Crochet Pattern 3 in 1 Woodland Fox Baby Blanket Toy Lovey



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INSTRUCTIONS

The Stitches

Written in US term

magic ring inc – increase ch – chain dec – decrease sl st – slip stitch yo – yarn over sc – single crochet sk – skip one stitch

dc – double crochet fpdc – front post double crochet

Special Stitches:

Front Post Double Crochet — (See photo tutorial below, under the blanket pattern) Yarn over (2 loops on hook), insert hook from front to back behind the double crochet post below (in this case the double crochet is 2 rows below), yarn over and pull up a long loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through the last remaining loops.

Gauge

Keep the tension relaxed, if your work is too tight, the ends will curl. Use one size up hook to make the foundation chain.

Using the yarn weight and hook size suggested in this pattern will create a blanket size 100cm by 75cm (39.5in by 29.5in). Gauge for the blanket for a 10cm by 10cm (3.9in by 3.9in) area is 9 rows by 15 stitches.

About

For your convenience, this pattern contains the illustrated tutorial at the beginning, and print-friendly pattern with no pictures and large print at the end.

This beautiful 3 in 1 baby blanket acts as a toy, a blanket and a decoration for your loved one's room. Unfold it and keep your child warm and snuggly while he is entertained playing with the fox. Once done, fold it back and it instantly transforms into a decorative item that you can rest on the arm chair or the side of the cot.

Made with double knit (light worsted) yarn, this blanket is warm and soft, but light in weight, perfect for babies of all sizes and ages.

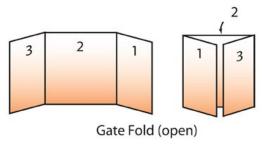
The blanket is crocheted in warm orange color and will brighten any nursery, make it your own and choose any color that suits your color scheme and decor.

Choose natural shades of browns and beige for a neutral colored nursery or make it fun and playful with bright colors such as red, yellow, blue or purple. Your choice!

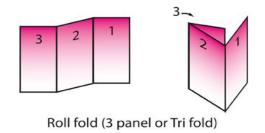
This pattern will create a baby blanket size 100cm by 75cm (46in by 29.5in), but you can make yours as small or as large as you like by changing the number of the starting chains and the number of rows.

Depending how big you choose the blanket to be, there are 2 different techniques of folding it: the gate fold technique and the tri fold technique. For this size of blanket, I used the gate fold Technique explained in detail at the end.

1. For small to medium blankets such as pram blankets you should choose the gate fold technique



2. for larger blankets such as baby blankets use the tri fold technique



Supplies Used For This Pattern

- 5 x 100g balls of DK (light worsted yarn) in orange
- ½ 100g ball of dk yarn (light worsted yarn) in white
- ½ 100g ball of dk yarn (light worsted yarn) in black
- polyfill stuffing
- crochet hooks sizes 4mm
- blunt sewing needle to fit the yarn used to stitch the parts together
- 20mm black doll safety eyes
- scissors

The Pattern

The blanket is made out of 6 different patterns:

- 1 x blanket
- 1 x head
- 2 x ears
- 4 x legs
- 1 x tail
- 3 buttons with loops

The Blanket



The blanket consists of a repeat of 4 rows (technically it's 2 but the 2nd and 4th rows need individual explanation to make it easier for beginner crocheters to understand).

The pattern requires an even number of chains (119ch +1 that counts as the first sc in the next row)

The front post double crochet stitch (fpdc) is worked in the dc right below it, 2 rows down (because the row right below it is a single crochet row).

If you are a tight crocheter, use one size larger hook to make the foundation chain and row (in this case I used a 4.5mm hook, then a 4mm hook to complete the blanket).

As a useful rule of thumb:

- if the stitch below is a dc, then fpdc in it, if it's a fpdc, then make dc
- the pattern is a repeat of sc rows and dc/fpdc rows
- due to the way the pattern is made, one row of dc/fpdc will start with (dc, fpdc) and end with (fpdc, dc) and the following row of dc/fpdc will start and end with 2dc

- because you are fpdc in the dc below, there will be an unused stitch left behind the fpdc. When you are making the next dc, you should skip that stitch
- start and end the blanket with a row of sc, it will look neat and balanced

Row 1: ch120, turn (for this tutorial I made a small swatch and only made 30ch=29ch+1 that counts as a sc in the next row)



Row 2: sc in 3rd ch from hook and across, turn



Row 3: ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in the following stitch and across, turn



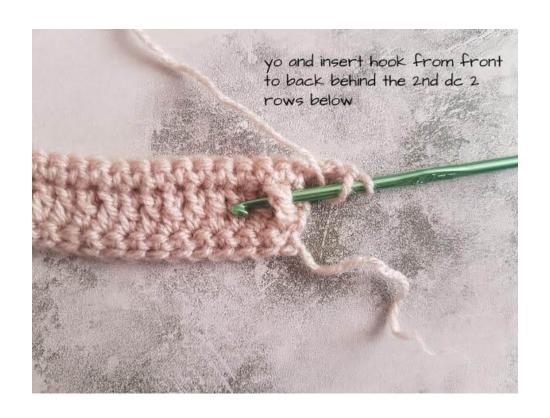


Row 4: ch1 (counts as a sc), sc in the following stitch and across, turn



Row 5: ch3 (counts as a dc), *fpdc, skip the stitch left behind the fpdc and dc*, repeat ** until the end of the row, turn (your last two stitches should be (fpdc, dc), in that order)















Row 6: ch1 (counts as a sc), sc in the following stitch and across, turn



Row 7: ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in the following stitch, *fpdc, sk the stitch behind the fpdc and dc* repeat across until you have one remaining stitch to make, dc in the last stitch, turn (your last two stitches should be 2dc just like the beginning of the row)









Repeat rows 4,5,6 & 7 until you have the required length (in this case 100cm/46in) making sure to end in a row of sc stitches. Fasten up and weave in the ends.

The Head



Work in a continuous round using a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

With black yarn and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring

Round 1: 6sc into the magic ring = 10 **Rounds 2 & 3:** sc in each stitch = 10

Change color to white

Round 4: inc in each stitch = 20 Rounds 5: sc in each stitch = 20

Round 6: *inc, sc*, repeat until end of row = 30

Round 7, 8, 9 & 10: sc in each stitch = 30

Change color to orange

Round 11: *inc, 4sc*, repeat until end of row = 36 Round 12: *inc, 5sc*, repeat until end of row = 42 Round 13: *inc, 6sc*, repeat until end of row = 48 Round 14: *inc, 7sc*, repeat until end of row = 54 Round 15: *inc, 8sc*, repeat until end of row = 60 Round 16: *inc, 9sc*, repeat until end of row = 66 Rounds 17 – 25 (9 rows): sc in each stitch = 66

Place the eyes between the 13th and 14th row, 14 stitches apart. Start filling the head with polyfil stuffing. Continue filling as you work up the rounds.

Round 26: *dec, 9sc*, repeat until end of row = 60 Round 27: *dec, 8sc*, repeat until end of row = 54 Round 28: *dec, 7sc*, repeat until end of row = 48 Round 29: *dec, 6sc*, repeat until end of row = 40 Round 30: *dec, 5sc*, repeat until end of row = 36 Round 31: *dec, 4sc*, repeat until end of row = 30 Round 32: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until end of row = 24 Round 33: *dec, 2sc*, repeat until end of row = 18 Round 34: *dec, sc*, repeat until end of row = 12 Round 35: dec in each stitch = 6

Finish off and sew up to close the hole then weave in ends.

The Ears



Make two using black and orange yarn. Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With black yarn and a 4mm hook create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6sc in the magic ring = 6

Rounds 2 & 3: sc in each chain = 6

Round 4: inc in each chain = 12

Round 5: sc in each chain = 12

Round 6: *inc, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

Change color to white

Round 7: *inc, 2sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Round 8: *inc, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 30

Rounds 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13: sc in each chain = 30

Round 14: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Round 15: *dec, 2sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

Round 16: sl st through both layers, fasten off and weave in ends = 9

The Legs



Make four in black and orange. Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With black color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6sc in the magic ring = 6

Round 2: inc in each stitch = 12

Round 3: *inc, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

Round 4: *inc, 2sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Round 5: *inc, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 30

Round 5: *inc, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 30

Rounds 6, 7 & 8: sc in each chain = 30

Round 9: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Rounds 10 & 11: sc in each chain = 24

Round 12: 11sc, dec, 11sc = 23

Round 13: sc in each chain = 23

Round 14: dec, 21sc = 22

Round 15: sc in each chain = 22

Round 16: 10sc, dec, 10sc = 21

Change color to orange

Round 17: sc in each chain = 21

Round 18: dec, 19sc = 20

Round 19: sc in each chain = 20 **Round 20:** 9sc, dec, 9sc = 19

Round 21: sc in each chain = 19

Start filling the leg with polyfil stuffing. Continue filling as you work up the rounds.

Round 22: dec, 17sc = 18

Round 23, 24, 25 & 26: sc in each chain = 18

Round 27: *dec, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 12

Round 28: dec in each stitch, fasten off and weave in the end = 6

The Tail



Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With white color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6sc in the magic ring = 6

Rounds 2 & 3: sc in each stitch = 6

Round 4: inc in each stitch = 12

Round 5: sc in each stitch = 12

Round 6: *inc, sc*, repeat until end of row = 18

Round 7: sc in each stitch = 18

Round 8: *inc, 2sc*, repeat until end of row = 24

Round 9: sc in each stitch = 24

Round 10: *inc, 3sc*, repeat until end of row = 30

Round 11: *inc, 4sc* , repeat until end of row = 36

Round 12: sc in each stitch = 36

Round 13: *inc, 5sc*, repeat until end of row = 42

Round 14: *inc, 6sc*, repeat until end of row = 48

Round 15: sc in each stitch = 48

Round 16: *inc, 7sc*, repeat until end of row = 54

Round 17: *inc, 8sc*, repeat until end of row = 60

Change color to orange

Round 18: 29sc, dec, 29sc = 59

Round 19: dec, 57sc = 58

Round 20: 28sc, dec, 28sc = 57

Round 21: dec, 55sc = 56

Round 22: 27sc, dec, 27sc = 55

Round 23: dec, 53sc = 54

Round 24: 26sc, dec, 26sc = 53

Round 25: dec, 51sc = 52

Round 26: 25sc, dec, 25sc = 51

Round 27: dec, 49sc = 50

Round 28: 24sc, dec, 24sc = 49

Round 29: dec, 47sc = 48

Round 30: 23sc, dec, 23sc = 47

Round 31: dec, 45sc = 46

Round 32: 22sc, dec, 22sc = 45

Round 33: dec, 43sc = 44

Start filling the tail with polyfil. As you work up the rounds, add more. Don't fill it too much, otherwise it will be too stiff.

Round 34: 21sc, dec, 21sc = 43

Round 35: dec, 41sc = 42

Round 36: 20sc, dec, 20sc = 41

Round 37: dec, 39sc = 40

Round 38: 19sc, dec, 19sc = 39

Round 39: dec, 37sc = 38

Round 40: 18sc, dec, 18sc = 37

Round 41: dec, 35sc = 36

Round 42: 17sc, dec, 17sc = 35

Round 43: dec, 33sc = 34

Round 44: 16sc, dec, 16sc = 33

Round 45: dec, 31sc = 32

Round 46: 15sc, dec, 15sc = 31

Round 47: dec, 29sc = 30

Round 48: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Round 49: *dec, 2sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

Round 50: sl st through both layers, fasten off and weave in ends = 9

The Buttons & Loops

The buttons and loops will keep the blanket closed and so it won't unfold when rested on the cot, armchair etc. Make 3 of each.

The Buttons



With orange color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 10sc in the magic ring, sl st in first sc, fasten off and leave a long loop = 5

The Loops



Crochet 3 loops on the same side on the blanket, on its length:

- 2 loops on each corner
- 1 loop in the middle between the other 2 loops

With a 4mm hook, join the orange yarn with a sl st to the blanket, ch5, sl st in the following stitch, fasten off and weave in the ends.

Putting The Blanket Together



Pin the ears in position between rounds 12 and 14 about 13 stitches apart. Once you are happy with the look, sew them on with orange yarn.



Tie the buttons on the side opposite to where the loops were created, on the same position as the loops (2 in the corners and 1 in the middle).



Place the blanket with the wrong side up and using the gate fold technique shown at the beginning, fold the blanket lengthwise then using the tri fold technique, fold the blanket widthwise. You will end with a square.









Mark the corners (for the legs), the middle of the edge of the blanket (for the head) and the opposite middle (for the tail) with a safety pin or a piece or yarn as you see in the picture below.

This will be the location of the fox body parts. make sure the head is located on the edge of the blanket not the opposite way.



Unfold the blanket and sew on the legs. Make sure the front legs are on the edge of the blanket and the back legs further down, like in the picture.



Now sew the head between the front legs, right in the middle, 3 rows in from the edge of the blanket. Make sure the head is located on the edge of the blanket not the opposite way.



Sew the tail between the back legs, adjacent to the head.



This is how your blanket should look like once finished.



How To Fold Your Blanket

Step 1: lay the blanket with the wrong side up



Step 2: fold each side up the the center and tie up the buttons by sliding them through the loops on the opposite side.



Step 3: divide the length of the blanket in three equal imaginary parts and fold the end of the blanket (the one that doesn't have the head) like in the picture below



Step 4: fold the blanket again in half as in the picture



Once folded you can rest it on the side of the sofa, cot, armchair etc, or roll it inwards and rest it anywhere you like.





I hope you found my tutorial easy to follow, if you have any issues with the pattern, please don't hesitate to contact me, I am more than happy to help. Please see below the printable large print pattern.

Visit my blog <u>www.craftinghappiness.co.uk</u> (Crafting Happiness), for the full illustrated tutorial on how to crochet the alpine stitch I used on the blanket including the video.

The Printable Pattern

The blanket is made out of 6 different patterns:

- 1 x blanket
- 1 x head
- 2 x ears
- 4 x legs
- 1 x tail
- 3 buttons with loops

The Blanket

The blanket consists of a repeat of 4 rows (technically it's 2 but the 2nd and 4th rows need individual explanation to make it easier for beginner crocheters to understand).

How To Crochet The FPDC

Yarn over (2 loops on hook), insert hook from front to back behind the double crochet post below (in this case the double crochet is 2 rows below), yarn over and pull up a long loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through the last remaining loops.

Making The Blanket

The pattern requires an uneven number of chains plus 3 chains that count as the first single crochet stitch (in this case I made 119 chains + 1 chains).

The front post double crochet stitch (fpdc) is worked in the dc right below it, 2 rows down (because the row right below it is a single crochet row).

If you are a tight crocheter, use one size larger hook to make the foundation chain and row (in this case I used a 4.5mm hook, then a 4mm hook to complete the blanket).

As a useful rule of thumb:

- if the stitch below is a dc, then fpdc in it, if it's a fpdc, then you should dc
- the pattern is a repeat of sc rows and dc/fpdc rows
- due to the way the pattern is made, one row of dc/fpdc will start with (dc, fpdc) and end with (fpdc, dc) and the following row of dc/fpdc will start and end with 2dc
- because you are fpdc in the dc below, there will be an unused stitch left behind the fpdc. When you are making the next dc, you should skip that stitch
- start and end the blanket with a row of sc, it will look neat and balanced

Row 1: ch(119 + 1), turn

Row 2: sc in 3rd ch from hook and across, turn

Row 3: ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in the following stitch and across, turn

Row 4: ch1 (counts as a sc), sc in the following stitch and across, turn

Row 5: ch3 (counts as a dc), *fpdc, skip the stitch left behind the fpdc and dc*, repeat ** until the end of the row, turn (your last two stitches should be (fpdc, dc), in that order)

Row 6: ch1 (counts as a sc), sc in the following stitch and across, turn

Row 7: ch3 (counts as a dc), dc in the following stitch, *fpdc, sk the stitch behind the fpdc and dc* repeat across until you have one remaining stitch to make, dc in the last stitch, turn (your last two stitches should be 2dc just like the beginning of the row)

Repeat rows 4,5,6 & 7 until you have the required length (in this case 100cm/46in) making sure to end in a row of sc stitches. Fasten up and weave in the ends.

The Head

Work in a continuous round using a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

With black yarn and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring

Round 1: 6sc into the magic ring = 10 **Rounds 2 & 3:** sc in each stitch = 10

Change color to white

Round 4: inc in each stitch = 20

Rounds 5: sc in each stitch = 20

Round 6: *inc, sc*, repeat until end of row = 30

Round 7, 8, 9 & 10: sc in each stitch = 30

Change color to orange

Round 11: *inc, 4sc*, repeat until end of row = 36

Round 12: *inc, 5sc*, repeat until end of row = 42

Round 13: *inc, 6sc*, repeat until end of row = 48

Round 14: *inc, 7sc*, repeat until end of row = 54

Round 15: *inc, 8sc*, repeat until end of row = 60

Round 16: *inc, 9sc*, repeat until end of row = 66

Rounds 17 - 25 (9 rows): sc in each stitch = 66

Place the eyes between the 13th and 14th row, 14 stitches apart

Start filling the head with polyfil stuffing. Continue filling as you work up the rounds.

Round 26: *dec, 9sc*, repeat until end of row = 60

Round 27: *dec, 8sc*, repeat until end of row = 54

Round 28: *dec, 7sc*, repeat until end of row = 48

Round 29: *dec, 6sc*, repeat until end of row = 40

Round 30: *dec, 5sc*, repeat until end of row = 36

Round 31: *dec, 4sc*, repeat until end of row = 30

Round 32: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until end of row = 24

Round 33: *dec, 2sc*, repeat until end of row = 18

Round 34: *dec, sc*, repeat until end of row = 12

Round 35: dec in each stitch = 6

Finish off and sew up to close the hole then weave in ends.

The Ears

Make two using black and orange yarn. Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With black yarn and a 4mm hook create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6sc in the magic ring = 6

Rounds 2 & 3: sc in each chain = 6

Round 4: inc in each chain = 12

Round 5: sc in each chain = 12

Round 6: *inc, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

Change color to white

Round 7: *inc, 2sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

Round 8: *inc, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 30

Rounds 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13: sc in each chain = 30

Round 14: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

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Round 16: sl st through both layers, fasten off and weave in

ends = 9

The Legs

Make four in black and orange. Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With black color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

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Round 2: inc in each stitch = 12

Round 3: *inc, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 18

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Round 16: 10sc, dec, 10sc = 21

Change color to orange

Round 17: sc in each chain = 21

Round 18: dec, 19sc = 20

Round 19: sc in each chain = 20

Round 20: 9sc, dec, 9sc = 19

Round 21: sc in each chain = 19

Start filling the leg with polyfil stuffing. Continue filling as you work up the rounds.

Round 22: dec, 17sc = 18

Round 23, 24, 25 & 26: sc in each chain = 18

Round 27: *dec, sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 12

Round 28: dec in each stitch, fasten off and weave in the end

= 6

The Tail

Work in the round, without turning or closing the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With white color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6sc in the magic ring = 6

Rounds 2 & 3: sc in each stitch = 6

Round 4: inc in each stitch = 12

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Start filling the tail with polyfil. As you work up the rounds, add more. Don't fill it too much, otherwise it will be too stiff.

Round 34: 21sc, dec, 21sc = 43

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Round 36: 20sc, dec, 20sc = 41

Round 37: dec, 39sc = 40

Round 38: 19sc, dec, 19sc = 39

Round 39: dec, 37sc = 38

Round 40: 18sc, dec, 18sc = 37

Round 41: dec, 35sc = 36

Round 42: 17sc, dec, 17sc = 35

Round 43: dec, 33sc = 34

Round 44: 16sc, dec, 16sc = 33

Round 45: dec, 31sc = 32

Round 46: 15sc, dec, 15sc = 31

Round 47: dec, 29sc = 30

Round 48: *dec, 3sc*, repeat until the end of the row = 24

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Round 50: sl st through both layers, fasten off and weave in

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The Buttons & Loops

The buttons and loops will keep the blanket closed and so it won't unfold when rested on the cot, armchair etc. Make 3 of each.

The Buttons

With orange color and a 4mm hook, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 10sc in the magic ring, sl st in first sc, fasten off and leave a long loop = 5

The Loops

Crochet 3 loops on the same side on the blanket, on its length:

- 2 loops on each corner
- 1 loop in the middle between the other 2 loops

With a 4mm hook, join the orange yarn with a sl st to the blanket, ch5, sl st in the following stitch, fasten off and weave in the ends.

Happy Crocheting!