

Pinwheels Baby Afghan

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This is worked in one color, using any worsted weight yarn you prefer. You need **12 ounces** of yarn, and a **size H** crochet hook.

For the blanket pictured, I used two 6-ounce skeins of Caron Simply Soft, color Pagoda.

Stitches used: CH = chain, SC = single crochet, DC = double crochet, $\frac{1}{2}$ SC = half single crochet (pull up a loop in the stitch indicated), Picot = chain 3, slip stitch in 3rd chain from hook
Finished size: 25 inches wide by 36 inches long.

Chain 72 (multiples of 4). Chain should be 20 inches long. To make bigger, just add on multiples of 4.

Row 1: Dc in 4th chain from hook. *Ch 1, then dc into the lower side of the dc just worked. Skip two stitches. Dc in each of the next two stitches. Repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each stitch across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: DC in next stitch. *Ch 1, then dc into the side of the dc just worked. Skip two stitches. Dc in the next two stitches. Repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until blanket measures 30 inches long, ending with a row 3. Do not break off yarn.

Edging:

Round 1: Ch 1, work a round of sc around the outside edge of the blanket, working 3 sc in each corner stitch. Along the sides, work 1 sc into the ends of each sc row of the blanket, and work 2 sc into the ends of each dc row of the blanket. On the short ends, work 1 sc in each stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the first sc of the round.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in each stitch around, working 2 dc in each of the 3 corner stitches at every corner. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 3: Ch1, sc in joining stitch. *Chain 6, skip one stitch, sc in next stitch. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch to the first sc of the round.

Round 4: Slip stitch into the first chain stitch, and into two more chain stitches of the first chain-6. Ch 1, sc into the top of that same chain 6 loop. *Ch 1, sc into top of next ch-6 loop. Repeat from * around, but at the corners chain 3 (rather than 1) between the sc stitches at least 3 times, enough to prevent curling at the corners. Join with slip stitch to first sc of the round.

Round 5: Slip stitch into the next chain space. Ch 1, sc in same chain space. *Ch 3, sc in next chain space. Repeat from * around, working an *extra* sc and chain 3 at each corner. Join with slip stitch to first sc of the round.

Round 6: Slip stitch into the next chain space. Ch 1, sc in same chain space. Ch 3, slip stitch in 3rd ch from hook (picot made). Sc in same chain space. *In the next chain space work sc, picot, sc. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch to first sc of the round. Finish off. Hide yarn tails.

