

Round Rainbow Ripple Baby Blanket

Finished Size:

Approximately 45" diameter from point to point

Yarn:

Approx. 220 yards of Worsted Weight (#4) yarn in each of 4 colors (A, B, C, D) **and** approx. 440 yards of 3 more colors (E, F, G) also in worsted (#4) weight.

Crochet Hook:

Size H (5 mm). Adjust hook size as necessary to obtain gauge.

Gauge:

15 stitches, 8 rows = 4" in double crochet



Stitch Abbreviations:

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

large shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space sl st: slip stitch

small shell: (dc, ch 2, dc) in same space

st: stitch

Notes:

Crochet over your ends as you go along to minimize finishing. Always ch 2 at the beginning of a round, not 3. This makes the join less visible.

Pattern:

Using color A, ch 4. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc throughout pattern), work 11 dc in ring (12 dc). Join with sl st in top of ch2 from beginning (join in this manner throughout pattern).

Round 2: Ch 2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each dc around (24 dc). Join.

Round 3: Ch 2, *skip next dc, work (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc. Repeat from * around, ending with dc in base of beginning stitch, ch 2, join with sl st in top of ch2 from beginning.

Round 4: Sl st into ch 2 space, work (ch 2, dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch 2 space, * work large shell in next ch 2 space, repeat from * around. Join.

Round 5: Sl st into next st, ch 2, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join.

Round 6: Sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next st, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in each of next 2 dc, skip the next 2 sts, dc in each of next 2 dc. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts.

Join, cut yarn.

Round 7: Using color G, sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, * work small shell in next ch 2 space, dc in next 3 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join, cut yarn.

Round 8: Using color B, sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 3 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in the next 3 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join.

Round 9: Sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 3 sts, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 4 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join.

Round 10: Sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 4 sts, * work small shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 5 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join.

Round 11: Sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 4 sts, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 5 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join.

Round 12: Sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 5 sts, * work large shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 6 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join, cut yarn.

Round 13: Using color G, sl st into next st, ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, *work small shell in ch 2 space, dc in next 7 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * around, ending with skip 2 sts. Join, cut yarn.

Continue working in rounds in pattern as established, always working 1 round with small shells followed by 2 rounds with large shells. You will work 5 rounds of each color, 1 round of white (always a small shell round), 5 rounds of next color, 1 round of white, and so on. Continue repeating rounds 8-13 with the number of dc increasing in each large shell round between the "ch 2 space" and the "skip 2 sts" until the last round of rainbow colors is worked. Join, cut yarn.

Final round: Using color G, work a *large shell round*. This is the only white round that is large shell, and this is to create sharp points around the edge of your afghan that will lay flat. Weave in any remaining ends. Block gently.

