

# Granny's Big Baby Afghan

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This blanket is a take-off on the time-tested granny square, only this version is worked in a rectangle as one piece, not as blocks that must be sewn together. I hate sewing afghan parts together....

You can work this in as many colors as you like, and don't worry about where you change colors. The more colors you use, the prettier it gets. This is a perfect way to use up all those left over bits of yarn from other projects. I suggest you use the smallest bits of yarn in the beginning where the rounds are shorter, and the more plentiful yarn on the outer rounds that are much longer. But anything goes! If you like, you can change colors every round.

Use any worsted weight yarn you prefer, but it's best to use the same weight yarn throughout.

If you have some lighter weight yarns you want to use up, just double them up so their combined weight is similar to the weight of your other yarns.

You will need **12 total ounces of yarn** and a **size H crochet hook**.

**Finished size** is approximately 28 inches wide by 39 inches long.

**Chain 32.** (To make a bigger blanket, just add on multiples of 3)

**Base:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook and in each chain across. From here on out the piece will be worked in rounds, not rows, working around the outside (both sides) of this base strip.

**Round 1:** Ch 3. In the end of the strip work 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc, ch 1 (2 clusters). In next stitch (now on the bottom side of the sc row) work 3 dc, ch 1. \*Skip 2 stitches, work 3 dc in next stitch, ch1. Repeat from \* to end of strip. In the end of the strip work 3 dc, ch1, 3 dc, ch1 (2 clusters). In next stitch (now on the top side of the sc row) work 3 dc, ch1. All clusters on this side of the strip should be worked directly opposite the clusters on the other side of strip. Continue in the pattern as follows: \*Skip 2 stitches, work 3 dc in next stitch, ch1. Repeat from \* to end of strip, joining with a slip stitch to top of beginning ch 3.

**Round 2:** Note that if you want to change colors for this round, you can end off here, and join the next color into any chain 1 space and go to the # mark below. If not changing colors, slip stitch in top of next two stitches and into the next chain 1 space.

#Ch 3, work 2 dc in the same chain 1 space, ch1. In corners, always work 3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc (2 clusters). Around sides continue working clusters (3 dc, ch1) in between the clusters of the previous row.

Repeat in this same manner until blanket measures 35 inches long. Fasten off.

**Edging:** Row 1: Attach new color to any stitch, ch 3, dc in every stitch around, working 6 dc in each corner. Slip stitch into top of beginning ch 3. Fasten off.

Attach another new color into a stitch that is directly above a chain 1 between clusters from the last granny row prior to the edging. Ch 1, sc in same stitch.



\*Chain 4. Work 2 dc in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook. Skip 3 stitches and sc into the next stitch that is above a chain 1 from the last granny row.

Repeat from \* around, but at the corners skip only 2 stitches rather than 3 on both sides of the corner – twice prior to and twice after the corner's center. Fasten off and hide yarn tails.

