

Sidestep Baby Afghan

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You will need 14 ounces of worsted weight yarn, and a size H crochet hook.
For the blanket pictured, I used 2 7-oz. skeins of Red Heart Super Saver in Blue.
Finished size around 26 inches wide by 38 inches long.

Chain 77 (multiples of 3, plus 2) – should be 27 inches long. To make bigger, just chain additional multiples of 3.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across (76 stitches). Chain 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in the same stitch as the turning chain. *Ch 2. Sideways around the dc post just worked, work [YO, pull up loop, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times. Yo and pull through all 4 loops on the hook (1 Sidestep completed). Skip the next two stitches, dc in the next stitch. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 dc in the last stitch. (25 Sidesteps) Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: DC in 1st stitch. *Ch 2. Sideways around the dc post just worked, work [YO, pull up loop, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times. Yo and pull through all 4 loops on the hook (1 Sidestep completed). Skip the next sidestep cluster. DC between sidesteps. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 DC in the last stitch. Ch 3, turn.

Repeat row 3 until blanket measures 34 inches long. After last row, chain only 1 rather than 3 and turn. Work **final row** as follows: Sc in first stitch. Work 3 sc along the top of each sidestep. Sc in last stitch. Do not fasten off.

Edging: Round 1: Chain 1, work a round of sc around the outside of the blanket, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a slip stitch into the 1st sc of the round.

Round 2: Chain 5. Work dc in next stitch, ch 1, skip 1. Repeat from * around, but in each of the 3 corner stitches work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1) at all four corners. Join with a slip stitch into the 3rd chain of the initial chain 5.

Round 3: Slip stitch into the next chain space, ch 1, sc in the same space, ch 1. *Skip the next dc stitch, sc in next chain space, ch 1. Repeat from * around. Join with a slip stitch into the first sc of the round.

Round 3: Slip stitch into the next chain space. Chain 3, dc in same space. Work 2 dc in each chain space around. At corners: Work 3 dc in each of 3 chain spaces at all four corners. Join with a slip stitch into the top of the initial chain 3.

Round 4: Chain 1. *[YO, bring up a loop in the next stitch] twice. YO and draw through all 5 loops on the hook. Ch 2. Repeat from * around. In the corners, chain 3 rather than 2 between groups, at least 3 times or enough to prevent corners from curling. Join with a slip stitch into the initial chain. Finish off. Hide yarn tails.