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Peppermint Stripe Crochet Blanket

Candy-cane color with just one stitch to remember. Six-row bands make the blanket easy to pick up again after a break, and a narrow red edge ties the stripes together.

Skill Beginner

Finished size 40 × 49 in (102 × 124 cm)

Yarn weight Medium worsted (#4)

Hook 5.5 mm (US I/9)

Estimated yardage 1,750 yd (1,601 m)

Gauge 13 hdc × 11 rows = 4 in (10 cm)

Construction 128 stitches × 132 rows, worked flat in two colors

Yarn by color Candy red 950 yd (869 m), warm ivory 800 yd (732 m).



Design illustration

Before you begin
Use a ch-1 turning chain throughout. The chain never counts as a stitch. Both colors must give the same gauge. Mark the first and last hdc of the first few rows.

Tools, swatch and terminology

Gather scissors, a tape measure, a tapestry needle and stitch markers. Use small balls or bobbins for intarsia. Sizes and yardages are estimates.

Measure a washed, dry swatch in the pattern stitch. Use a larger hook for too many stitches per inch, or a smaller hook for too few. For Granny Squares, measure one blocked square.

ch chain · **sc** single crochet · **hdc** half double crochet · **dc** double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch · **st(s)** stitch(es) · **sp** space · **BLO** back loop only · **RS** right side.

Sc Pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through both loops. **Hdc** Yarn over, pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through all three loops. **Dc** Yarn over, pull up a loop, then yarn over and draw through two loops twice.

Single crochet border
With the right side facing, join the border color just after a corner. Ch 1. Work sc around, placing 3 sc in each corner. Start with roughly 1 sc per stitch or chain along the straight top and bottom and 5 sc per 4 hdc row ends or 1 sc per moss-stitch row end along the sides. Adjust as needed to keep the border flat. Sl st to the first sc and fasten off.

Step-by-step instructions

1. Start in red. Ch 129 loosely. Row 1: Hdc in the second chain from the hook and across. Count 128 hdc.

2. Make the first stripe. Rows 2-6: Ch 1, turn and hdc in all 128 sts. On the final yarn-over of row 6, pull through with ivory.

3. Repeat the stripes. Rows 7-12: With ivory, ch 1, turn and hdc across each row. Repeat the 12-row color sequence 10 more times, making 22 bands in total. End with ivory on row 132. Each row has 128 hdc.

4. Finish the edge. Cut the inactive yarn after each change, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. After row 132, fasten off and add one round of sc in red using the shared border instructions. Weave in the tails and block to size.

> **Check your work**
> Rows 1-6 and 121-126 are red. Rows 7-12 and 127-132 are ivory. Each stripe should measure a little over 2 in (5 cm) before blocking.

Adjust the size

With the given gauge, add or subtract about 13 foundation chains for each 4 in (10 cm) in width. Adjust the length in 12-row red-and-ivory repeats to keep the stripe sequence intact.

Finish and care for the throw

Weave yarn ends through nearby stitches in the same color. Wash as directed on the yarn label, then gently press out water with a towel and lay flat to dry. Test high-contrast colors on a swatch before washing the blanket.