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Gingerbread Moss Stitch Crochet Blanket

Thin lines of ivory give this warm brown throw the look of piped gingerbread. The moss stitch has a small woven texture and works beautifully in a solid yarn.

Skill Beginner

Finished size 41 × 49 in (104 × 124 cm)

Yarn weight Medium worsted (#4)

Hook 5.5 mm (US I/9)

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

Gauge 14 stitch positions × 12 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in pattern

Construction 141 positions × 144 rows, with two solid edge stitches per row

Yarn by color Gingerbread brown 1,470 yd (1,344 m), icing ivory 280 yd (256 m).



Design illustration

Before you begin
Count every sc and ch-1 sp as one position. Ch 1 to turn and keep the first and last sc solid. Continue alternating the two stitch rows through every color change.

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 brown. Ch 142. Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook. [Ch 1, skip 1 ch, sc in next ch] 70 times. Count 71 sc and 70 ch-1 spaces.

2. Work the B row. Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc and in next ch-1 sp. [Ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp] 69 times. Sc in last sc. Count 72 sc and 69 ch-1 spaces.

3. Work the A row. Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc. [Ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp] 69 times. Ch 1, skip next sc, then sc in last sc. Count 71 sc and 70 ch-1 spaces.

4. Add the icing stripes. Continue alternating B on even rows and A on odd rows. Work 13 rows brown. Then work [2 ivory, 2 brown, 2 ivory, 22 brown] 4 times. Finish with 2 ivory, 2 brown, 2 ivory and 13 brown. Change color on the last yarn-over of the row before the new stripe. For the 2-row brown gap, carry the inactive color loosely up the edge or cut and rejoin.

5. Finish in brown. Add one round of sc in brown. Across the top, work one sc into each sc and each ch-1 sp, adjusting the spacing if the edge ripples. Along the bottom, work evenly into the remaining foundation loops. Work the sides and corners as in the shared border.

> **Check your work**
> There are 144 rows and five pairs of ivory lines. The first ivory band starts on row 14 and the last ends on row 131.

Adjust the size

Use any even foundation-chain count. Set k = (chain count – 2) ÷ 2. Repeat the bracketed sequence k times on row 1 and k – 1 times on rows 2 and 3. Add or remove brown rows for length.

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.