

## Preemie Ripple Afghan

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Materials: approx. 6 oz. 4-ply worsted weight yarn, I hook, #16 needle for sewing in ends

Size: about 15"

Common pattern abbreviations:

ch = chain	sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet	sk = skip
ea = each	sl st = slip stitch
hk = hook	sp = space
rep = repeat	yo = yarn over
rnd = round	

Note: This basic ripple pattern is a multiple of 11 + 10. If you find you need less chains to get the width to size, you can try 76 or 65. If you need more, try 98. Work through BACK LOOPS ONLY unless directed otherwise, as this gives a very pretty ridged effect and really adds to the look of the blankie.

ch. 87 loosely

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc in next 3 chs, \* 3 sc in next ch, sc in ea of next 4 chs, sk 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, rep from \* across, ending 3 sc in next ch, sc in ea of last 4 ch, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sk 1 sc, sc in ea of next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, \* sc in ea of next 4 sc, sk 2 sc, sc in ea of next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, rep from \* across to within last 5 sts, end 1 sc in ea of next 3 sc, sk 1 sc, sc through BOTH LOOPS of last sc.

Row 3-41: repeat Row 2. If you prefer a more rectangular piece, you can add an extra few rows. Be sure to finish on the RIGHT side. Do not finish off.

Border: ch-1, 1 sc in ea row down the left side of afghan when facing you, ch 3 for corner. Now you will be working in the foundation chain, with the afghan upside down--sc in ea st skipping 1 or 2 as appropriate in the "valleys" and doing 3 sc under the ch-3 top of "hills", 3sc in next corner, sc in ea row up the right side of afghan. For last afghan row, sc in pattern stitch, going through BOTH LOOPS. Join with sl st and finish off.