

## Ribbons of Bows Baby Afghan

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Use 2 colors of worsted weight yarn, 1 skein of each. This Blanket is worked in 2 colors, switching colors after every row.

Follow my technique for switching colors without cutting the yarn. I love the look of strips or squares, but I hate hiding all those little yarn tails, and I hate sewing squares or strips together. This is my way of getting similar effects without creating those bothersome knots & tails, and without sewing anything together...



Using color 1 and size H hook, chain 77.

**Row 1:** YO and pull up a loop in the 5<sup>th</sup> chain from hook. YO and pull through 2 loops on hook. (YO and pull up a loop in the next chain, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook) twice. YO and pull through remaining 4 loops on hook. \*Chain 2. (YO and pull up a loop in the next chain, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook) 3 times. YO and pull through remaining 4 loops on hook. (bottom half of bow). Repeat from \* across, ending with chain 1, DC in the last stitch.

Do not cut yarn. Pull a loop and drop the yarn until Row 3.

**Row 2:** Attach 2<sup>nd</sup> color in top of initial chain 3 from previous row. Chain 1, sc in first stitch (joining stitch), sc in the ch-1 space. \*Chain 1, 2 sc in next ch-2 space. Continue from \* across, ending with sc in the last chain-1 space and sc in the last stitch.

Do not cut yarn. Pull a loop and drop the yarn until Row 4.

**Row 3:** Pick up color 1 that was dropped after Row 1. Pull the loop of yarn through the last sc of row 2. Chain 3. \*3 DC in the next chain-1 space. Skip 2 stitches. Repeat from \* across, ending with skip 1 stitch, DC in the last stitch.

**Row 4:** Chain 4, \*(YO and pull up a loop in the next stitch, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook) 3 times. YO and pull through remaining 4 loops on hook. (1/2 bow tie) Chain 2. Repeat from \* across to the end, but only chain 1 after the last ½ bow tie, and DC in the last stitch.

Repeat rows 2-4, alternating colors each row, ending with a row 3.

For the **edging**, use color 2 to SC all the way around, putting 3 stitches in each corner .

You can put on any edging that you like after this.

**Option 1:** #Chain 3, DC in each stitch around, working 2 DC's in each of the 3 stitches at every corner. Join with a slip stitch in top of initial chain 3. Chain 4, skip next stitch, DC in next stitch, \*chain 1, skip one stitch, DC in next stitch, repeating from \*all the way around, except on the corners do not skip a stitch between the 4 corner-most stitches. Join with a slip stitch in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain of the initial chain 4.##

You can repeat the last two rounds of DC if you want your blanket larger. For the final round I like to add a simple lacy look. Slip stitch into the next chain space. Ch 1, sc in the same chain space, chain 3, \*sc in the next chain space, chain 3, repeat from \* all the way around. Join with a slip stitch to the first SC. Tie off leaving at least a two inch yarn tail. Tuck the yarn tail into other stitches.

Option 2: Do a round of SC all around the outside edges first, putting 3 stitches in each corner. If you want the blanket to be larger, you can work option 1 DC rounds (from # to ##), as many times as you like to make the blanket the size you want, ending with a row that is all DC. Then starting the next round, chain 3, skip 1 stitch. \*DC in the next stitch. Chain 3, skip 1 stitch and slip stitch in the next stitch, chain 3, skip 1 stitch. Repeat from \* around, but at each corner ignore the “skip 1 stitch” to keep the edge from curling. End by joining with a slip stitch in initial chain of the round.

Final round: Slip stitch into each of the next 2 chains to get to the top of the ch-3. Ch 1, sc in the next stitch (the top of the DC from the previous round), chain 3, slip stitch into top of sc just worked (picot made). Ch 3. \*SC in top of the next DC (skipping the chain-3, slip stitch, chain-3 of the prior round), chain 3, slip stitch into the sc just made (picot), ch 3. Repeat from \* around, giving extra chain stitches at each corner to avoid curling at the edge. End by joining with a slip stitch to the top of the first chain 3. Tie off, leaving at least a two inch yarn tail. Tuck the yarn tail into other stitches.