

Dc Preemie or Doll Ripple Afghan

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Materials: approx. 6 oz. 4 ply worsted weight yarn (I used Red Heart Super Saver in sample), I hook, #16 needle ; If working a preemie afghan, I suggest using DK or sport weight instead of worsted.

Size: about 17" square

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	tch = turning chain
rnd = round	yo = yarn over

Note: This ripple pattern is a multiple of 11.

What does that mean? It means to figure your foundation chain you should multiply a number by 11. For example:

*11 x 5 = 55 (about 15")
11 x 12 = 132 (about 36"wide)
11 x 14 = 154 (about 42" wide)
11 x 16 = 176 (about 48" wide)
11 x 17 = 187 (which is about 53")*

Then you must adjust your height so that it looks right. These measurements are before edging is added.

Shell = 3 dc.

Also, at the end of rows, you may use ch-2 or ch-3 for your turning chain. I use ch-2.

Instructions:

ch. 55 loosely

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hk, dc in ea of next 2 chs, (*note: you now have 4 dc including tch*) * 3 dc in next ch, dc in ea of next 4 chs, sk 2 chs, dc in ea of next 4 chs, rep from * across, ending 3 dc in next ch, dc in ea of last 4 ch, (RIGHT SIDE), (55 dc including 5 hills or shells), ch 2, turn.

Note: If you work through BACK LOOPS ONLY you will get a pretty ridged effect. However, the pattern will look fine if you go through both loops.

Row 2 (pattern stitch): sk 1 dc (do not put first stitch in the base of your turning chain, do not put it in the next dc, but in the next one), dc in ea of next 3 dc, * 3 dc in next dc (which is the middle dc of the first shell on this row), dc in ea of next 4 dc, sk 2 dc, dc in ea of next 4 dc rep from * across to within last 6 sts (including the tch), end 3 dc in next dc, 1 dc in ea of next 3 dc, sk 1 dc, dc through BOTH LOOPS of last dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 3-25: Repeat Row 2 *Be sure to finish on the RIGHT side. Do not finish off.*

Border: *Note: I use an H hook (or hook one size smaller) for the sides*

Left Side: chain 3 (for height), turn the afghan so that the left side is now at the top, work 1 dc in first row, 2 dc in each remaining row down that side to the last row, in last row work 1 dc.

Foundation Row: Turn work clockwise so that the foundation chain row is now on top. In other words, you are holding your afghan upside down. Work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first chain, 1 dc in ea of next 3 chains, skip next chain, dc in ea of next 4 chs, work 3 dc under the next two chains (the ones that are not worked in but make up "valley" of your pattern), * work dc in ea of next 4 chs, sk 1 ch, dc in ea of next 4 chs, 3 dc under next 2 chs, repeat from * twice (or to last 9 sts - including tch - in a larger pc), dc in ea of next 4 chs, sk 1 ch, dc in ea of next 3 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in top of your original tch or ch-3 (remember when you worked dc into 4th chain from hook?)

Right Side: Turn your work clockwise again. Now what was originally your right side of work is on top.

Work 1 dc in first row, work 2 dc in ea remaining row down that side, in last row work 1 dc.

Last Row: Turn your work clockwise once again and now you are back at the final row of the afghan. Work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in top loop of beg ch-3 (same one you just made one dc around), sk next dc, dc in ea of next 3 dc, 3 dc in next dc (which is the center dc of the shell), * dc in ea of next 4 dc, sk 2 dc, dc in ea of next 4 dc, 3 dc in next dc, repeat from * to the last five sts, then dc in ea of next 3 dc, sk next dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 1dc) in last st, join with a sl st to beginning ch-3 or use the invisible join

Finish off. Sew in ends.

Voila! You are finished! Wrap that beautiful afghan around a sweet wee one!

Optional: If you prefer a straight edge, just use graduated stitches along the sides of the hills. A shorter stitch (sl st or sc) at the top and longer stitches (hdc, dc, tr) at the valleys. Since everyone's stitch height varies with tension, you need to use whatever stitches will give you the desired effect. I generally use sl st or sc, hdc, and dc for most ripple edges that I am trying to straighten out.