

Leaping Stripes and Blocks Blanket

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Materials:

- US – I, 5.5mm hook
- Worsted weight yarn, equal amounts in 2 or more colors – for amounts see below

Sizes: (yardage totals approximate)

Memorial Blanket/Afghan Square (12" x 12") – Ch 42; 38 rows; 160 yds

Preemie/Lovie (20" x 20") – Ch 70; 64 rows; 420 yds

Small Baby Blanket (30" x 30") – Ch 110; 96 rows; 950 yds

Standard Baby Blanket (36" x 36") – Ch 130; 116 rows; 1350 yds

Afghan/Throw (48" x 68") – Ch 174; 216 rows; 3350 yds

Twin Blanket (66" x 90") – Ch 238; 288 rows; 6237 yds

Queen Blanket (90" x 100") – Ch 326; 320 rows; 9250 yds

King/Cal. King (110" x 100") – Ch 398; 320 rows; 11,550 yds



Instructions:

Row 1: With first color ch to length desired (see list above). Dc in the 4th ch from hook, then dc in the next ch. *Ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch. Repeat from * until last ch remains, dc in the last ch. Turn.

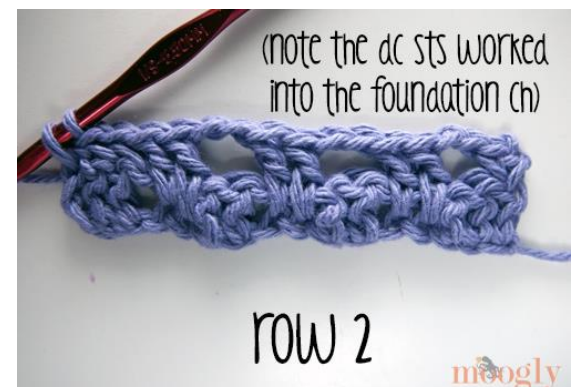


Row 2: Ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. Ch 2, skip next 2 sts.

*Working over the chains and into the unworked foundation chains below, dc in each of the next two foundation chs. (The chains from Row 1 are enclosed within these dc sts.)

Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains.

Sc in the last st (top of ch 3), [finishing the st with second color](#). Drop first color (cut if using more than 3 colors). Turn.



Row 3: Ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts.** Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * across, ending last repeat at ** with last st remaining. Sc in the last st. Turn.



Row 4: Ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. Ch 2, skip next 2 sts. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts. Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains. Sc in the last st, finishing the st with the next color. Drop last color (cut if using more than 3 colors). Turn.



Repeat Rows 3 and 4, switching colors every 2 rows, through the next to last row indicated in the **Sizes** chart above (ending on a Row 3 repeat). Then go to the last row instructions below.

Last Row (even # row): Ch 1, sc in the 1st 3 sts. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts. Sc in the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains. Sc in last st. Break yarn and weave in ends.

Border: I did a simple border of two rows of sc, working 3 sc in each corner. You can do the same if you like this look, or do something fancier if desired!

