



Around the Block Baby Blanket

Whether baby is traveling around the block in a stroller or off to relatives house, this blanket will be there to comfort or provide a place to lie down and view the world. Crochet the nine rectangle granny squares in any three colors for a perfect gift.

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Blanket measures 35" x 38".

RED HEART® "Soft Baby Steps®": 2 balls each 9800 Baby Blue **A**, 9600 White **B**, and 9935 Blue Earth **C**.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 4 groups of 3 dc and ch-2 spaces = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

BLANKET

Rectangle (Make 9)

Foundation Round: With **A**, ch 12; (2 dc, [ch 2, 3 dc] twice) all in 4th ch from hook, ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, ch 2, skip 2 ch, (3 dc, [ch 2, 3 dc] twice) all in last ch; working on other side of foundation ch, ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, ch 2, skip 2 ch; join with a slip st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 1: Join **B** in the last ch-2 space made; ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-2 space, * [ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] twice (2 corners made) *, [ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] twice; repeat from * to *; ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2; join in top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 2: Join **C** in the ch-2 space before the next corner; ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-2 space, ch 2, * (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space (corner), ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space (corner) *, [ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] 3 times, ch 2; repeat from * to *; [ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] twice, ch 2; join. Fasten off

Round 3: Join **A** in the ch-2 space before the next corner; ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-2 space, * ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space (corner), [ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] twice, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space (corner) *, [ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space] 4 times; repeat from * to *; ch 2, [3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2] 3 times; join. Fasten off.

Sew 3 rectangles together into a strip on the short ends from wrong side, catching back loops only. Make 3 strips in this manner.

Strip Border

Round 1: With right side facing, join **C** in any corner space; ch 3, 2 dc in same space, * ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 space; repeat from * to next corner; ch 2 **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in corner space; repeat from * around, end at **; 3 dc in same corner space as joining, ch 2; join. Fasten off.

Round 2: Repeat Round 1 with **B**.



Round 3: Repeat Round 1 with **A**.

Sew long edges of strips together to form center of blanket.

Blanket Border

Round 1: Repeat Round 1 of Strip Border with **A**.

Round 2: Repeat Round 1 of Strip Border with **C**.

Rounds 3, 4 and 5: Repeat Round 1 of Strip Border with **B**.

Round 6: Repeat Round 1 of Strip Border with **C**.

Rounds 7, 8 and 9: Repeat Round 1 of Strip Border with **A**.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.



RED HEART® “Soft Baby Steps®”, Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m); multi color 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) and smart print 3 oz (85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C** = color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch (es); *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.