Midsummer Night's Dream Baby Afghan

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Gauge is not important. I use a size H crochet hook and Carron Simply Soft yarn. You can make this in one color, or use multiple colors as desired. I made this one in two colors – two 6-oz skeins each of Soft Pink and Orchid. I switched colors every row.

Chain an even number – make it around 24 inches for baby size, and around 34 inches for adult size, or as wide as you like.   I chained 78 for my baby size afghan.

Row 1: SC in 2nd chain from hook. *Chain 1, skip 1 stitch, sc in next stitch. Repeat from * across. Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: HDC in 1st stitch. Chain 1. YO, pull up a loop in next chain-1 space. YO, pull up a loop in next ch-1 space. YO and pull through all 5 loops on hook. *Chain 1. YO, pull up a loop in same space. YO, pull up a loop in next ch-1 space. YO and pull through all 5 loops on hook. Repeat from * across to last chain space. Chain 1, HDC in last stitch. Chain 2, turn.

Repeat row 2 until blanket measures desired length – around 36 inches for baby size, and 5 feet for adult size. Do not break yarn.

Edging
Round 1: SC around outside of blanket, working 3 sc in each corner stitch. Slip stitch in top of first stitch of this round.
Round 2: Chain 3. DC in each stitch around, at corners work 2 dc in each of the 3 corner stitches. Join with slip stitch in top of initial chain-3. Finish off this color.

Round 3: Join other color with a slip stitch in the first stitch of prior round. Chain 3, dc in each stitch around. At corners, work 2 dc in at least 3 stitches, enough to keep blanket from curling. Join with a slip stitch in top of initial chain-3.

Round 4: Sc in first stitch. *Chain 1, skip 1, sc in next stitch. Repeat from * around. At corners do not skip a stitch at least twice, enough to keep blanket from curling. Join with slip stitch in first sc of round. Finish off this color.

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 as many times as desired.

Last two rounds: Join other color with a slip stitch in the first ch-1 space of last round. Chain 1, sc in same space. *Chain 1, skip next stitch, sc in next chain space. Repeat from * around, but at corners work 2 sc in each chain space at least twice, or enough to prevent blanket from curling. Join with slip stitch in initial stitch of this round. Slip stitch into next chain space. Chain 3. Work 2 dc in same space. *Sc in next chain space. Work 3 dc in next chain space. Repeat from * around, but at corners work extra dc in the corner spaces to keep blanket from curling. Finish off.