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Chunky Holiday Rib Crochet Blanket

This blanket uses super bulky yarn and wide bands, so it takes fewer stitches to cover a sofa. Working through the back loop leaves a line of ribs that shows even across the room.

Skill Beginner

Finished size 41 × 50 in (104 × 127 cm)

Yarn weight Super bulky (#6)

Hook 10 mm (US N/P-15)

Estimated yardage 1,050 yd (960 m)

Gauge 8 hdc BLO × 6 rows = 4 in (10 cm)

Construction 81 stitches × 73 rows, with a narrow matching border

Yarn by color Cranberry 450 yd (411 m), cream 130 yd (119 m), forest green 470 yd (430 m).



Design illustration

Before you begin
After row 1, use back-loop half double crochet (hdc BLO) in every stitch. The back loop is the rear strand of the V at the top of the stitch as it faces you. Mark the last stitch if bulky yarn hides it.

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 cranberry. Ch 82 loosely. Row 1: Hdc in the second ch from the hook and in every chain across. Count 81 hdc.

2. Establish the rib. Rows 2-15: Ch 1, turn, and work 81 hdc BLO. Change to cream on the last yarn-over of row 15.

3. Work the holiday color bands. Keep the same BLO row throughout. Rows 16-19: Cream. Rows 20-54: Forest green. Rows 55-58: Cream. Rows 59-73: Cranberry. Each row stays at 81 sts.

4. Finish with a cranberry edge. With the same 10 mm hook, add one relaxed round of sc in cranberry using the shared border. Space the side stitches to keep the ribs lying flat. Weave bulky ends back and forth through the body with a large-eye needle.

> **Check your work**
> The sequence is 15 red, 4 cream, 35 green, 4 cream and 15 red. Before edging, measure the blanket laid flat and relaxed.

Adjust the size

Add or subtract 8 foundation chains for about 4 in (10 cm) of width at gauge. For length, add or remove rows in the green middle band so both cranberry ends stay even.

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.