

MINIS IN A BLANKET

MODULAR BLANKET IN LINEN STITCH

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Softly marled baby blanket using all your fun and speckled yarns. Ideal to crochet using one of Hedgehog Fibres 24 Days of Minis Advent Calendars, or any Sock Yarn Minis or scraps of fingering weight yarn.

The blanket consists of 4 separately crocheted long rectangles that are joined together at the end. Portable and fun, colourful project in linen stitch that uses up variegated skeins in a lovely painterly way.



ABBREVIATIONS

ch – chain
sc – single crochet
sk – skip
slst – slip stitch
sp – space
st – stitch

OVERVIEW

YARN	<p>650g of Hedgehog Fibres Sock Yarn Minis (90% Merino wool, 10% nylon, 20g/80m) in a variety of colours or scraps. Yarn held double throughout the project.</p> <p>The colours pictured are 'Potluck' colours featured in Hedgehog Fibres 2022 Advent Calendar, plus a few extra minis and scraps from previous projects.</p>
HOOK	4.50 mm/size 7 crochet hook
GAUGE	[ch1, sk next st, sc in next ch1 sp] x13 and 24 rows = 10cm/4 inches in linen stitch, blocked lightly by washing and laying flat to dry
< 4 SIZE	80 x 80cm (31.5 x 31.5 inches) after blocking lightly by washing and laying flat to dry
SKILLS REQUIRED	chain, single crochet
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INSTRUCTIONS

The marled effect is achieved by starting with two strands of Colour A, then you will drop one strand of A and replace it with one strand of B. After that, two strands of Colour B, and then B and C and so on. There is no striping with this technique and marling creates a softer transition. you can change your colours at will in blocks that you find visually pleasing or as you are running out of your minis. Marling creates soft transitions and cool new colour combinations that might surprise you!

Repeat the instructions for each of the four rectangles, dimensions indicated in brackets.

Increase section:

Row 1: With slip knot on hook ch3, sc in 3rd ch from hook. Turn.

Row 2: Ch3, sk first sc, (sc, ch1, sc) in next ch3 sp. Turn.

Row 3: Ch3, sk first sc, sc in next ch1 sp, ch1, sk next sc, (sc, ch1, sc) in next ch3 sp. Turn.

Row 4: Ch3, sk first sc, [sc in next ch1 sp, ch1, sk next st] repeat across to next ch3 sp, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch3 sp. Turn.

Repeat Row 4 until the short sides of your triangle reach (20cm, 10cm, 20cm, 25cm), [8", 4", 8", 10"] width.

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Body Section:

Row 1 note: There is not a ch1 sp between the final two sc of this row.

Row 1: Ch3, sk first st, sc in next ch1 sp, [ch1, sk next st, sc in next ch1 sp] repeat across side to to last sc, sk last sc, sc in final ch3 sp. Turn.

Row 2: Ch2, sk first 2 st, [sc in next ch1 sp, ch1, sk next st] repeat across to next ch3 sp, (sc, ch1, sc) in ch3 sp. Turn.

Row 3: Ch3, sk first st, sc in next ch1 sp, [ch1, sk next st, sc in next ch1 sp] repeat across side to to last sc, sk last sc, sc in final ch2 sp. Turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until the longest side reaches 75cm/29.5" in length.

Decrease section:

Decrease Section note: You do not ch between the last two sc of each side. It's important for creating a smooth decrease.

Row 1: Ch2, sk first st, sc in next ch1 sp, [ch1, sk next st, sc in next ch1 sp] repeat across side to to last sc, sk last sc, sc in next ch2 sp.

Row 2: Ch2, sk first 2 st, sc in next ch1 sp, [ch1, sk next sc, sc in next ch1 sp] repeat across side to to last sc, sk last sc, sc in final ch2 sp. Turn.

Repeat Row 2 until only 4 sc across remain.

INSTRUCTIONS

Decrease section continued:

Row 3: Ch2, sk first 2 sc, sc in next ch1 sp, ch1, sk next sc, sc in next ch1 sp, sk next sc, sc in next ch2 sp. Turn.

Row 4: Ch2, sk first 2 sc, sc in next ch1 sp, sk next sc, sc in next ch2 sp.

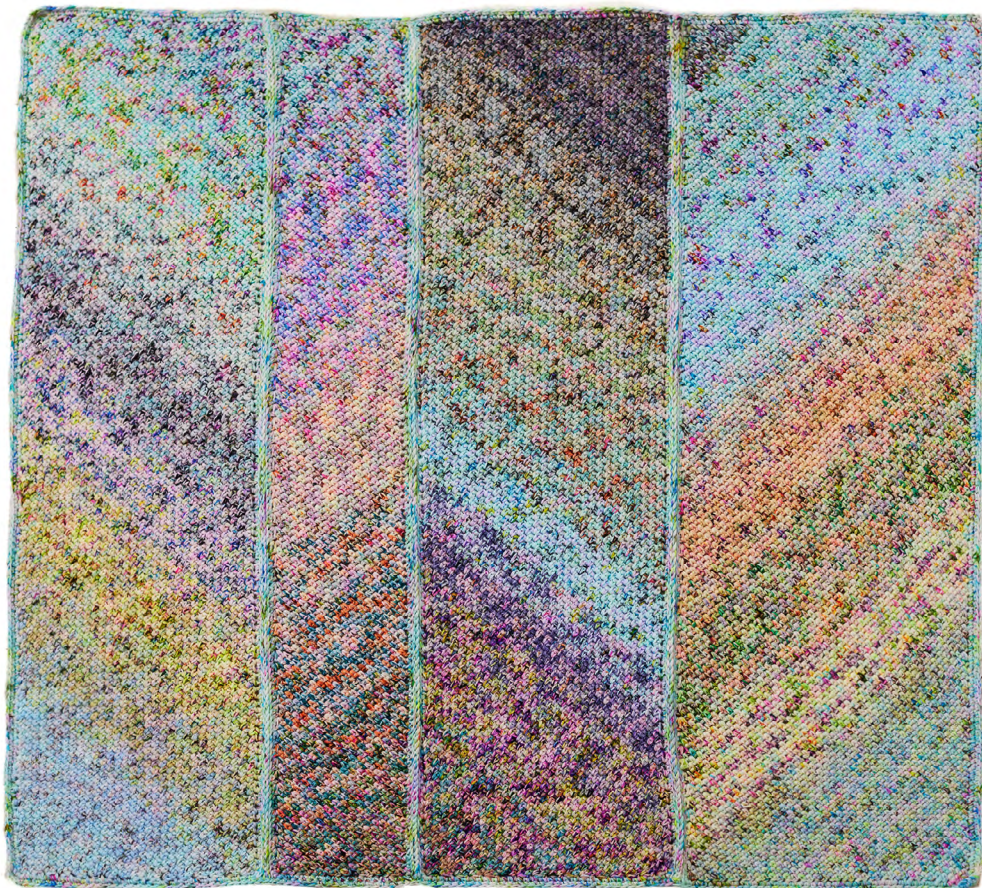
Row 5: Ch1, turn, skip first 2 sc, sc in next ch1 sp, fasten off.

Repeat for the next 3 rectangles.

Finishing:

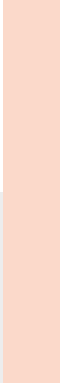
Crochet sc border around each rectangle, to turn corners: 3sc in the corner sc. Join rectangles using a [flat slip stitch join like this](#) or preferred method. To finish off, crochet a sc border around the perimeter of the blanket.

Block lightly by gently washing and laying flat to dry.



Care Notes

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense - reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea (we separate laundry, right?). To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch/finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.

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