

Little Dipper Baby Afghan

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Little Dipper refers to the single crochet dip stitches that give this afghan its texture. This is worked in one color only, using any worsted weight yarn you prefer. Because this is worked in sc, it takes a bit longer than other blankets, but is *super* warm & cozy. You will need 14 ounces of yarn, and a size H crochet hook. For the blanket pictured, I used two 7-ounce skeins of Red Heart Super Saver in Shocking Pink. Finished size is around 23 inches by 34 inches.

Chain 76 (multiples of 3, plus 1) – should be around 21 inches wide. To make bigger, just add on multiples of 3.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across (75 stitches). Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in *back loops only* of each stitch across – the back loop is the higher of the two loops from the prior row – this will leave a ridge of loops on the back side of your work. Chain 1, turn. For the remainder of the project, sc *in back loops only*. The ridge that is created from this will be used for anchoring the dip stitches.

Row 3: Sc in back loop of the first stitch. Dip down to the ridge below this row for the next sc – put the hook under the yarn strand that makes the ridge, going from the bottom up to hook the yarn for this dip stitch sc (the stitch should be a little loose so as not to pull the row down). *Sc in back loops of the next two stitches. Dip stitch as before. Repeat from *, ending with 1 sc in the top of the last stitch. Chain 1, turn.

Repeat row 3 until blanket measures 31 inches long. Do not break off.

Edging: After the last row, chain 1 but do not turn. Work a round of sc around all four outside edges, working 3 sc into each corner. Join with slip stitch to first sc of the round. Round 2: Ch 1, sc into the corner stitch. *Skip two stitches. In the next stitch work [dc, ch 1, dc, picot (chain 3, slip stitch in 3rd chain from hook), dc, ch 1, dc]. Skip 2 stitches, sc in the next stitch. Repeat from * around, spacing at the corners so that the sc is in the very corner stitch. Finish off, hide yarn tails.