Waffle Stitch Baby Blanket (Easy Crochet Pattern)

Rust and sand stripes in a cozy waffle stitch · US terms



Shown on a rail for styling only; do not leave a blanket in the crib with a sleeping baby.

Finished size: Stroller about 29 3/4 x 35 1/4 in, large about 35 3/4 x 44 1/2 in (approximate)

Level: Easy: ch, dc, fpdc and sc

Time: About 20 hours (stroller) or 31 hours (large), estimated, not timed

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

Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Rust (stripes): about 720 yd (large size)
Sand (stripes and border): about 670 yd (large size)
Yardage above is for the large size; the stroller is in the Sizes cards.
Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers.
Pick a soft yarn whose label says it can be washed the way you will wash the blanket.

Sizes

Stroller: about 29 3/4 x 35 1/4 in
Yarn needed: Rust 480 yd · Sand 440 yd, about 920 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)
Finished size: about 29 3/4 x 35 1/4 in (75 x 90 cm), approximate. With 8 rows = 4 in the length is about 31 in.
Counts: Foundation ch 104; 102 sts per row (k = 33); 61 rows (15 stripes of 4 rows, the first one also holds Row 1). Border: 448 sc (100 sc along the top and the bottom, 2 sc in the end of each of 59 rows on each side, 3 sc in each corner). About 20 hours in all, estimated.

Large: about 35 3/4 x 44 1/2 in
Yarn needed: Rust 720 yd · Sand 670 yd, about 1390 yd in all (estimated, with a 20 % margin)
Finished size: about 35 3/4 x 44 1/2 in (91 x 113 cm), approximate. With 8 rows = 4 in the length is about 39 in.
Counts: Foundation ch 125; 123 sts per row (k = 40); 77 rows (19 stripes of 4 rows, the first one also holds Row 1). Border: 554 sc (121 sc along the top and the bottom, 2 sc in the end of each of 75 rows on each side, 3 sc in each corner). About 31 hours in all, estimated.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
fpdc = front post 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
k = number of times you do the bracket [ ]

Gauge

Suggested only, not swatched: 14 sts and 7-8 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch. Rows may be shorter than we show, so measure your swatch and adjust the number of rows.

Notes

- US crochet terms: see the abbreviations above.
- Turning ch (ch 2): it does not count as a st. Work the first dc in the very first st and the last dc in

the last st of the row, never in the turning ch.
- Fpdc: yarn over, insert the hook from the front, around the post of the stitch in the row below (the stitch right under your hook, the one you would work a dc into), and out to the front again. "Front" always means the side of the work facing you as you hold it. On a wrong-side row (odd rows) the post stitch therefore sticks out toward you on the wrong side. This is normal and is what makes the waffle. Yarn over, pull up a loop, then (yo, pull through 2 loops) twice. A fpdc takes the place of the dc you would have made in that st: do not skip a stitch behind a fpdc, and do not also work in the top of that st.
- Which stitch is it? Rows 2 and 3 both use fpdc. Row 2 (right side): fpdc around the 2nd st, then every 3rd st after it, so each fpdc sits between 2 dc. Row 3 (wrong side): 2 fpdc in a row, then 1 dc. Every fpdc goes around a dc of the row below (never a ch).
- 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.
- [ ] times: do everything inside the brackets as many times as it says.
- Odd rows are the wrong side, even rows are the right side. You always insert the hook from the front of the work as you hold it, so on wrong-side rows the fpdc come toward you on the wrong side.

Waffle rows

Foundation, Row 1, then repeat Rows 2-3. Counts for both sizes are given in the Sizes cards.

Foundation

Ch 104 (Stroller) or 125 (Large).

Stitch count: 104 ch (Stroller) or 125 ch (Large)

Row 1 (WS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a dc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 102 sts (Stroller) or 123 sts (Large)

Row 2 (RS)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Dc in the first st. [Fpdc around the post of the next st, dc in each of the next 2 sts] 33 (Stroller) or 40 (Large) times. Fpdc around the post of the next st, dc in the last st. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 102 sts: 68 dc, 34 fpdc (Stroller) or 123 sts: 82 dc, 41 fpdc (Large)

Row 3 (WS)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Dc in each of the first 2 sts. [Fpdc around the post of each of the next 2 sts, dc in the next st] 33 (Stroller) or 40 (Large) times. Dc in the last st. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 102 sts: 36 dc, 66 fpdc (Stroller) or 123 sts: 43 dc, 80 fpdc (Large)

Rows 4 to the end

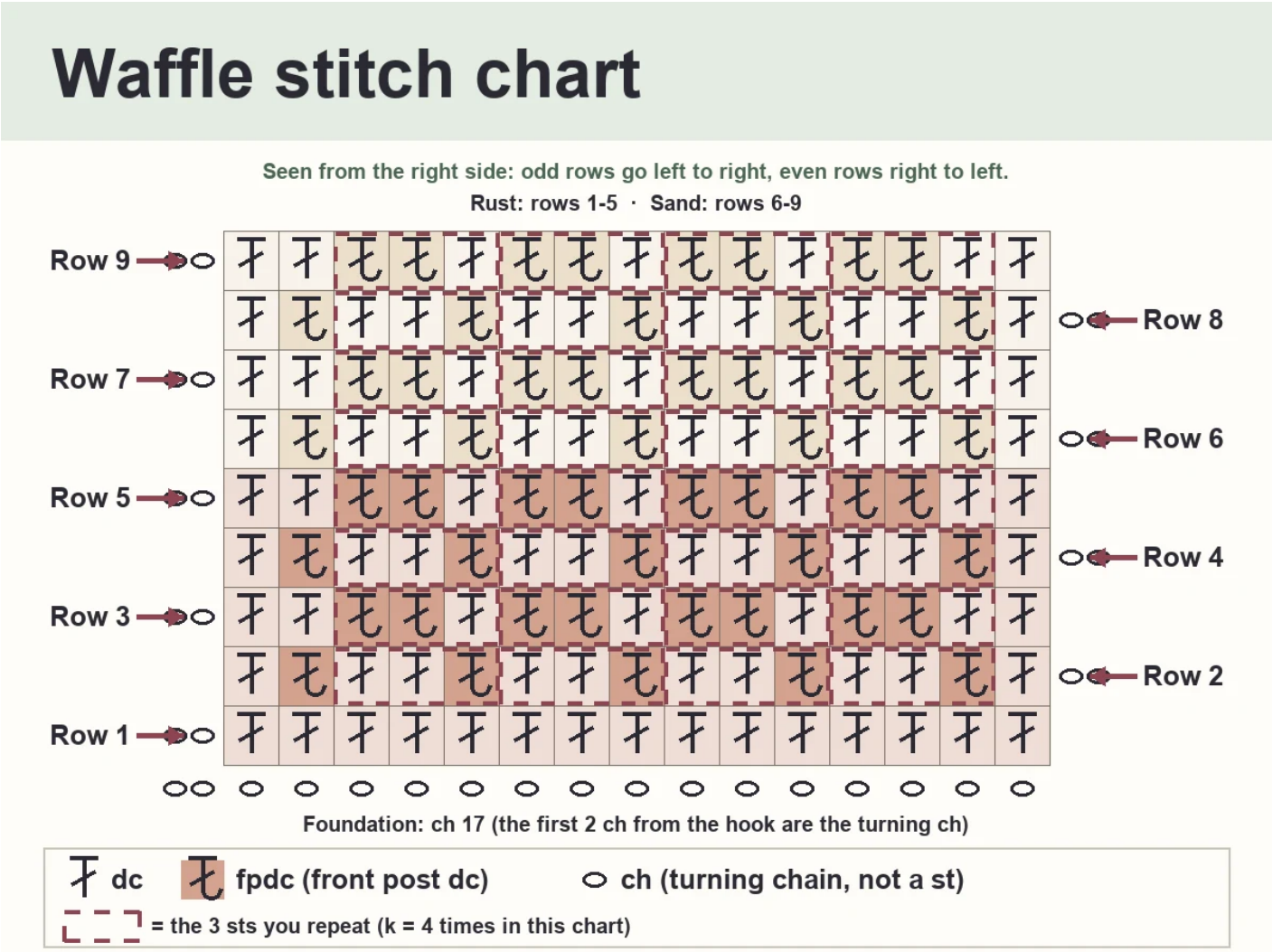
Repeat Rows 2-3 (even rows = Row 2, odd rows = Row 3) until you have the number of rows in your size card. The last row is always an odd row (Row 3 type). Change color as in the stripe chart.

Stitch count: 61 rows in all (Stroller) or 77 rows in all (Large)



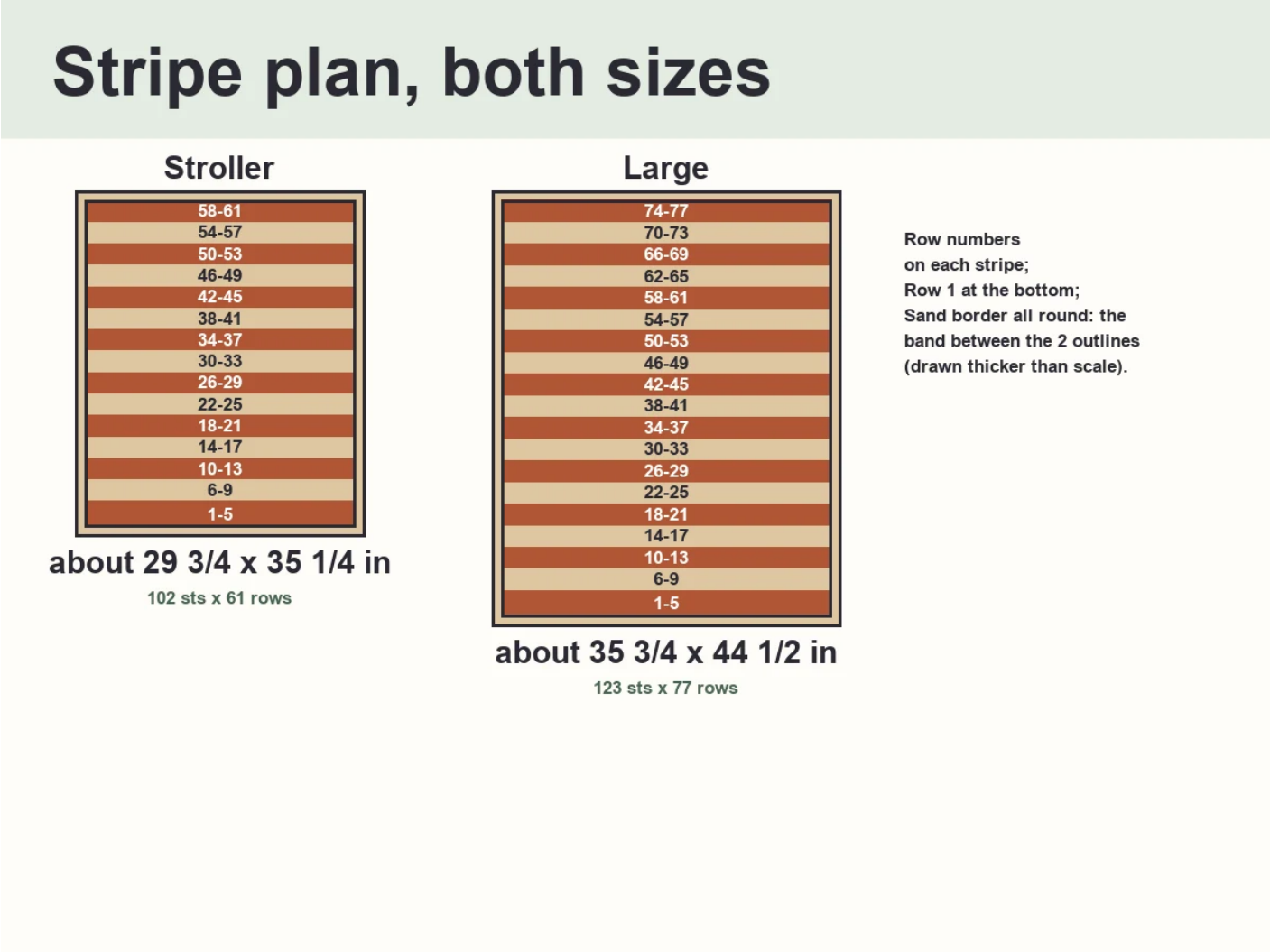
Close-up of the stitch

Chart



Rows 1-9 drawn from our row model (15 sts, k = 4 so it fits on a phone); your blanket has k = 33 (stroller) or 40 (large). 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 Sand border (the band between the 2 outlines, drawn thicker than scale). A computer drawing.

Stripes, row by row

Stroller stripes, Row 1 first

Stripe 1	Rows 1-5: Rust
Stripe 2	Rows 6-9: Sand
Stripe 3	Rows 10-13: Rust
Stripe 4	Rows 14-17: Sand
Stripe 5	Rows 18-21: Rust
Stripe 6	Rows 22-25: Sand
Stripe 7	Rows 26-29: Rust
Stripe 8	Rows 30-33: Sand
Stripe 9	Rows 34-37: Rust
Stripe 10	Rows 38-41: Sand
Stripe 11	Rows 42-45: Rust
Stripe 12	Rows 46-49: Sand
Stripe 13	Rows 50-53: Rust
Stripe 14	Rows 54-57: Sand
Stripe 15	Rows 58-61: Rust

Large stripes, Row 1 first

Stripe 1	Rows 1-5: Rust
Stripe 2	Rows 6-9: Sand
Stripe 3	Rows 10-13: Rust
Stripe 4	Rows 14-17: Sand
Stripe 5	Rows 18-21: Rust
Stripe 6	Rows 22-25: Sand
Stripe 7	Rows 26-29: Rust
Stripe 8	Rows 30-33: Sand
Stripe 9	Rows 34-37: Rust
Stripe 10	Rows 38-41: Sand
Stripe 11	Rows 42-45: Rust
Stripe 12	Rows 46-49: Sand
Stripe 13	Rows 50-53: Rust
Stripe 14	Rows 54-57: Sand
Stripe 15	Rows 58-61: Rust
Stripe 16	Rows 62-65: Sand
Stripe 17	Rows 66-69: Rust
Stripe 18	Rows 70-73: Sand
Stripe 19	Rows 74-77: Rust

Border

Sand, 1 round, right side facing.

Border

Fasten off the last color. Hold the blanket with the right side facing you and the last row at the top. Join Sand with a sl st in the top right corner st (the last st of the last row, looking at the right side), leaving a 6 in tail. Ch 1 (does not count as a st), 3 sc in the same st (corner). Sc in the top of each of the next 100 (Stroller) or 121 (Large) sts along the top (fpdc included). 3 sc in the next st (corner). Down the left side, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 59 (Stroller) or 75 (Large) rows (2 sc in the side of the end dc of that row, not in the turning ch), the top and bottom rows not included (they are the corner sts). Bottom edge: the 2 chains you skipped at the start of Row 1 stay unworked at this corner. Ignore them and work the corner in the ch under the first dc: 3 sc in the free loop (the V) of that ch (corner), then sc in the free loop (the V) of each of the next 100 (Stroller) or 121 (Large) ch, then 3 sc in the free loop (the V) of the ch under the last dc of Row 1 (corner). Up the right side, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 59 (Stroller) or 75 (Large) rows. Join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. If the sides ripple (wave), you have too many sc: in every 8th row end work 1 sc instead of 2. If the sides pull in (cup), work 3 sc in every 8th row end instead of 2. Your sc count then changes by 1 for each such row end, so adjust the counts above. You can lightly block the finished blanket; follow the yarn label.

Stitch count: 448 sc (stroller) or 554 sc (large)

Finishing

Check that every end is woven in and that the carried strands lie flat along the edge. 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). Do not leave it in a crib or bassinet with a sleeping baby: safe-sleep guidance says no loose blankets for babies under 12 months. 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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