

How to Crochet Edges & Make Crochet Borders on Patterns

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

If it's not buttons, appliqués or weaving in ends that complete your project then what is it? It's edges of course! Crochet edges and crochet borders are the perfect finishing touch to many projects, especially blankets and towels. You can take just about any project and crochet a border around it to add a bit of elegance or flair.

In this eBook we've provided some of the best edging patterns we thought you'd enjoy. Crochet edges can be worked up using a variety of crochet stitches depending on what look you're going for.

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Crocheted Edging Patterns

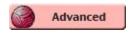
Pineapple Swirl Edging

By: Craftown

This Pineapple Swirl Edging is the perfect edging to add to linens and other delicate crochet items. This free crochet pattern is unique and beautiful. It will add the perfect finishing touch to any elegant crochet piece.



Pineapple Swirl Edging This image courtesy of craftown.com



Crochet Hook: 8 or 1.5 mm hook (steel)

Yarn Weight: (0) Lace (33-40 stitches to 4 inches). Includes crochet thread.

Materials:

- Thread
- Hook size according to the gauge you desire

Instructions:

Edging: Ch 29, dc in 4th st from hook, * ch 5, skip 3 sts of ch, sc in next st, repeat from * 4 times, ch 5, skip 3 sts of ch, 3 dc in next st, ch 2, 3 dc in next st of ch, ch 5, turn.

2nd Row: 3 dc, ch 2. 3 dc (shell) in next ch 2 loop, ch 5, skip 1 loop, 1 dc, ch 5, 1 dc in next loop, ch 5, skip 1 loop, shell in next loop, sc in next loop, ch 5, sc in next loop, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn.

3rd Row: Dc in next dc, ch 5, skip the ch 3 loop, sc in next loop, ch 5, shell in center of next shell, ch 3, skip 1 loop, 14 trc in next loop, ch 3, shell in center of next shell, ch 3, turn.

4th Row: Shell in center of 1sr shell, ch 3, 1 sc in each of the next 14 trc, ch 3, shell in center of next shell, ch 5, sc in next loop, ch 5, sc in next loop, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn.

5th Row: Dc in next dc, ch 5, skip the ch 3 loop, sc in next loop, ch 5, sc in next loop, ch 5, shell in next shell, ch 3, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 12 sc, ch 3, shell in next shell, ch 5, turn.

6th Row: Shell in first shell, ch 4, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 10 sc, ch 4, shell in next shell, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat form * twice, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn.

7th Row: Dc in next dc, ch 5, skip the ch 3 loop, sc in next loop, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat form * once, ch 5, shell in next shell, ch 4, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 8 sc, ch 4, shell in next shell, ch 5, turn.

8th Row: Shell in 1st shell, ch 4, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 6 sc, ch 4, shell in next shell, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat from * 3 times, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn.

9th Row: Dc in next dc, ch 5, skip the ch 3 loop, sc in next loop, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat from * twice, ch 5, shell in next shell, ch 4, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sc, ch 4, shell in next shell, ch 5, turn.

10th Row: Shell in 1st shell, ch 6, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sc, ch 6, shell in next shell, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat from * 4 times, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn.

11th Row: Dc in next dc, ch 5, skip the ch 3 loop, sc in next loop, * ch 5, sc in next loop, repeat from * 3 times, ch 5, shell in next shell, ch 1, sc in center of next shell, ch 5, turn.

12th Row: Shell in shell, ch 5, skip 1 loop, 1 dc, ch 5, 1 dc in next loop, ch 5, skip 1 loop, shell in next loop, sc in next loop, ch 5, sc in next loop, ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in 3rd st of end ch, ch 3, turn. Repeat from 3rd through 12th rows for length desired.

Zig Zag Edging

By: Kathleen Mower from Miss Abigail's Hope Chest

Use crochet thread to add this pretty Zig Zag Edging to practically any household item. It's a fast and easy crochet pattern to complete, and this tutorial includes helpful step-by-step photographs. This is a great finishing touch for kitchen towels, pillowcases, washcloths, tablecloths, or even a baby burp cloth. Use a steel crochet hook and a marking pen to complete this crochet pattern.



Zig Zag Edging This image courtesy of missabigailshopechest.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: 7 or 1.65 mm hook (steel)

Yarn Weight: (0) Lace (33-40 stitches to 4 inches). Includes crochet thread.

Materials:

- A towel
- Size 10 cotton crochet thread (you can also use Perle cotton, which is a kind of twisted embroidery thread)
- Size 7 or size 9 steel crochet hook
- An embroiderer's awl (to punch a hole)
- Washable marking pen
- Ruler

Use the washable marking pen to mark across the edge of the towel every 3/8-inch. (Use ½-inch markings with size 3 cotton thread.)



Push the awl through the fabric at the edge of the towel to make a tiny hole.



Pull the thread through the hole and make the first slip knot.





Chain five. In the fourth chain from the hook, make a double crochet.

Make another double crochet and then a third double crochet in the same space.



3 dc along with the initial ch 3 = 4 stitches in the cluster.



Use the embroiderer's awl to punch holes in a few of the marks. I usually do eight to ten holes ahead of my crochet. If I do too many at one time, they simply pull together before I can get to them and then I can't find the hole. So, I've learned to do just a few at a time.



In the next hole, make a double crochet. This forms the "post" of the stitch.



Chain three. These chain stitches form the "rise" of the cluster.



Working over the post (the previous double crochet), make a double crochet.





Over the same post, make a second double crochet and then a third. (Ch 3, 3 dc altogether)



In the next hole, make a double crochet.





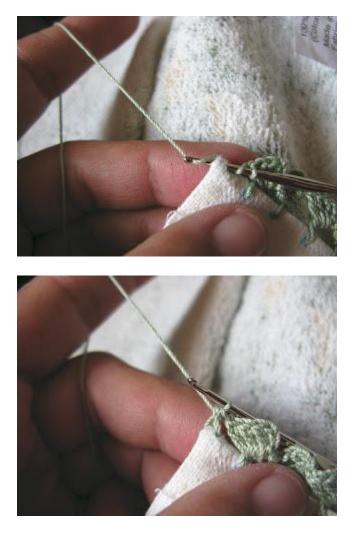
Again, chain three to form the rise. Continue across, using this pattern: (dc in the hole to form the post, ch 3, 3 dc over the dc "post"). Every few stitches, stop and look for any mistakes.



When you get to the last stitch, make a hole near the edge.



Instead of a double crochet, form a half-double crochet for the last post.



Chain three as usual. Make 2 dc over the post. Then, make a final half-double crochet for the last stitch. Clip the thread about 4 inches from the hook. Make a yarn over and pull the thread

through the loop to fasten it off. Using a half-double crochet in these last stitches will make the cluster lay just a bit tighter against the edge.



Doesn't it look pretty! Now, do the other end of the towel. You *can* do just one end. Sometimes, if I'm in a real hurry with a gift, I will do just one end of a towel, but I think it looks nicest to do both ends.



Weave the end of the thread (both ends) into the stitches and clip. After weaving through a few of the stitches, I sometimes push the needle into the hem and pull the thread a little way into the hem before I clip it off.



I sponge the towel to wash the markings away and "block" the crocheted edge with steam from the iron. Then I fold the towel and it's finished.



The following pics show one of my common mistakes. If I get distracted or have to stop and pick things up again, I sometimes mistakenly do a chain three after I finish a cluster. Then I proceed to make another post in the next hole and continue.



You can see the gap in the stitches when I make this mistake. It is easy to just pull it out back to the mistake and then continue again.

As I work with the thread, I find it easier to sort of "lay" the stitch over the pad of my finger as I pull the thread through. This helps me keep the stitches even.



If you are having trouble with the stitches being too loose, it may help to move your fingers to pinch close to the hook as it slides through the thread to complete the stitch.



One final tip. Because I do so much marking, I made a cardboard marking aid, with a row of marks at 3/8-inch and a row of ½-inch markings. I find this quicker than using a ruler.

Easiest Ever Crocheted Edging

By: Aileen for goodtimesithinkso.blogspot

There are plenty of free crochet patterns available, but not all of them include instructions on how to finish them off with a pretty edge! Follow this Easiest Ever Crocheted Edging pattern to complete your next project. It can be applied to almost any crochet garment or pattern.



Easiest Ever Crocheted Edging This image courtesy of goodtimesithinkso.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Instructions:

This pattern works on any multiples of 1, odd or even.

With the appropriate hook for the yarn used simply *dc, sl st, dc, sl st*, repeat as often as required to edge your item or garment. It's that simple!

Crochet Patterns with Borders

Lace Napkin Edging

By: <u>Bernat</u>

Add your own special touch to your napkins with these this Lace Napkin Edging pattern! This easy crochet pattern is a great way to spice up your boring-looking linens. Use Bernat crochet thread to complete this pattern.



Lace Napkin Edging This image courtesy of bernat.com



Crochet Hook: 4 or 2 mm hook (steel)

Yarn Weight: (0) Lace (33-40 stitches to 4 inches). Includes crochet thread.

MATERIALS:

- Bernat Handicrafter Crochet Thread (3 oz/85 g; 371 yds/339 m)
 1 ball of 31201 (Still Water) or (31426 (Rosy Rose) or 31222 (Ripe Avocado)
- Size 1.75 mm (U.S. 4) steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Cloth napkins
- Vanishing fabric marking pen

MEASUREMENTS: Approx 3/4 ins [2 cm] wide.

Note: 1 ball makes approx 300 ins [760 cm] of Edging. Napkins must measure in full inch increments for edging to fit correctly, eg. 12 x 12 ins, 13 x 13 ins, etc.

GAUGE: 30 sc and 32 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

ABBREVIATIONS: www.bernat.com/abbreviations

INSTRUCTIONS:

Prepare Napkin: Beg at any napkin corner, mark edges of napkin with dots using vanishing fabric marking pen at 1/8 inch [3 mm] intervals (8 marks per inch) to ensure even placement of first rnd of sts.

Edging: Join thread with sl st at 8th st mark to the right of any corner.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each of next 6 st marks. *3 sc in each of next 2 st marks. 1 sc in each st mark until last st mark at next corner. Rep from * twice more. 3 sc in each of next 2 st marks. 1 sc in each st mark to end of rnd. Join with sl st to fi rst sc.
2nd rnd: Ch 6. Miss next 3 sc. **1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 2. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 2. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. *1 sc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 4. 1 dc in next sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. Rep from * to * across until beg ch 6. Join with sl st to 3rd ch of ch 6.

3rd rnd: **Ch 7. 1 sc in next dc. Ch 5. 1 sc in next dc. (Ch 5. 1 sc. Ch 6. 1 sc. Ch 5. 1 sc) in next ch-3 sp. Ch 5. 1 sc in next dc. *Ch 7. Miss next: ch-3 sp, 1 sc and ch-3 sp. 1 sc in next dc. (Ch 5. 1 sc. Ch 6. 1 sc. Ch 5. 1 sc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * across to 2nd last dc from corner. Rep from ** 3 times more. Join with sl st to 3rd ch of beg ch 7. Fasten off .

Quick and Easy Crocheted Blanket Edging Patterns

By: Kara for Petals to Picot

Add the finishing touch to any blanket with any one of these Quick and Easy Crocheted Blanket Edging Patterns. There are three easy crochet patterns to choose from. You could even add these edgings to any simple fleece, flannel, or receiving blanket.



Quick and Easy Crocheted Blanket Edging Patterns This image courtesy of petalstopicots.com



Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

To start, pick out a fabric blanket. You can use fleece, flannel, or even a receiving blanket. The easiest approach is to find a blanket that already has stitching around it for you to crochet into (Fig. 1a and 1b). You can just insert your hook through the top of the blanket stitch, pull up a loop (Fig. 1c), and crochet as usual (Fig. 1d).







Fig 1b







Fig 1d

Another option is to buy a piece of fabric from a fabric store, cut it to the desired size, and either use a sewing machine to make a blanket stitch around the fabric or use a Sharp Crochet Hook to add the stitching. I personally prefer to use a Sharp Crochet Hook (Fig. 2a). To add a blanket stitch using a Sharp Crochet Hook, use a coordinating color of crochet thread, insert the hook into the fabric, and pull up a loop of the thread to the height of the edge of the blanket (Fig. 2b). Then, yarn over and pull through both loops on hook (Fig. 2c). Continue around your fabric until you have a stitched border to crochet into as shown above.







Fig 2b





Now for the edging patterns.



Basic Border:

Join yarn to blanket by inserting your hook through a stitch and pulling up a loop (see Fig. 1c above).

Ch 3, work 1 dc in each st until you reach the corner. For rounded corners, work 2 dc in the three corner stitches. For straight corners, work 5 dc in the corner st. Continue working around blanket. Join with a SI st in the top of the beginning ch-3.

Fasten off, weave in ends.



Two-Round Design:

Join yarn as above.

Ch 2.

Round 1: Work 1 hdc in each stitch until you reach the corner. For rounded corners, work 2 hdc in the three corner stitches. For straight corners, work 3 dc in the corner st. Continue working around blanket. Join with a SI st in the top of the beginning ch-2.

Round 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc between each hdc around blanket, continue the same around each corner. Join with a SI st in 1st sc.

Fasten off, weave in ends.



Shell Border:

Join yarn as above.

Ch 1.

Work 1 sc in same stitch as loop was pulled up, sk next st, 5 dc in next, sk next st, *1 sc in next, sk next st, 5 dc in next, sk next, rep from * around, ending with a SI st in 1st sc (depending on how many stitches are around the blanket, you may need to improvise toward the end by perhaps skipping 2 sts or none at all to make the join work properly).

Fasten off, weave in ends.

<u>Pillow Edgings</u>

By: Bernat

Give your pillows a makeover with these pretty Pillow Edgings! This intermediate crochet pattern features four different edging options: picot, tassel, ruffle, and lace. Use a steel crochet hook and Bernat crochet cotton to complete these patterns.



Pillow Edgings This image courtesy of bernat.com



Crochet Hook: 2 or 2.25 mm hook (steel)

Yarn Weight: (0) Lace (33-40 stitches to 4 inches). Includes crochet thread.

MATERIALS

- Bernat Handicrafter Crochet Cotton (14 oz / 400 g) Picot Edging (A) 154 yds [140 m] Tassel Edging (B) 106 yds [97 m] Ruffle Edging (C) 118 yds [108 m] Lace Edging (D) 112 yds [103 m]
- Size 1.75 mm (U.S. 2) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

MEASUREMENTS

Finished Size For Picot Edging (A), Tassel Edging (B) and Ruffle Edging (C): To fit 14 in [35.5 cm]

square pillow form. Finished Size For Lace Edging (D): To fit 10 in [25.5 cm] square pillow form.

GAUGE: 32 sc = 4 ins [10 cm]

STITCH GLOSSARY

Dc2tog over next 4 sts or ch-2 sp = Yoh. Insert hook in same st, yoh and draw up loop. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Miss next 2 ch or ch- 2 sp. Yoh. Insert hook in next st. Yoh and draw up loop. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Picot = Ch 5, 1 sc in first ch.

Puff St = *Yoh. Insert hook in first ch of ch-5. Yoh and draw up loop (3 loops on hook). Rep from * 4 times more. Yoh. Draw through all 11 loops on hook. Ch 1 to close puff.

PICOT PILLOW EDGING (A)

Ch 461.

Base rnd: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each of next 113 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). *1 sc in each of next 114 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). Rep from * twice more. Ss in first sc, being careful not to twist your work. 468 sts.

1st rnd: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc). (Ch 1. Miss next sc. 1 dc in next sc) 56 times. Ch 1. Miss next sc. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) in next sc. *(Ch 1. Miss next sc. 1 dc in next sc) 57 times. Ch 1. Miss next sc. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) in next sc. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. Ss in top of beg ch-3.

2nd rnd: Ch 3. *(Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next dc) to next corner ch-3. Miss next ch. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) in next ch (corner made). Rep from * 3 times more. Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next dc. Ch 1. Ss in top of beg ch-3.

3rd rnd: Work as given for 2nd rnd, but ending with (Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next dc) to end. Ch 1. Ss in top of beg ch-3.

4th to 6th rnds: As 3rd rnd. Fasten off at end of 6th rnd.

7th rnd: Join yarn with ss in any corner ch-3 sp. 1 sc in same sp. (Ch 5. 1 sc in same sc) 3 times. Ch 3. Miss next (dc, ch-1). 1 sc in next dc. *Ch 3. Miss next (ch-1, dc, ch-1). 1 sc in next dc. (Ch 5. 1 sc in same st) 3 times. Ch 3. Miss next (ch-1, dc, ch-1). 1 sc in next dc.** Rep from * to ** 16 times more. Ch 3. Miss next (ch-1, dc). 1 sc in ch-3 sp. (Ch 5. 1 sc in same st) 3 times. Ch 3. Miss next (dc, ch-1). 1 sc in next dc.* Rep from * to * twice more, then rep from * to ** 19 times more. Ch 3. Ss in first sc. Fasten off.

TASSEL PILLOW EDGING (B)

Ch 461.

Base rnd: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each of next 113 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). *1 sc in each of next 114 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). Rep from * twice more. Ss in first sc, being careful not to twist your work. 468 sts.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same st. 1 sc in each of next 114 sts. 3 sc in next st. *1 sc in each of next 116 sts. 3 sc in next st. Rep from * twice more. 1 sc in next st. Ss in first sc. 476 sts.

2nd rnd: Ss over next st. Ch 4 (counts as 1 tr). (Ch 3. Skip next 3 sts. 1 tr in next st) 28 times. Ch 3. Skip next 3 sts. (1 tr. Ch 7. 1 tr) in next st. *(Ch 3. Skip next 3 sts. 1 tr in next st) 29 times. Ch 3. Skip next 3 sts. (1 tr. Ch 7. 1 tr) in next st.* Rep from * to * twice more. Ch 3. Ss in top of beg ch-4.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same st. Ch 5. Puff St. 1 sc in next tr. (Ch 5. Puff St. 1 sc in next tr) 28 times. *(Ch 5. Puff St. 1 sc in 4th ch of corner ch-7 sp) twice. (Ch 5. Puff St. 1 sc in next tr) 32 times.* Rep from * to * twice more. (Ch 5. Puff St. 1 sc in 4th ch of corner ch-7 sp) twice. Ch 5. Puff St. Ss in first sc. Fasten off.

RUFFLE PILLOW EDGING (C)

Ch 449.

Base rnd: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each of next 110 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). *1 sc in each of next 111 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner made). Rep from * twice more. Ss in first sc, being careful not to twist your work. 457 sts.

1st rnd: Working through front loops only, ss in each of next 14 sts. (Ch 8. Miss next 6 sts. Ss in each of next 13 sts) 5 times. Ch 8. Miss next 4 sts. *Ss in each of next 13 sts. (Ch 8. Miss next 6 sts. Ss in each of next 13 sts) 5 times. Ch 8. Miss next 4 sts. Rep from * twice more. Ss in 2nd ss from beg of rnd.

2nd row: Working through both loops, ss in each of next 11 sts. 14 dc in ch-8 sp. Miss next 2 sts of first rnd. Ss in next st. Turn.

3rd row: Ss in each st to first dc from 2nd row. Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc). Ch 1. (1 dc in next st. Ch 1) 12 times. 1 dc in next st. Miss next 2 sts of first rnd. Ss in each of next 3 sts. Turn.

4th row: (Ch 5. 1 sc in next ch-1 sp) 13 times. Miss next 2 sts of first rnd. Ss in next st. 1 Scallop made. **Working across first rnd. Ss in each of next 5 sts. 14 dc in next ch-8 sp. Miss next 2 sts of first rnd. Ss in next st. Turn.

Rep 3rd and 4th rows once.**

Rep from ** to ** until a Scallop has been worked in each ch-8 sp around. Fasten off.

LACE PILLOW EDGING (D)

Ch 304. Join in rnd.

Foundation rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as ss. 1 sc in each of next 74 ch. 3 sc in next ch (corner). (1 sc in each of next 75 ch. 3 sc in next ch) 3 times. Join with ss to first sc.

1st rnd: Ch 3. Miss first 3 sc. 1 dc in next sc (counts as dc2tog). (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 24 times. [(Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in corner sc. (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 26 times] 3 times. (Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in just worked st (corner sc). Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st. Ss to top of ch 3. 2nd rnd: Ch 3. 1 dc in next dc2tog (counts as dc2tog). (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 25 times. [(Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in just worked st. (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st. (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 25 times. [(Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in just worked st. (Ch 2. Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 29 times] 3 times. (Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in just worked st. Ch 2. (Dc2tog over next 4 sts working first st in just worked st) 29 times] 3 times. (Ch 2. 1 dc) 3 times all in just worked st. Ch 2. 3 times all in just worked st. Ch 2. 3 times. Ss to top of ch 3.

3rd rnd: Ss into next ch 2 sp. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last ss. Ch 2. Miss next ch 2 sp. *[(2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 2 sp. Ch 2] twice. Miss next ch 2 sp. (1 sc in next ch 2 sp. Ch 3) 3 times. 1 sc

in next ch 2 sp. Ch 2. Rep from * around ending with miss next ch 2 sp. (1 sc in next ch 2 sp. Ch 3) 3 times. Ss to first sc.

4th rnd: Ss in each st to next ch 3 sp. Ch 3 (counts as dc). (1 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in same ch 3 sp. *Ch 1. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 2 sp. Ch 1. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. Ch 2. Miss next ch 2 sp. (1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3) twice. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 2. Miss next ch 3 sp. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. Rep from * around ending with (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 2 sp. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. Miss next ch 2 sp. (1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3) twice. Ss in first sc.

5th rnd: Ss in each st to next ch 3 sp. Ch 3 (counts as dc). (2 dc. Picot. 3 dc) all in same ch 3 sp. *[Ch 1. 1 sc in next ch 1 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Picot. 3 dc) all in next ch 3 sp] twice. Ch 1. Miss next ch 2 sp. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 1. Miss next ch 2 sp. (3 dc. Picot. 3 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. Rep from * around ending with [Ch 1. 1 sc in next ch 1 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Picot. 3 dc) all in next ch 3 sp] twice. Ch 1. Miss next ch 2 sp. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp] twice. Ch 1. Miss next ch 2 sp. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Picot. 3 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. The from * around ending with [Ch 1. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp. Ch 3. 1 sc in next ch 3 sp.

Monster Fleece Lovey Blankets

By: Sarah Zimmerman from Repeat Crafter Me

Monster Fleece Lovey Blankets make a great gift for a child. They're super easy crochet patterns as you're just adding a crocheted edging after creating holes with a skip stitch blade. Once you find the perfect fleece design you just have to work up the head, arms and legs. This baby crochet blanket is more of a friend for your little one than it is a blanket.



Monster Fleece and Crocheted Blankets This image courtesy of repeatcrafterme.com



Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Fiskars 45mm Contour Rotary Cutter
- Worsted weight yarn
- Size H (5.0) crochet hook
- Tapestry Needle
- Black Buttons

Instructions:

First I cut a 10.5 x 12 piece of the fleece fabric. I created holes to crochet through with a skip stitch blade and a ruler as a guide. Holes should be made about a 1/2 inch from the edge. It is also helpful to cut the corners into rounded corners so it will lay down flat when you crochet the edge.





Here is the crochet pattern I came up. Remember that when following the patterns below, you can easily adapt them to make the head and limbs bigger by increasing the chain length and row length. Feel free to use this as a loose guide.



Head:

Chain 17, SC in second chain from hook, and in the next 16. SC along other side of chain (17 SC) Working in rounds, SC 16, 2 SC in next stitch, SC 16, 2 SC in next. Continue SC around for 11 more rounds (SC 35), Leave a long tail Sew on eyes, ears, teeth, etc before stuffing lightly with Poly-Fil and sewing shut.

Arms (make 2):

Chain 5, SC in second chain from hook and in next 3 Sc along other side of chain (4SC) Working in rounds, 2 SC in first SC, SC in next 3, 2 SC in next stitch, SC 50, leave a long tail Stuff with a small amount of polyfil and sew shut. Leave the rest of the tail for sewing onto blanket

Feet (make 2):

Chain 5, SC in second chain from hook and in next 3 Sc along other side of chain (4SC) Working in rounds, 2 SC in first SC, SC in next 3, 2 SC in next stitch, SC 25, leave a long tail Stuff with a small amount of polyfil and sew shut. Leave the rest of the tail for sewing onto blanket



Eye:

Note: This is for the single large eye. For smaller eyes, start with less SC in your magic ring With color #1: Magic Ring, chain 1 6 SC in magic ring, pull tight and join, chain 1 2 SC in same stitch and in each stitch around (12 SC) Join with white and chain 1 2 Sc in same stitch and in each around (24 SC) Join, fasten off leaving long tail to sew on.

You can use a black button for the pupil or for smaller eyes, use 12mm Solid Black Eyes

Teeth:

Chain4,

Slip Stitch in 2nd chain from hook, SC in next, HDC in next Leave long tail for sewing on.

Horns:

Magic Ring, chain 1
3 SC in magic ring, do not join and continue to work in rounds
2 SC in next 3 (6 SC)
2 SC in next, 1 SC in next, 2 SC, 1 SC, 2 SC, 1 SC (9 SC)
SC in next 9 (9 SC)
Fasten off leaving long tail to sew onto head
Tip: If you leave a long tail when starting your Magic ring, you can use it to stuff the horn.



Please Note: This pattern uses buttons and has small parts which could potentially become choking hazards if they come off. Please use caution if making this for a baby or if giving to a baby. If I was to make this for an infant, I would not use buttons and use black yarn instead.

Fresh Flowers Blanket

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Use pastel colored worsted weight yarn to make this Fresh Flowers Blanket for spring. It's a great crochet afghan pattern to make for baby girls because of the beautiful pink color. This is an intermediate crochet pattern to complete using the cluster stitch. Use your creativity when arranging the flowers on the blanket and once you've settled on a design, simply sew them into place.



Fresh Flowers Blanket This image courtesy of caron.com

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Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

MATERIALS:

- Caron One Pound (100% Acrylic, 16oz/453.6g, 812yds/742 m skein): #00513 Soft Pink (A), 2 skeins #00577 Lilac (B), 1 skein #00587 Pale Green (C), 1 skein
- Size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle

SIZE: Approximately 36/91.5cm x 36"/91.5cm

GAUGE:

In Cluster Stitch pattern, 14 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10cm

STITCHES USED:

ch: chain

CL3: *Yo, insert hook in next st, pull up loop, yo, pull thru 2 loops; repeat from * twice in same st, yo, pull thru all 4 loops.

sl st: slip stitch

Tr4tog: *(Yo) twice, insert hook in next st, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops) twice; repeat from * 3 times, yo, pull thru all 5 loops on hook

Cluster Stitch Pattern (worked on even number of sts):

Set up row: CL3 into 4th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip 1 ch, CL3 in next ch, repeat from *, turn. Row 1: Ch 3, skip first CL3, *CL3 in ch 1 sp, ch 1, skip CL3; repeat from *, CL3 in top of turning ch, turn.

Repeat Row 1 for Cluster St pattern.

BLANKET

Using A, ch 118.

Work set up row. Beginning Cluster St pattern Row 1, work until blanket measures 34"/86.5cm. Cut A.

Edging

Join B at a corner, *ch 4, tr4tog, ch 4, sl st into next 2 dc; repeat from * to end, ending with 1 sl st in last dc. Fasten off. Repeat for each side of blanket.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

FLOWERS (make 5)

Using C, ch 6, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc into ring, join with sl st in top of ch 3 - 16 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next dc, (1 dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc) 7 times, join with sl st to top of ch 3 - 24 dc. Cut C.

Round 3: Join A, ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc into st at base of ch 3, 2 dc in each of the next 23 dc, join with sl st to ch 3 - 48 dc. Cut B.

Round 4: Join B, (ch 4, tr4tog, ch 4, sl st into next 2 dc) 7 times, ch 4, tr4tog, ch 4, sl st into next dc.

Fasten off.

Arrange flowers as desired. Sew in place.



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