

DC Cross Boxes Crochet Baby Blanket

(Pattern presented to Knitting4Peace by designer, Becky Stevens)





MATERIALS: H hook, 17 oz. worsted weight yarn in color of your choice.

GAUGE: 11 sc stitches = 3"; 4 dc or 1 block = 1"; 2 rows sc + 1 block = 1

Blanket size: Approximately 29" wide X 36" long

(Chain a multiple of 4 plus 3)

Row 1 Ch 103, sc in 2nd ch from hook and sc in each ch across, ch 1, turn. (102 sts)

Rows 2-3 Sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. At end of row 3, ch 2 and turn.

Row 4 Skip 2 sc, *dc in each of next 3 sc, pass hook in front of last 3 dc, YO, insert hook in skipped sc before the 3-dc-group, draw up a long loop across the 3-dc-gp, and complete the dc stitch, skip 1 sc, repeat from * across, ending with dc in last sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 5 Sc in each st across, ending with sc in top of the ch-2-turning-ch, ch 1, turn. (102 sts)

Repeat rows 2-5 for pattern until desired length is reached. End with row 3.

BORDER:

- Row 1 At end of last row, turn. Ch 1 and work 3 sc in same corner space, work sc sts evenly around all 4 sides of afghan, making sure to work 3 sc in each corner. Join with sl st to first sc.
- **Row 2** Ch 2 and work hdc in each st around, making sure to work 3 hdc in each corner. Join with sl st and end off.

As you prepare your Baby Blanket for shipment to us,

please take a moment and offer your thoughts or prayers for the well-being of the mother and baby who will receive it. Offer an intention that your blanket will provide hope and healing in their lives.

Your compassion & love are as important as the work of your hands in "knitting together" the Beloved Community.

Send your completed blanket

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