

# Special Baby Blanket 

This beautiful thread crochet blanket is perfect for christening day! Then it fits easily in your bag to take along and have a place for baby to play.

## Blanket measures 43 " x 43 " square.

## AUNT LYDIA’S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 10 balls 1 White

Crochet Hook: 3.75 mm [US F-5].
Thread needle
GAUGE: 20 sts $=4$ "; 10 rows $=4$ " working with 2 strands of thread held together. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## SPECIAL STITCHES

shell = 5 dc in indicated stitch.
open shell = (Dc, [ch 1, dc] twice) in indicated stitch.
4-dc Cl (4 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops (2 loops remain on hook); [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 3 times, yarn over, draw through all 5 loops on hook.

## NOTE

Blanket is worked with 2 strands of thread held together.

## BLANKET

With 2 strands of thread held together, ch 182.
Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *[skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch, skip next 2 ch , sc in next ch] twice, skip next 2 ch, open shell in next ch, [skip next 2 ch, sc in next ch, skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch] twice, skip next 2 ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn- 24 shells, and 6 open shells.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in first sc, skip next $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{sc}$ in next dc (center dc of shell), shell in next sc, *sc in center dc of next shell, ch 1 , skip ( $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{sc}$ ), dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc] twice, ch $1{ }^{* *}$, [sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc] 3 times; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, 3 dc in last sc, turn-17 shells, and one 3-dc half shell at each end of row.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, *ch 2, skip (2 dc, sc, ch-1), [dc in next dc, ch 2] 5 times, sc in center dc of next shell ${ }^{* *}$, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] twice; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **; shell in next $s c, s c$ in top of beginning ch-3, turn- 12 shells.

Row 4: Ch 3, 2 dc in first sc, *sc in center dc of next shell, ch 1 , dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1 [dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1] 5 times, sc in center dc of next shell ${ }^{* *}$, shell in next sc; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, 3 dc in last sc, turn- 5 shells, and one $3-\mathrm{dc}$ half shell at each end of row.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, [skip (ch-1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space, skip (dc, ch-1), shell in next dc] 3 times, skip (ch-1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space, shell in next sc, skip 2 dc , sc in next dc; repeat from * across, turn-30 shells.

Row 6: Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 here and throughout), dc in first sc, [sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc] 4 times, sc in center dc of next shell, *open shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] 4 times; repeat from * to last sc; (dc, ch 1, dc) in last sc, turn-24 shells, 5 open shells, and one (dc, ch 1, dc) half open shell at each end of row.

Row 7: Ch 4, dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] 3 times, *ch 1 , skip ( $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{sc}$ ), dc in next dc, ch $1^{* *}$, [dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1] twice, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] 3 times; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **; dc in next chspace, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4, turn-18 shells.

Row 8: Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), *[dc in next dc, ch 2] twice, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] twice, ch 2, skip next 2 dc **, [dc in next dc, ch 2] 3 times; repeat from * across, end at **; [dc in next dc, ch 2] 3 times; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, [dc in next dc, ch 2] twice, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4, turn-12 shells.

Row 9: Ch 4, *dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1, [dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1] twice, sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, ch $1^{* *}$, [dc in next
ch-2 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1] 3 times; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, [dc in next ch-2 space, ch 1 , dc in next dc, ch 1] twice, dc in next ch-space, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, turn-6 shells.

Row 10: Ch 3, 2 dc in first dc, skip (ch 1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space, skip (dc, ch 1), shell in next dc, skip (ch 1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space, *shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc, skip (ch 1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space **, [skip (dc, ch 1), shell in next dc, skip (ch 1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, skip (dc, ch-1), shell in next dc, skip (ch-1, dc), sc in next ch-1 space, 3 dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4, turn-29 shells, and one 3 -dc half shell at each end.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *[shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] twice, open shell in next sc, [sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc] twice ${ }^{* *}$, sc in center dc of next shell; repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, sc in top of beginning ch-3, turn- 24 shells, and 6 open shells.
Repeat Rows 2-11 until piece measures 36 " from beginning, end with a Row 10

Last Row: Ch 1, sc in first 2 dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next sc, hdc in next dc, * sc in next 3 dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next sc, hdc in next dc, repeat from * to last 2 sts; sc in next dc, sc in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

## Border

Round 1: With Right Side facing and 2 strands of thread held together, draw up a loop of thread in first sc of last row, ch 1, [work 181 sc evenly spaced across edge, work 1 sc in corner] 4 times; join with slip st in first sc; TURN—728 sc.

Round 2 (Wrong Side): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 here and throughout), **4-dc CL in next sc (corner), ch 1, dc in next sc, ch 1, *skip next sc, 4-dc Cl in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc ***, dc in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * to corner; repeat from ** around ending last repeat at ${ }^{* * *}$; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4; TURN.

Round 3 (Right Side): Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in each st and space around; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn-736 sc. Note: Work all remaining rounds with Right Side facing. Do not turn at end of rounds.

Round 4: Ch 4, dc in first sc, *skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc , [shell in next sc, skip next 2 sc , sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc] 4 times**, open shell in next sc; repeat from * to next corner ending last repeat at **; (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc, ch 1, [dc in next sc, ch 1] 3 times ${ }^{* * *}$, (dc, ch 1 , dc) in next sc; repeat from * around ending last repeat at ***; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4.

Round 5: Ch 4, dc in next ch-space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, *sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] 3 times, ch 1 , skip 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch $1{ }^{* *}$, [dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1] twice; repeat from * to corner ending last repeat at **; [dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1] 6 times; repeat from * around ending last repeat at **; [dc in
next ch-1 space, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1] 4 times, dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1 ; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4.

Round 6: Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), *[dc in next dc, ch 2] twice, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] twice, ch 2, skip next $2 \mathrm{dc}{ }^{* *}$, [dc in next dc, ch 2] 3 times; repeat from * to corner ending last repeat at **; [dc in next dc, ch 2] twice, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 8 times ***, dc in next dc, ch 2; repeat from * around ending last repeat at ***; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 7: Ch 4, dc in next ch-space, ch 1, *[dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next ch-space, ch 1] twice, sc in center dc of next shell, shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, ch 1, dc in next ch-space, ch 1, [dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in space, ch 1] 3 times; repeat from * to corner **; [dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in space, ch 1] 8 times; repeat from * around ending last repeat at **, [dc in next dc, ch 1 , dc in space, ch 1$] 7$ times; join with slip st in 3 rd ch of beginning ch-4.

Round 8: Ch 3, [dc in next ch-space, dc in next dc] 5 times, * sc in next 5 dc , dc in next dc **, [2 dc in next ch-space, dc in next dc] 10 times; repeat from * to corner ending last repeat at **, dc in each space and dc across corner shell omitting the last space after last dc ( 53 dc in corner shell); repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Round 9: Ch 4, skip next dc, dc in next dc, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 4 times, *skip next 2 sc , sc in next sc, dc in next dc, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 15 times; repeat from * to corner **; [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 11 times; repeat from * around ending last repeat at **, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 1 ; join with slip st in 3 rd ch of ch-4.

Round 10: Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in each st and space around; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 11: *Ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, skip next sc, slip st in next 3 sc ; repeat from * around; join with slip st in base of beginning ch-2. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

AUNT LYDIA’S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white \& ecru 400 yd ; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: $\mathbf{c h}=\mathbf{c h} ; \mathbf{d c}=$ double crochet; $\mathbf{h d c}=$ half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); ( ) = work directions in parentheses into same st; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *, **, or *** = repeat whatever follows the *, ${ }^{* *}$ or ${ }^{* * *}$ as indicated.

