



— CROCHET PATTERN

Cute Animal Motif Blanket

★ Skill: Beginner

✏ Size: 36 × 36 inches

🪡 Hook: 5.0 mm (H/8)

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About This Pattern: This is a premium digital PDF pattern for the *Cute Animal Motif Blanket* crochet project. All instructions are written in US terminology. This pattern is suitable for Beginner crocheters and includes step-by-step instructions, photos, assembly guidance, and a full troubleshooting FAQ.

Materials & Tools

Yarn

- ▶ Main Color (MC): Cream White
- ▶ Contrast Color (CC): Dusty Rose
- ▶ Accent (A): Sage Green
- ▶ Estimated Yardage: 1,200–1,800 yards (MC), 300–400 yards (CC)

Recommended Hook

- ▶ Primary Hook: 5.0 mm (H/8)
- ▶ Tapestry / Yarn Needle: Size 13–16 blunt tip
- ▶ Optional: Ergonomic grip handle for comfortable crocheting

Additional Supplies

- ▶ Polyester fiberfill / Toy stuffing
- ▶ 12mm safety eyes (check pattern notes)
- ▶ Stitch markers (at least 2)
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Straight sewing pins
- ▶ Row counter (optional)



Cute Animal Motif Blanket — main project view

Finished Size

36 × 36 inches

Gauge

14 sc × 18 rows = 4 inches (10 cm) in
sc with size 5.0mm hook

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

All patterns are written in US crochet terminology.

MR**Magic Ring***Start: 6 sc in MR***ch****Chain***ch 12 to begin***sl st****Slip Stitch***Join with sl st***sc****Single Crochet***sc in each st***hdc****Half Double Crochet***hdc in next 4 sts***dc****Double Crochet***dc in each st around***tr****Treble Crochet***tr in 5th ch from hook***inc****Increase (2 sc in 1 st)***(sc, inc) repeat***dec****Invisible Decrease***dec 6 times (12→6)***BLO****Back Loops Only***sc in BLO around***FLO****Front Loops Only***sc in FLO around***FO****Fasten Off***FO, leave 10" tail*

TIP

The Invisible Decrease (dec): Insert hook under front loop of first stitch AND front loop of second stitch. Pull through both loops (3 loops on hook). Pull yarn through all 3 loops in one motion. This creates a seamless decrease that won't leave visible holes.

Pattern Notes



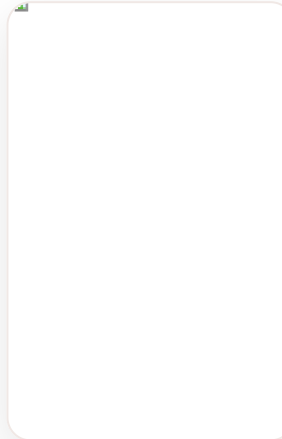
Construction Notes

- ▶ This Cute Animal Motif Blanket pattern is worked in continuous rounds (spiral) unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Do NOT join at the end of each round unless the pattern specifically instructs you to.
- ▶ Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.
- ▶ All stitch counts are shown in parentheses at the end of each round, e.g., (18).
- ▶ This blanket is worked flat in rows. Turn your work at the end of every row.

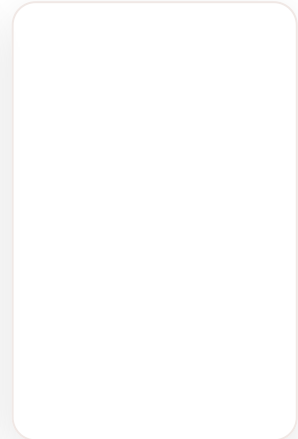


Yarn & Hook Notes

- ▶ Recommended yarn: Worsted Weight Acrylic (Size 4)
- ▶ Recommended hook: 5.0 mm (H/8)
- ▶ For amigurumi: Use a hook 0.5mm smaller than label recommends for tighter tension.
- ▶ Cotton yarn gives the crispest stitch definition.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet yarn creates the fluffiest look but hides stitch detail.



Close detail of correct tension showing stitch definition



Side view showing finished proportions and shape

⚠ NOTE

If this item is intended for children under 3 years old, replace safety eyes with embroidered eyes for safety. Do not attach any small parts that could be a choking hazard.

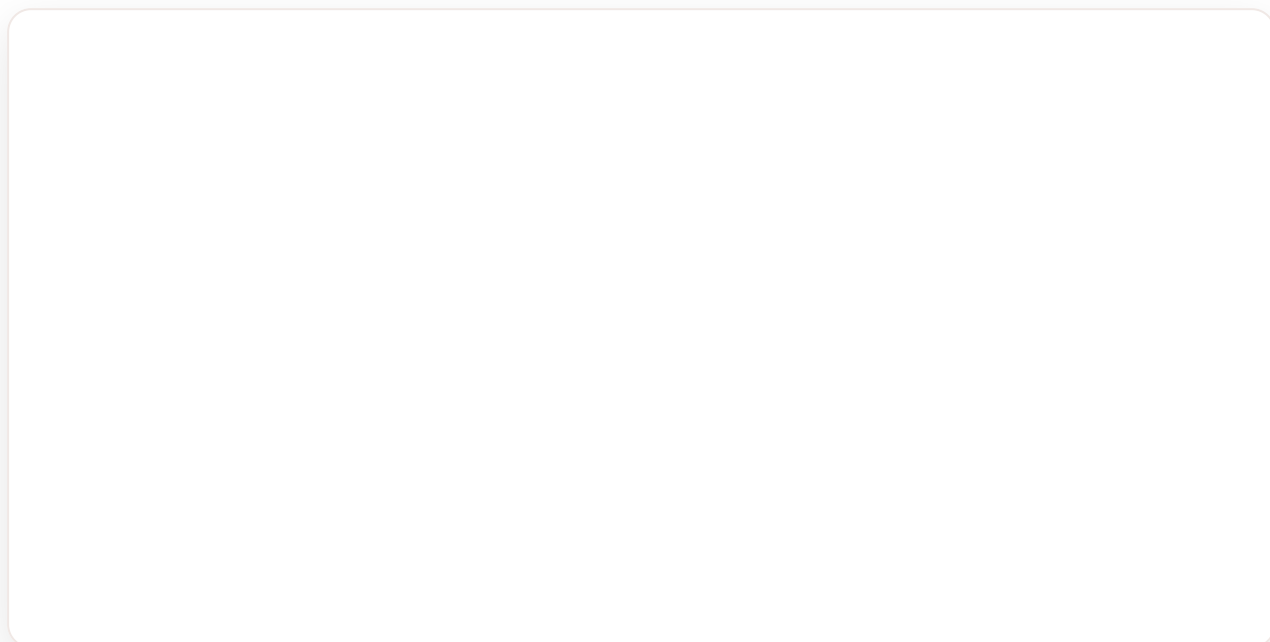


Parts to Make:

Main Panel

Border

Foundation Chain



Beginning of Foundation Chain — Foundation chain laid flat showing correct tension

Ch 122. (This creates your foundation. Always count twice before moving on.)

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across. Turn. (121 sc)

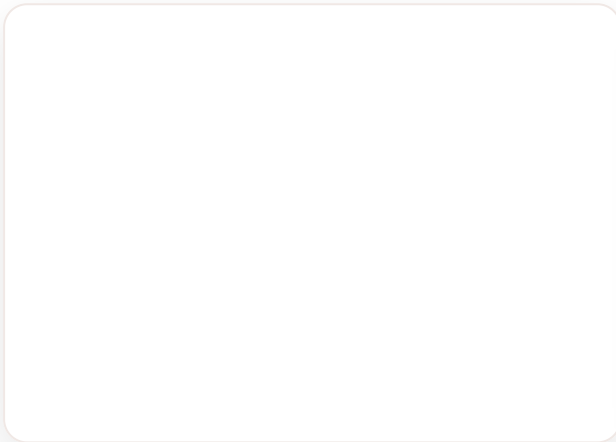
TIP

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of every right-side row to help you keep track of row direction.

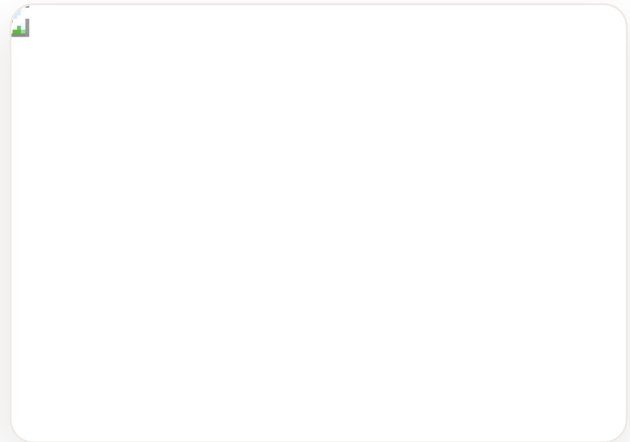
Foundation Chain (continued)

Row 2 (WS): Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 1, skip 1 st, sc in next st*, repeat from * to * across. Turn. (61 sc + 60 ch-1 spaces)

Row 3 (RS): Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in each ch-1 sp and each sc across. Turn. (121 sc)



Foundation Chain in progress — stitch detail



Foundation Chain completed and ready for next step

Main Body — Shell Stitch Pattern

Beginning of Main Body — Shell Stitch Pattern — Shell stitch pattern developing across first 10 rows

Row 4: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, *skip 2 sts, sc in next st, skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st (shell made)*, repeat from * to * to last 3 sts, skip 2 sts, 2 dc in last st. Turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, *5 dc in sc of previous row (shell over sc), sc in center dc of shell below*, repeat across, end sc in top of ch-3. Turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, 2 dc in first st, *sc in center dc of shell, 5 dc in sc below (shell made)*, repeat across, end 3 dc in last sc. Turn.

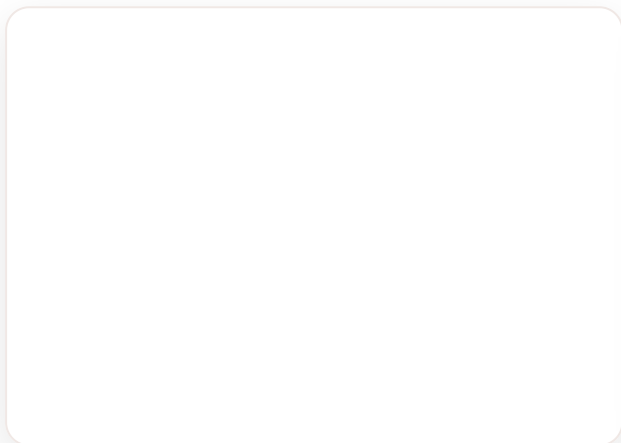
TIP

The shell stitch can feel tricky at first. Count your shells — you should always have the same number of complete shells across every row.

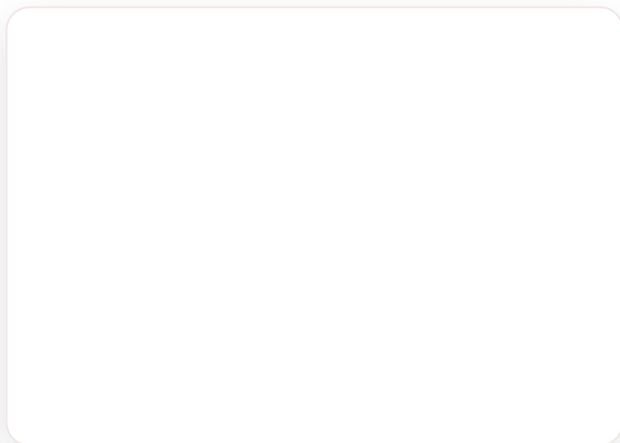
Main Body — Shell Stitch Pattern (continued)

Rows 7–80: Repeat Rows 5 and 6 alternately for 74 more rows (or until desired length). Fasten off at end of last row.

Color Change at Row 40: Join CC yarn with a sl st. Continue pattern in CC for 10 rows, then switch back to MC. Weave in ends as you go.

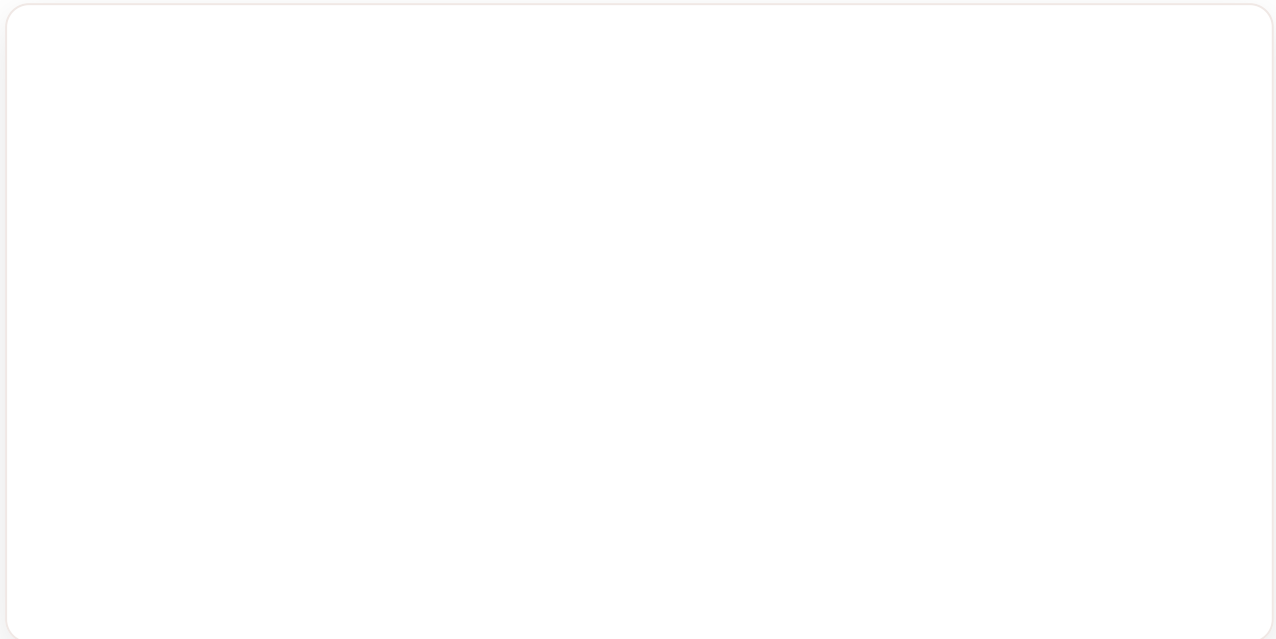


Main Body — Shell Stitch Pattern in progress — stitch detail



Main Body — Shell Stitch Pattern completed and ready for next step

Cute Animal Motif Blanket Border — Round 1



Beginning of Cute Animal Motif Blanket Border — Round 1 — Border Round 1 showing clean corner treatment

Join MC yarn with sl st to any corner. Ch 1.

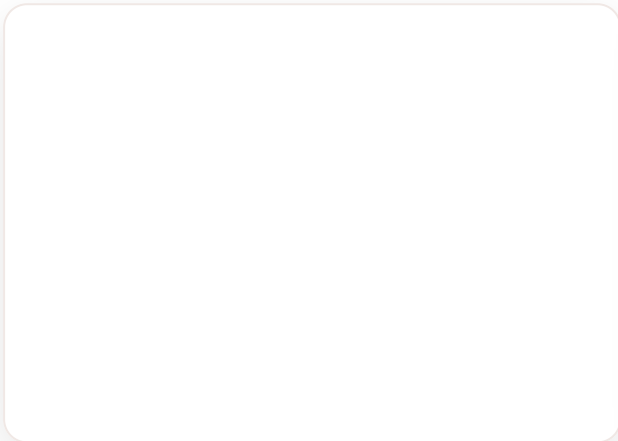
Corner: Work 3 sc in corner st.

Along long edges: Work 1 sc in each dc and ch-1 space across.

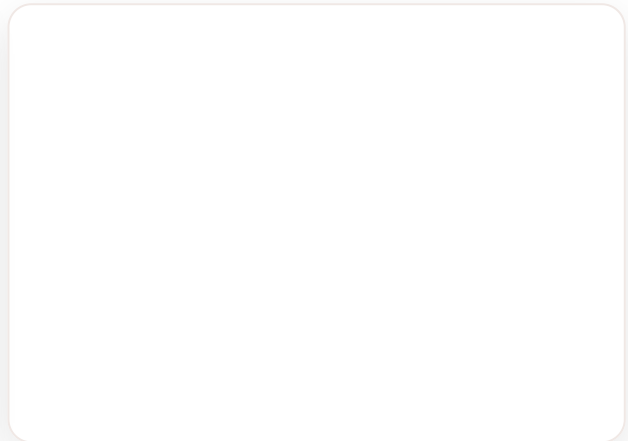
Cute Animal Motif Blanket Border — Round 1 (continued)

Along short edges: Work 1 sc in each row-end (about 80 sts per side).

Work 3 sc in each corner. Join with sl st to first sc.

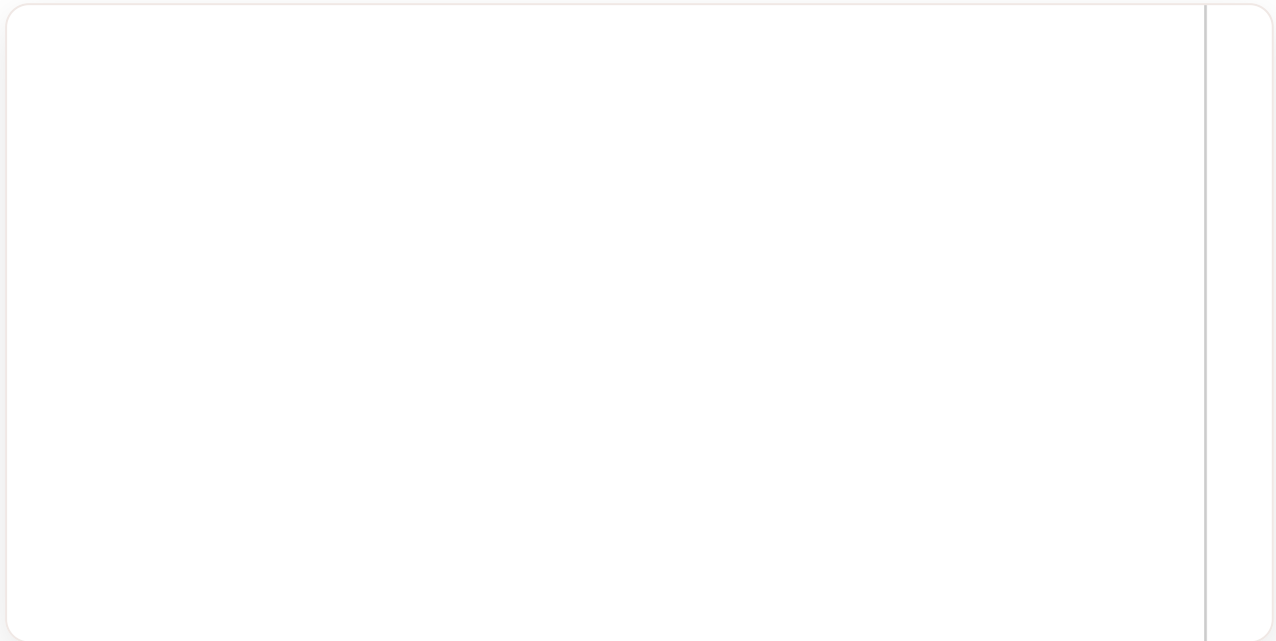


*Cute Animal Motif Blanket Border — Round 1 in progress —
stitch detail*



*Cute Animal Motif Blanket Border — Round 1 completed
and ready for next step*

Border — Round 2 (Picot Edge)



Beginning of Border — Round 2 (Picot Edge) — Picot border detail showing elegant final edge

Sl st in next 2 sts, ch 1.

Sc in next st, ch 3, sl st back in first ch (picot made), sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * to * around working 3 sc in each corner.

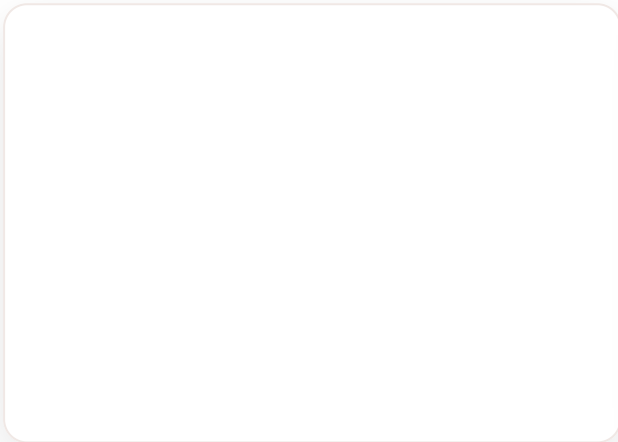
💡 TIP

✨ FINISHING: Block the finished blanket by soaking in cool water, gently pressing out excess water (do not wring), then pinning to measurements on a foam blocking board. Allow to dry completely (12–24 hours).

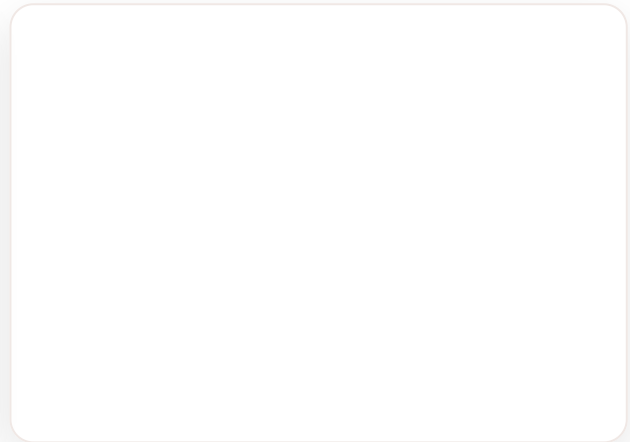
Border — Round 2 (Picot Edge) (continued)

Join with sl st. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends using tapestry needle, working through at least 3 stitches in each direction to secure.

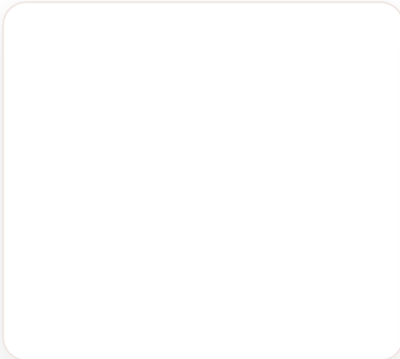


Border — Round 2 (Picot Edge) in progress — stitch detail

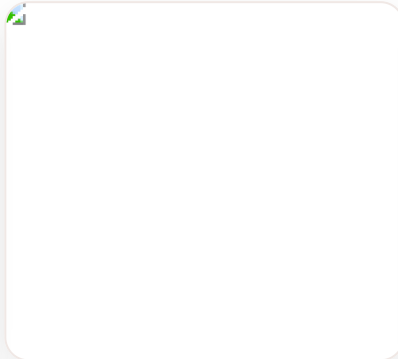


Border — Round 2 (Picot Edge) completed and ready for next step

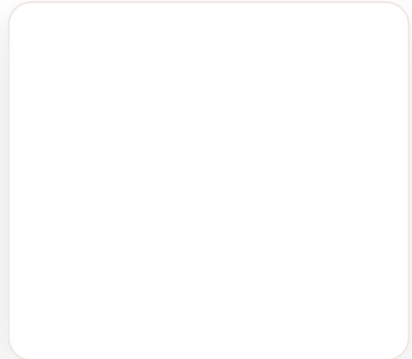
Assembly Guide



All pieces laid out for assembly



Positioning head on body



Checking symmetry before sewing

1 No assembly required — this pattern is worked in one continuous piece.

2 Weave in all yarn ends securely with a tapestry needle.

3 Steam or wet block to finished measurements for best results.

TIP

Pin all pieces in position before sewing a single stitch. Take a photo of the layout, then step back and check symmetry from a distance. This prevents the frustration of having to unpick assembled pieces.

Finishing Techniques



Weaving In Ends

- ▶ Thread the yarn tail onto a tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert the needle through 3–4 stitches in one direction.
- ▶ Reverse direction and weave through 3–4 more stitches.
- ▶ Give the yarn a gentle tug to set it. Trim close to the fabric.
- ▶ Never cut the yarn too close — leave at least 2mm to prevent unraveling.



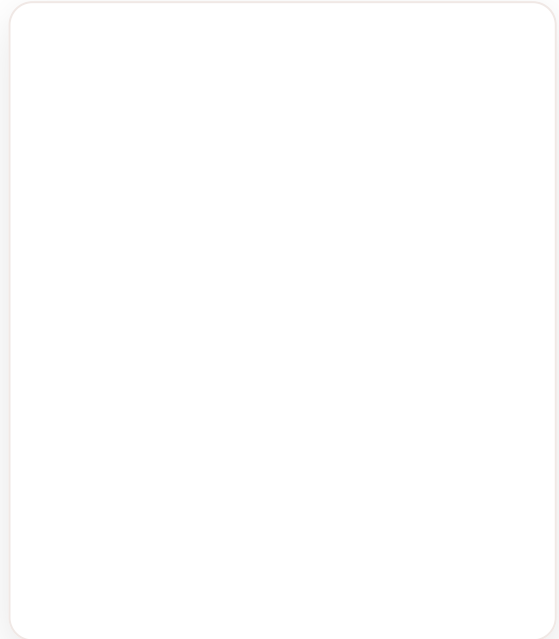
Invisible Closure

- ▶ Thread remaining 6-stitch tail onto tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert needle through the front loop of each remaining stitch, going around the entire opening.
- ▶ Pull firmly to gather all loops together.
- ▶ Take one stitch across the closing point and pull through to reverse side.
- ▶ Weave in end through 4–5 internal stitches to secure.

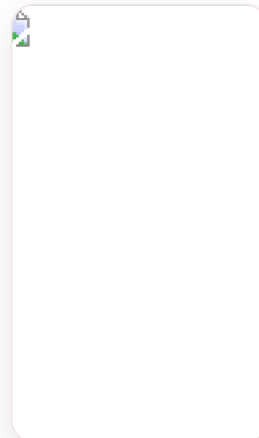


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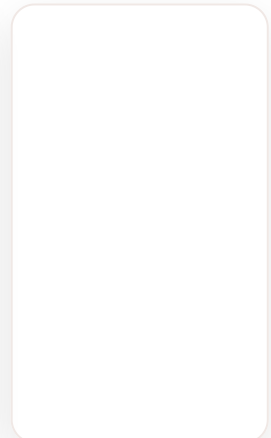
For blocking: If your finished piece is cotton yarn, wet block it by soaking in cool water, pressing gently in a towel, then reshaping and pinning to final measurements. Allow to dry 12–24 hours for the best result.



Final finishing details — clean and professional result



Invisible seam technique close-up



Properly woven ends from inside

Care Instructions



Washing

Hand wash gently in lukewarm water with mild detergent. Avoid wringing or twisting. For machine-washable yarn (check label), use a delicate cycle in a mesh laundry bag.



Drying

Lay flat to dry on a clean towel, reshaping while damp. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent color fading. Never tumble dry — this may cause felting or shape loss.



Spot Cleaning

For small stains, use a damp cloth with a tiny amount of mild soap. Dab gently — never rub. Allow to air dry completely before use.



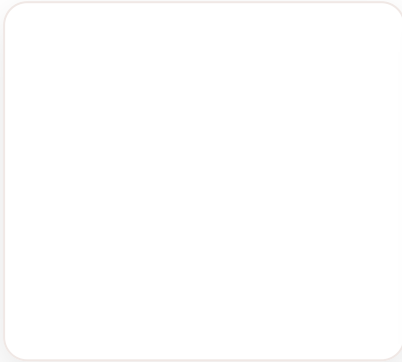
Storage

Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Use breathable cotton bags — avoid plastic which can trap moisture. Keep away from moths.

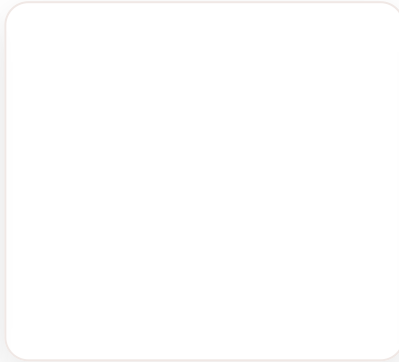
Finished Cute Animal Motif Blanket displayed beautifully

Gallery

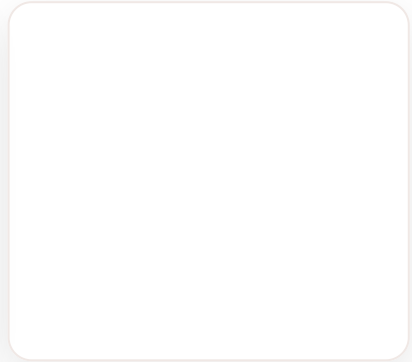
The finished Cute Animal Motif Blanket from multiple angles and in different settings.



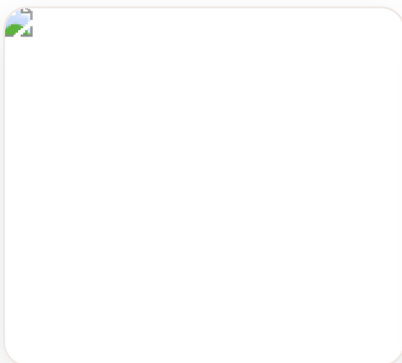
Front view — finished project



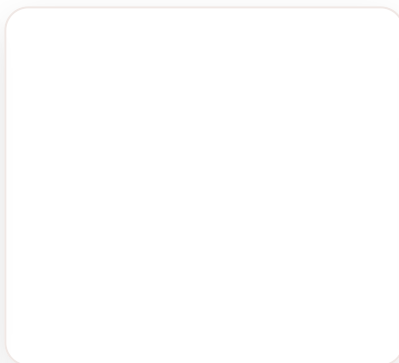
Side profile detail



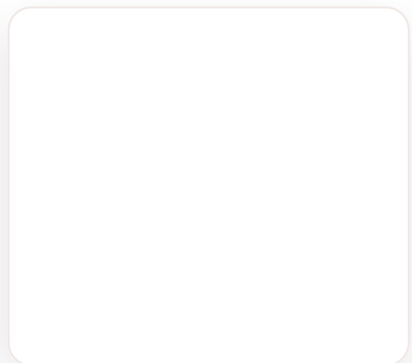
Top-down overhead view



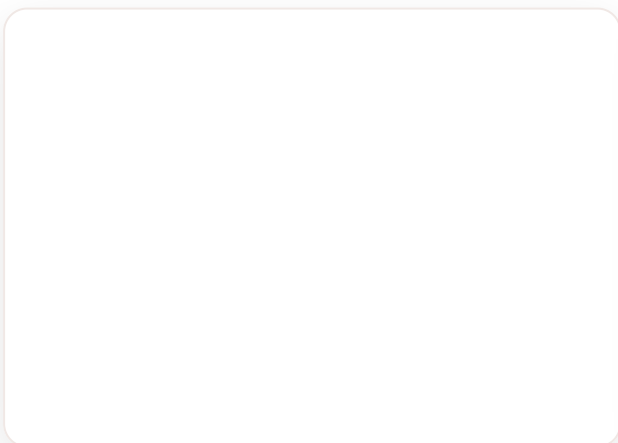
Back view showing finishing



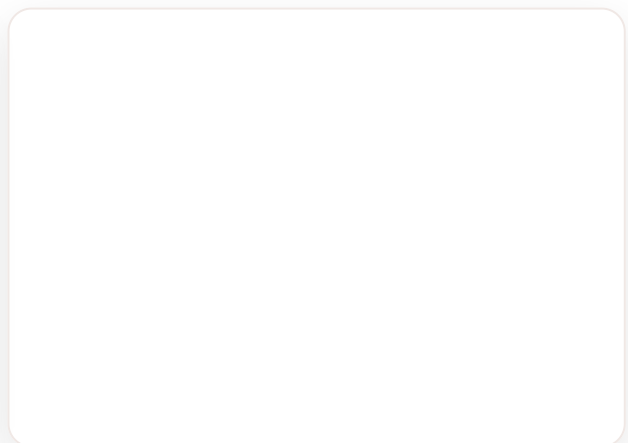
Close-up texture detail



Scale reference view



Lifestyle photography — in setting



Alternative color inspiration

Customization & Variations

Color Variations

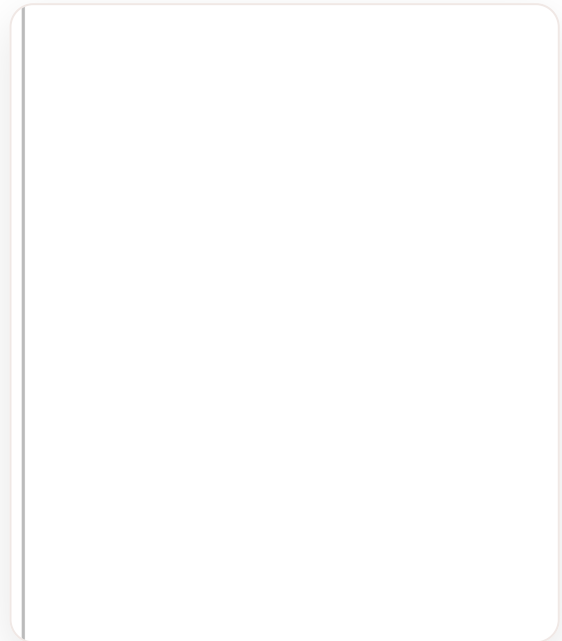
- ▶ Use a gradient yarn for a natural ombre effect without any color changes.
- ▶ For a baby version, use a gentle DK weight yarn in soft pastels and a 4.0mm hook. Finished size will be approximately 24 × 30 inches.
- ▶ For a textured look, try holding two strands of fingering-weight yarn together. This creates a lighter, lacier fabric while maintaining the pattern structure.
- ▶ Try a variegated or self-stripping yarn for a completely different look with no extra work.
- ▶ Use the same pattern in holiday colors — red/green for Christmas, orange/black for Halloween.

Size Variations

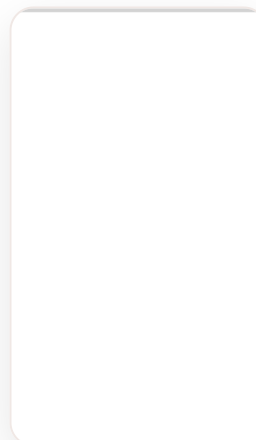
- ▶ Miniature (keychain size): Use fingering weight yarn + 2.0mm hook.
- ▶ Standard (as written): Use the yarn/hook specified in materials.
- ▶ Giant version: Use super bulky yarn + 9.0mm hook for a jumbo result.
- ▶ Adjust gauge: Going down 0.5mm in hook size reduces size by ~15%.

Yarn Substitution Guide

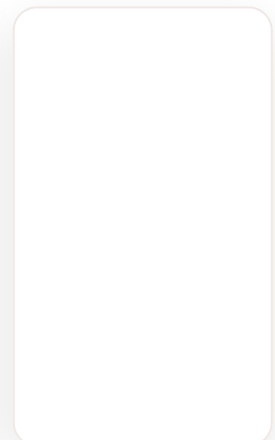
- ▶ Soft acrylic: Easy care, great for gifts, holds shape well.
- ▶ Cotton: Crisp stitch definition, great for decorative pieces.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet: Ultra-soft and fluffy, hides stitches.
- ▶ Mohair blend: Halo effect, luxurious look.



Alternative color version inspiration



*Miniature version
reference*



Jumbo version reference

- ▶ Merino wool: Natural fiber, may require gentle hand wash only.

FAQ & Troubleshooting

Q: My stitch count keeps changing. What am I doing wrong?

A: The most common error is accidentally working into the turning chain as a stitch. The turning chain ch-3 counts as a dc, so do not work into it at the end of a row. Use a stitch marker in your first stitch on every row.

Q: Can I make this blanket smaller or larger?

A: Yes! Start with any multiple of 6 + 5 chains for the shell pattern. For a lap blanket, ch 92. For a king-size throw, ch 182. Add or subtract complete pattern repeats.

Q: What if my tension is too loose?

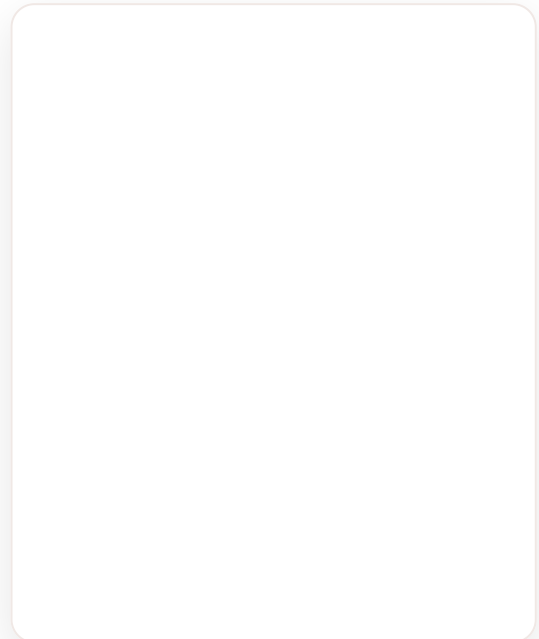
A: Try a smaller hook. For amigurumi-tight fabric, go down 0.5mm. For a drapier blanket, go up 0.5mm. Always swatch before starting.

Q: How do I prevent holes at color changes?

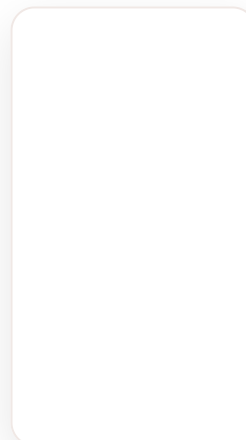
A: Always carry your unused color loosely up the side of the work, twisting the two yarns around each other every 2–3 rows to prevent loose loops on the edge.

Q: I still have questions. Where can I get help?

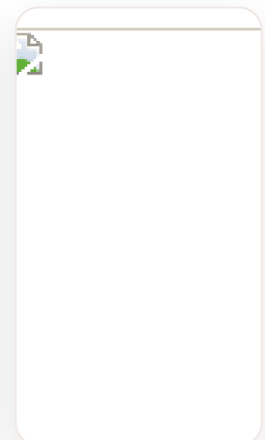
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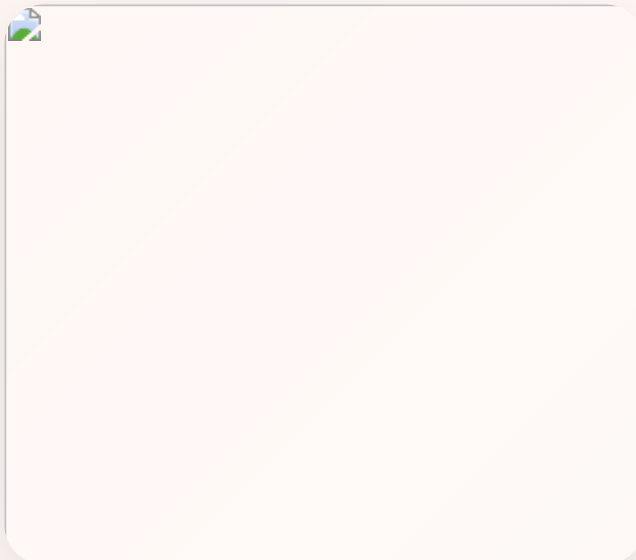
Troubleshooting reference — correct vs incorrect



Common mistake: loose tension



Correct result: firm even stitches



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