows 23-24: Cream
Stripe 9	Rows 25-28: Cranberry
Stripe 10	Rows 29-30: Cream
Stripe 11	Rows 31-34: Pine Green
Stripe 12	Rows 35-36: Cream
Stripe 13	Rows 37-40: Cranberry
Stripe 14	Rows 41-42: Cream
Stripe 15	Rows 43-46: Pine Green
Stripe 16	Rows 47-48: Cream
Stripe 17	Rows 49-52: Cranberry
Stripe 18	Rows 53-54: Cream
Stripe 19	Rows 55-58: Pine Green
Stripe 20	Rows 59-60: Cream
Stripe 21	Rows 61-64: Cranberry

Border

Cream, 1 round, right side facing.

Border

Directions are for right-handed crocheters; left-handers mirror them (counterclockwise becomes clockwise). Test the border on your swatch edge: sc should lie flat. Fasten off the last color, leaving a 6 in tail. Hold the blanket with the right side facing you and the last row at the top: the last row ended at the top left corner. Join Cream with a sl st in the top left corner st (the last hdc of the last row), leaving a 6 in tail. Ch 1 (does not count as a st), 3 sc in the same st (corner). Do not turn the work: keep the right side facing you and go round the blanket counterclockwise. Left side, going down: 1 sc in the end of each of the next 50 (Stroller) or 62 (Large) rows (the end of a row = the side of the end hdc of that row, not the turning ch). The top and bottom rows are not included (they are the corner sts). Bottom left corner: 3 sc in the free loop (the V) of the ch under the first hdc of Row 1 (the 2 skipped chains stay as a tiny tail: weave them in). Bottom edge: sc in the free loop (the V) of each of the next 57 (Stroller) or 69 (Large) ch. Bottom right corner: 3 sc in the free loop (the V) of the ch under the last hdc of Row 1. Right side, going up: 1 sc in the end of each of the next 50 (Stroller) or 62 (Large) rows, starting at Row 2. Top right corner: 3 sc in the first st of the last row. Top edge, going left: sc in each of the next 57 (Stroller) or 69 (Large) sts. Join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. If the sides ripple (wave), skip the row end of every 10th row on each side. If the sides pull in (cup), work 2 sc in every 10th row end. Each change removes or adds 1 sc: adjust your counts. You can lightly block the finished blanket; follow the yarn label.

Stitch count: 226 sc (stroller) or 274 sc (large)



Ready to give as a gift

Finishing

Check that every end is woven in. Wash and dry the blanket as the yarn label says before you gift it. You can lightly block the finished blanket; follow the yarn label. This blanket is for supervised use (stroller, play, cuddling, photos with an adult next to the baby). Do not leave it in a crib or bassinet with a sleeping baby: the American Academy of Pediatrics says to keep soft objects and loose bedding, blankets included, out of a baby's sleep area. Chunky stitches are open: check that no finger or toe can catch in a loop. Not a toy.

Baby safety: this blanket is made for the stroller, the play mat and cuddles. For sleep, follow your pediatrician's safe sleep advice, and keep loose blankets out of an unattended baby's sleep space. Check that every end is woven in and that no strand or loop can catch a small finger.

Thank you!

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