

Baby Plaid Afghan

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This blanket is worked with 2 colors, switching every row. Keep the yarns attached and chain into the next row to switch colors.

Color 1 = main or base color, Color 2 = accent color

Caron Simply Soft is a good yarn choice for this, but any worsted weight will do.

It requires 1 skein of each color

Using size H hook and color 1, chain 69.

Row 1: Using color 1, DC in 4th chain from hook. DC in the next chain. *Skip 1 stitch, chain 1, DC in the next 3 chains. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: Attach color 2 to last stitch of row 1. Chain 1 and SC in same joining stitch. SC in the next 2 stitches. *Going in back of work, reach down to the prior row and DC in the skipped chain stitch between the groupings of 3 DC. SC in the next 3 stitches (the tops of the 3 DC). Continue from * across.

Row 3: Pick up color 1, pull the loop through the sc stitch of last row. Chain 3, DC in the next 2 stitches. *Chain 1, skip next stitch (the dip-down DC stitch), DC in the next 3 stitches. Repeat from * across.

Repeat Rows 2 through 3 32 times, making sure to put the dip-down DC on the *same* side of the blanket each time, first behind the work, then in front. End with a row 2, color 2. Cut and tie off color 1.

Edging: Continue with color 2 and SC all around the side, opposite end, and other side, putting 2 SC in each corner. Join with a slip stitch to the 1st stitch of the last row. *Chain 5, SC in the 2nd chain from hook and in each of the remaining 3 chains. Slip stitch in the next 2 stitches. Repeat from * across, ending with a slip stitch in the base of the first fringe.

