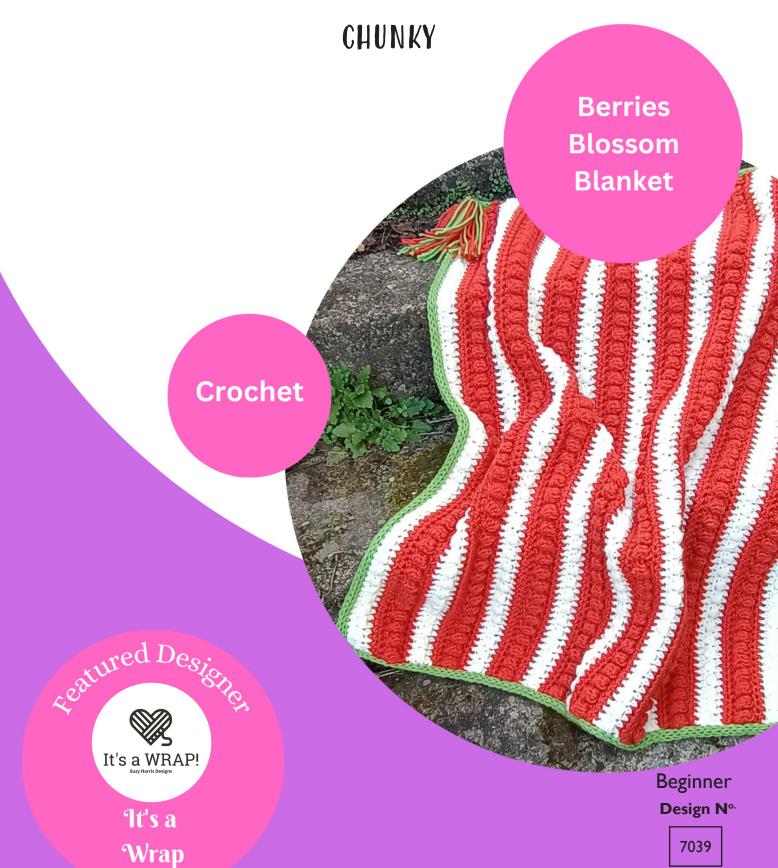
YARNSMITHS Create



Berries Blossom Blanket

Size

Approximately 30in x 36in (76cm x 137cm) depending on border choice

You will need

Yarnsmiths Create Chunky

4 x 100g main (dark) colour

2 x 100g contrast (light) colour

I x 100g edging

8mm Crochet Hook

Gauge (Tension)

Tension approximately 2.5 stitches per inch. Gauge is not vital for this item.

To make blanket longer stitch multiple is 2+1. To make wider add more panels.

Each panel for stated size weighs approximately 25g light contrast, 45g darker main and 32g per colour for four tassels. Edging will vary.

Blanket is worked sideways.

You will also need stitch markers.

Abbreviations

Pattern is written in US terminology with UK equivalent stitches also listed in stitch definitions below.

SC - Single Crochet (UK Double)

Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull through a loop.

Yarn over again and pull the yarn through both loops on the hook.

One single crochet made. Repeat as many times as stated in the pattern.

DC – Double Crochet (UK Treble)

Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook into the stitch. Yarn over and pull up a loop (three loops on the hook). Yarn over again and pull through the first two loops on the hook (two loops on the hook). Yarn over again and pull through both loops. One double crochet completed.

HDC - Half Double Crochet (UK Half Treble Crochet)

Yarn over and insert the crochet hook into the stitch. Yarn over again and pull through a loop. You should now have three loops on the hook. Yarn over again and pull the yarn through all three loops. One half double crochet stitch.

CH - Chain

Make a slip knot, insert hook and tighten knot. Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook. Continue in this way as many times as your pattern requires. The loop on the hook does not count as a chain stitch.

YO - Yarn Over:

Wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front.

Special Stitch Definitions: Berry stitch:

Yarn over, insert hook into stitch. Yarn over again and pull through a loop (3 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through first loop only. Yarn over, insert hook back into stitch, yarn over again pull through a loop (5 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. (Berry stitch forms on the back side of the work). After the Berry stitch a SC is made into the next stitch to lock it down. You then alternate between SC and the Berry. The last stitch in the row should be a SC. (89 stitches).

Bobble stitch:

Yarn over and insert the hook into the next stitch. Yarn over and pull through a loop. Yarn over and pull through two stitches. Repeat this process into the same stitch 3 more times. You will have 5 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through all of the loops on the hook. SC into next stitch to lock down the bobble. Alternate between SC and bobble across the row. The last stitch in the row should be a SC. (89 stitches).

Foundation HDC:

Chain 3. Yarn over and insert hook into the third chain from hook. Yarn over and pull through a loop. 3 loops on the hook. Yarn over again and pull through one loop only (this has created your base 'chain' stitch). Yarn over again and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. One foundation HDC made. *To create the number of foundation stitches required you yarn over again, insert the hook into the 'chain' stitch you made on your first foundation HDC and pull through a loop. Yarn over again and pull through all 3 loops on your hook. Repeat from * to length.

Pattern Instructions Setup rows:

In light (contrast) shade, work a foundation HDC of 89, or chain 91 and working into 4th chain from hook work a row of HDC to end (89 HDC). The starting chain counts as your first HDC.

CHI and turn (**the chain I turns do not count as a stitch throughout project**).

Into first HDC work a SC, next stitch is a Berry (read definition above). Continue in this way to end. Last stitch should be a SC. CHI turn.

Into first stitch and every stitch across work a HDC. At end of row fasten off contrast colour and join in the main, darker shade. To keep your stitch count correct you may find it helpful to place stitch markers on your first and last stitches.

Now you have completed your set up rows move to panels as laid out below.

At the end of your completed blanket you should have a total of 9 contrast berry panels and 8 main bobble panels.

Panel A (lighter contrast shade)

Attach yarn at the point you fastened off. Chain 1. In first and every stitch work a HDC. CH1 turn. In first stitch work a SC. Continue with the Berry as described above, ending with a SC. CH1 turn. Work a row of HDC (89 stitches). Fasten off.

Panel B (main darker shade)

Attach yarn at the point you fastened off. Chain 1. In first and every stitch work a HDC. CH1 turn. Work another row of HDC. CH1 turn. In first stitch work a SC. Continue with the Bobble stitch (as described above) ending with a SC. CH1 turn.

Work a row of HDC. CH1 turn.
Work another row of HDC (89 stitches) Fasten off.

Choose your border: Edging A Icord:

With right side of your blanket facing, attach the border yarn colour to any stitch along the edge.

With the right side of the blanket facing. In the second chain from the hook, insert hook in back bump of the chain. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Repeat in the next 2 chains. 4 loops now on the hook.

Turn your work.

With wrong side of the blanket facing, insert hook into next edge stitch. Yarn over and pull up a loop. 5 loops now on the hook.

Remove hook from loops. Place top (first) loop on a locking stitch marker. You will need to use this stitch later but for now, ignore it.

Place the hook into new top loop, yarn over and pull up a loop. Repeat in next loop.

You will now have 2 loops on the hook, and 2 unworked loops remaining. Insert the hook into both of these loops. Yarn over and pull through a loop. Now insert the hook into next blanket edge stitch. Yarn over again and pull through a loop. You will now have 4 loops on the hook.

The back of the work should be loose in appearance with long strands between the blanket and the icord. This is normal, do not pull the stitches tight. You will use the stitch on the marker to create another row of stitches to pull these in afterwards.

Continue in this way until you reach a corner space where you will work three stitches into the same blanket stitch to enable the icord to turn the corner. Work around the blanket, working three stitches into corner spaces until you reach the last remaining empty edge stitch. Place all the live loops onto a stitch marker.

Remove the stitch marker from the very first loop you placed it onto at the beginning. Insert the hook through the slip stitch where you attached the border yarn from the blanket edge upwards from below and place the loop onto the hook and pull through the stitch you went up through.

Insert your hook under the first loose strand. These strands will form the last row of stitches to pull the border tight. Pull through a loop, place under next loose strand and pull through a loop. Continue in this way until you have gone all around the blanket. Place the loop left on the hook onto the stitch marker holding the other live loops.

Cut the yarn leaving around 10-12 inches. Thread the tail onto a yarn needle and using the live loops graft them to the starting loops of the icord. Try to match the stitches by joining them one at a time matching tension. Fasten off securely.

Edging B: Double Crochet

Attach yarn to any corner stitch and ch3, this will count as a DC. Work two more DC into same stitch. Continue around the edge of the blanket making a DC into each stitch and 3DC into every corner stitch. On the blanket where you have the turning chain edge, work a DC into every row (3 DC into the lighter panel and 5 DC into the edges of the darker panels). Join to top of first chain 3. Do not turn your work.

Chain 3. In next stitch work *IDC,CHI,IDC*, this will form the corner. Work this combination in every centre stitch of your 3 corner DC.

Work a DC into every stitch around and join to top of first ch3. Fasten off.

Tassels (optional) for both designs.

Using a sturdy surface (a dvd case is ideal) and wind yarn, a strand of each of the three colours held together, twenty times. Cut yarn. Using a long length of any of the colours you want thread it under one end of the wraps and tie tightly several times to secure. Cut through all strands the opposite end to your knot. Taking another piece of yarn wrap it around the outside of the tassel about 1-2cm under the knotted end. Wrap several times and using a wool needle sew through the tassel to secure. Cut ends. Using the long ends from the top knot, sew securely to the centre corner spaces. Repeat for the other three tassels.

Weave in your ends.

Your blanket is now complete and ready to enjoy.





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