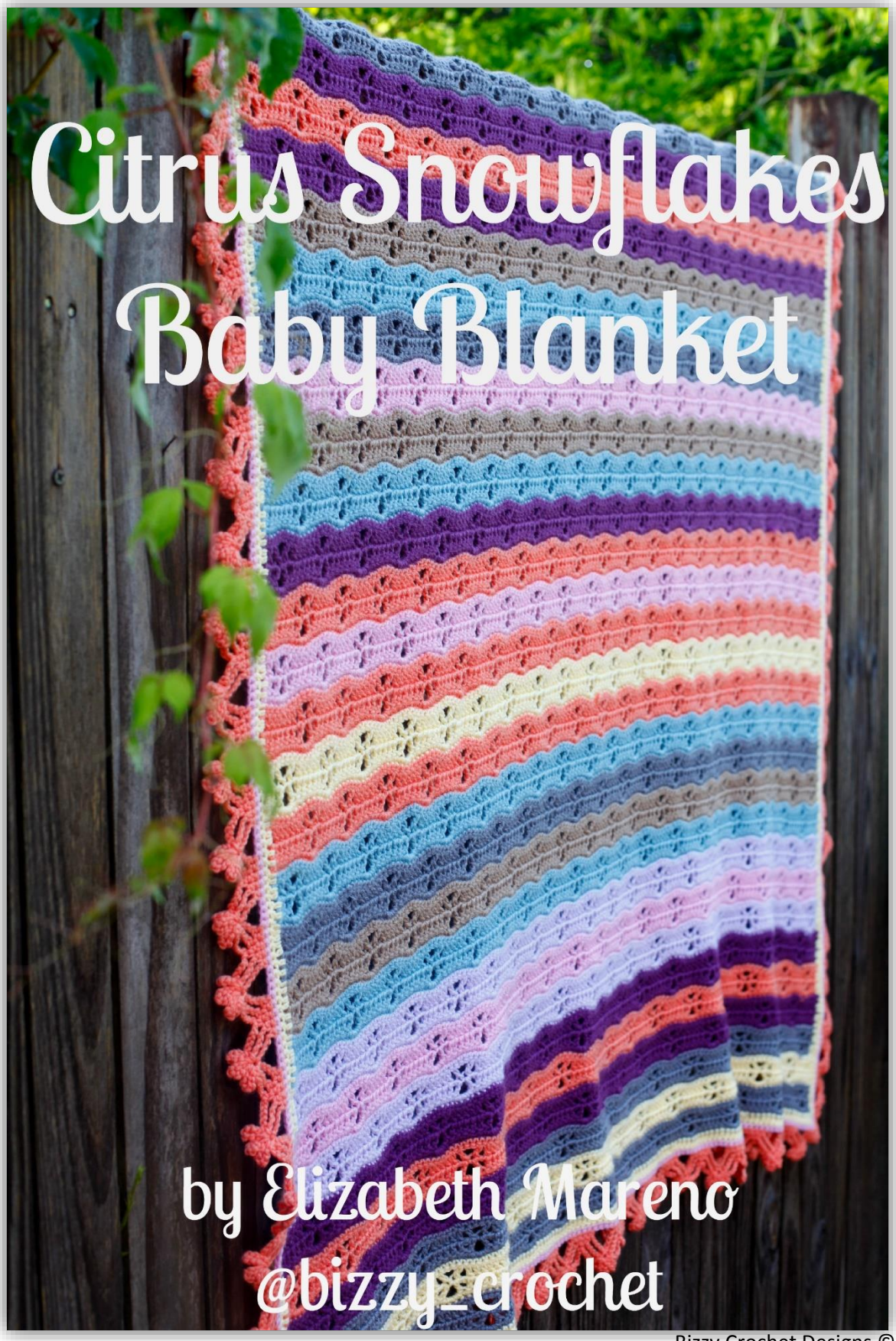


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Citrus Snowflakes Baby Blanket by Elizabeth Mareno

Additional design credit to Theresa Pearson for testing and creating an alternate size blanket with an alternate edging. Thank you for all your hard work!



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I had so much fun creating this pattern. Much research was done to make sure that we weren't reproducing a stitch pattern that has already been made popular by someone else. As much as I love the ease and fun of the citrus snowflakes stripes, I think the border is what makes this blanket stand out. I had to break out my math skills to make sure this one came out precise, so I hope you find this pattern easy and fun to make. I have had to reproduce it more than three times myself, so far, and I am still not bored by the simple repeats.



I purposely made the blanket oversized at 42" x 42" because I believe this bold border needs a blanket with some presence. My friend, Theresa, was kind enough to create a simpler, smaller version with a crab stitch border for those that either didn't have the time to deal with the full version, or were maybe intimidated by it. No matter which blanket you make, you will have a beautiful heirloom piece on your hands!

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This little beauty is Claire. Her mama, April, is the wonderful photographer behind these pictures.
You can find her on Facebook as Shiree Photography or on Instagram as @clairehereandthere



Notes:

Creating Random Stripes:

Of course, you are welcome to design your stripe patterns any way you would like, but if you are a person who needs to change things up a bit, I suggest using the Random Stripe Generator created by Biscuits and Jam.

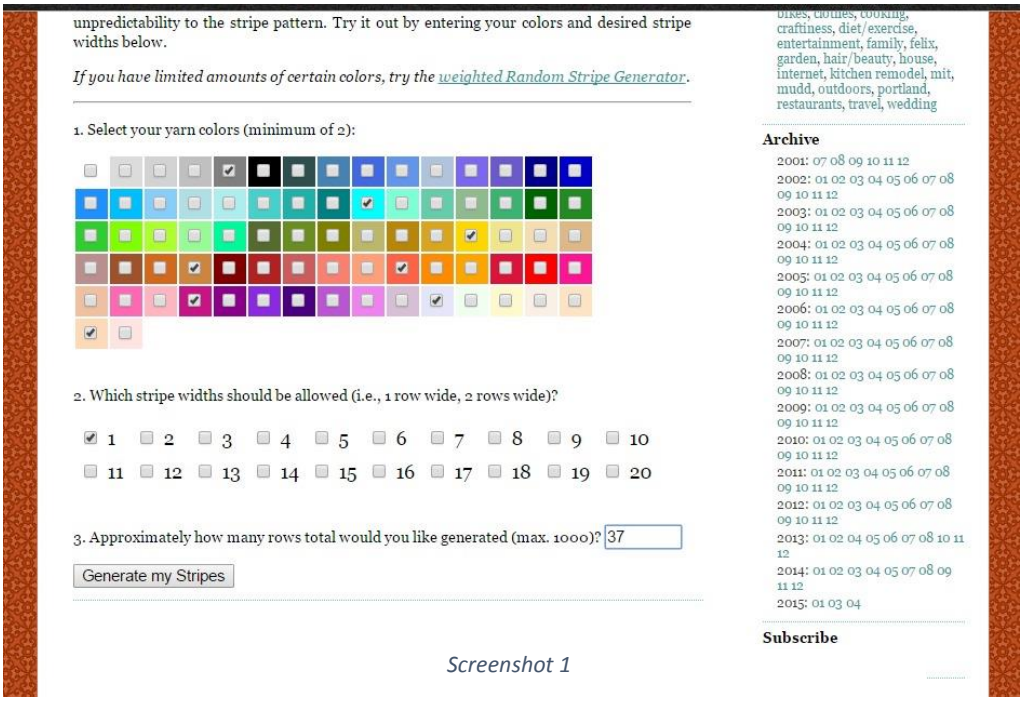
Here is the link if you are online: Random Stripe Generator

Here is the link to copy and paste into the address bar on your computer: http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php

I used the Random Stripe Generator for all of the blankets I made and had a blast with it. My OCD was a challenge because I'm used to creating blankets that follow a stripe pattern, but this was fun and I love the way it came out.

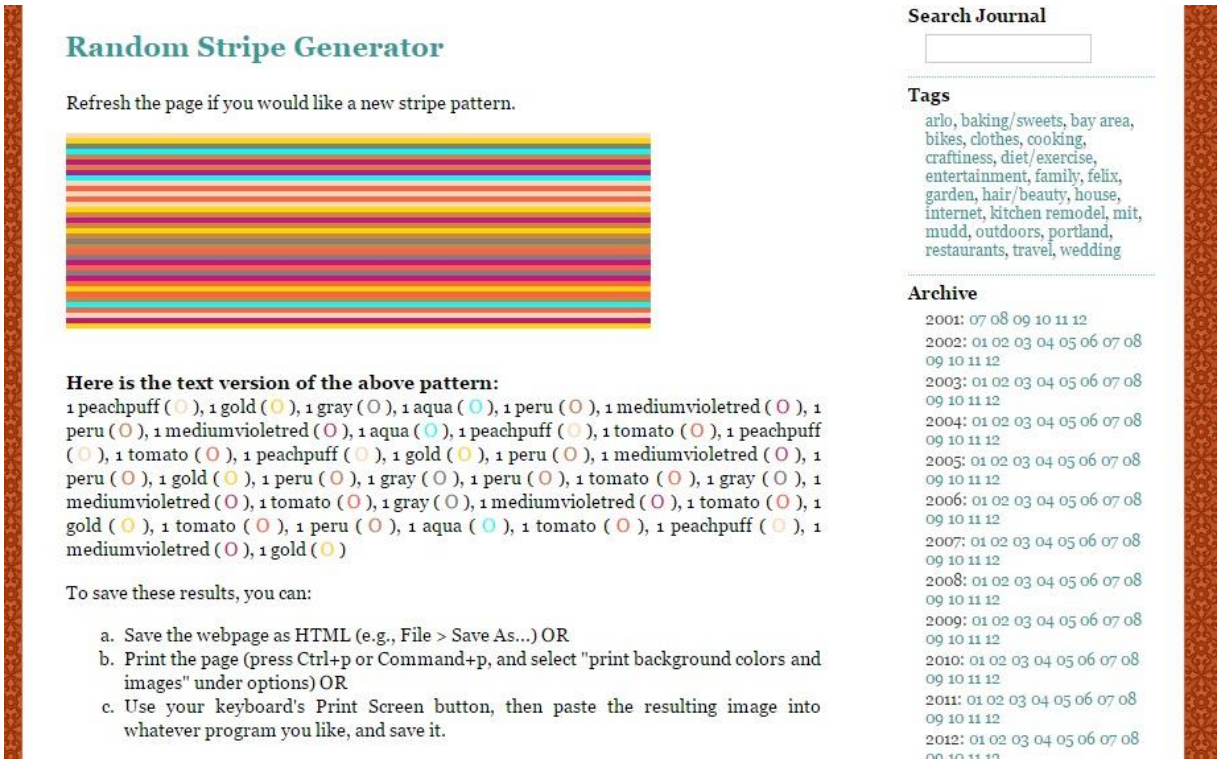
You just plug in the colors you are using, click on what stripe width you want, and how many stripes you want in total. Click "Generate My Stripes" and it will give you a stripe pattern to follow. For the baby blankets, Theresa and I used "1" as our stripe width. If you don't care for the color pattern the generator throws out, just click on the "refresh" button until you are happy with the way it looks.

- Each stripe is a total of four pattern rows.
- Screenshots are included to help you.



Screenshot 1

Here you see the colors chosen, the stripe width, and the number of stripes I want generated.



Random Stripe Generator

Refresh the page if you would like a new stripe pattern.

Here is the text version of the above pattern:
1 peachpuff (O), 1 gold (O), 1 gray (O), 1 aqua (O), 1 peru (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 peru (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 aqua (O), 1 peachpuff (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 peachpuff (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 peachpuff (O), 1 gold (O), 1 peru (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 peru (O), 1 gold (O), 1 peru (O), 1 gray (O), 1 peru (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 gray (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 gray (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 gold (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 peru (O), 1 aqua (O), 1 tomato (O), 1 peachpuff (O), 1 mediumvioletred (O), 1 gold (O)

To save these results, you can:

a. Save the webpage as HTML (e.g., File > Save As...) OR
b. Print the page (press Ctrl+p or Command+p, and select "print background colors and images" under options) OR
c. Use your keyboard's Print Screen button, then paste the resulting image into whatever program you like, and save it.

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Screenshot 2

As you can see, the generator provides a picture of the stripes and a list of which order they are in. The little "O" in the parentheses is just there to show you the color you chose. My color names didn't necessarily match what the generator had them named, but with the color next to the name it was easier to keep track of what was coming next. Biscuits and Jam has provided lots of helpful instructions on how to save your stripe pattern to your computer, or print it out.

Gauge:

The gauge of the pattern isn't very important unless you are trying to be precise. The only reason I would swatch for this blanket is when I wanted to know how wide my 'snowflakes' were and how tall my stripes were so I knew how wide and long I wanted my finished product.

The pattern count is a multiple of 10 plus 9. So if you want to swatch 3 motifs, you'll need 39 working stitches. That means you will chain 40. Swatching two motifs? You'll need 29 working stitches so you will chain 30. And so on.

This pattern count holds true no matter what size blanket you want to make, or with what size hook/yarn you want to use.

Materials:

For 42x42 blanket: 22 oz (924 yds) #3 light yarn or baby yarn.
For 36x38 blanket: 14 oz (588 yds) #3 light yarn or baby yarn.

F hook & large eye needle for weaving ends

Finished sizes before edging: 42" x 42" or 36" x 38"

Detailed instructions, including pictures, are provided on pages 3 & 4 for choosing a stripe pattern.

*** If you need to "see" in order to "do", there is a short picture tutorial at the end of the pattern.****

For a 42" x 42" Blanket



Row 1: ch 210, sc in second ch from hook & each (209sc)

Row 2: ch3, turn, dc in 6sc, [ch2, dc in next, sk 3, dc in next, ch2, dc in 5sc] 20 times, dc in last 2sc. (20 motifs)

Row 3: ch3, turn, dc in 6dc, [sk ch2, dc in next dc, ch3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in next 5dc] 20 times, dc in last 2 dc. (20 motifs)

Row 4: ch1, turn, sc in each dc across, put 3sc in each ch3 sp. (209sc) cut color**, join with next.
***If you are not changing colors, do not cut your yarn.*

Row 5: ch1, turn, sc in each sc.

Row 6: ch3, turn, dc in 1st sc, [ch2, dc in next sc, sk 3, dc in next sc, ch2, dc in 5sc] 20 times, ch2, dc in next, sk3, dc in next, ch2, dc in last 2sc. (21 motifs)

Row 7: ch3, turn, dc in 1st dc, [sk ch2, dc in next dc, ch3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in next 5dc] 20 times, sk ch2, dc in next dc, ch3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in last 2dc. (21 motifs)

Row 8: Repeat row 4. Cut color**, join in next.
***If you are not changing colors, do not cut your yarn.*

Row 9: Repeat row 5.

Continue with rows 2 through 9 for as long as you want the blanket. The sample is 37 rows.

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For a 36" x 38" Blanket



Row 1: ch 150, sc in second ch from hook and each (149sc).

Row 2: ch3, turn, dc in 6sc, (ch2, dc in next, sk 3, dc in next, ch2, dc in 5sc) 14 times, dc in last 2sc. (14 motifs)

Row 3: ch3, turn, dc in 6dc, (sk ch2, dc in next dc, ch3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in next 5dc) 14 times, dc in last 2dc. (14 motifs)

Row 4: ch1, turn, sc in each dc across and 3sc in each ch3 sp. (149sc)
Cut color **, join in next. ***If you are not changing colors, do not cut your yarn.*
Row 5: ch1, turn, sc in each sc. (149sc)

Row 6: ch3, turn, dc in 1st sc (ch2, dc in next sc, sk 3, dc in next sc, ch2, dc in 5sc) 14 times, ch2, dc in next, sk3, dc in next, ch2, dc in last 2sc. (15 motifs)

Row 7: ch3, turn, dc in first dc (sk, ch2, dc in next dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in next 5dc) 14 times, sk ch2, dc in next dc, ch3, dc in next dc, sk ch2, dc in last 2dc. (15 motifs)

Row 8: Repeat row 4. Cut color**, join in next. (149sc).
***If you are not changing colors, do not cut your yarn.*



Row 9: Repeat Row 5.

Continue with Rows 2 through 9 until desired length. End with Row 5 (9).

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PLAIN BORDER INSTRUCTIONS (for either blanket):



Change colors as desired, using the same hook as for blanket.

Round 1: sc around, placing 1 sc in each sc row and 2 sc in each dc row. sc, ch1, sc in each corner. Join with sl st in 1st sc. Check that the number of sc is the same on corresponding sides (top/bottom, left side/right side).

Round 2: sc in each sc around. Join with sl st in 1st sc.

Round 3: ch3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in each sc around, placing 3dc in each corner sc (corner group made). Join with sl st in top of starting ch3. sl st into space between first two sts.

Round 4: ch3 (counts as 1st dc) *dc between each dc to corner group (2dc between dcs of corner group) 2 times (corner group made)*; repeat from *-* around. Join with sl st into top of ch3, sl st in space between first two sts.

Round 5: ch3 (counts as 1st dc), dc between each dc around, placing 3dc between two dcs in center of corner group. Repeat around. Join with sl st to top of ch3.

Round 6: Ch1, reverse sc (crab stitch) in each dc around.
Here is a YouTube video if you need help with the crab stitch. Here is the link if you need to copy and paste: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhSbycwfpdo

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SNOWFLAKE BORDER INSTRUCTIONS for the 42" x 42" BLANKET ONLY:

Notes: Don't ever cut or detach your yarn when you are working the border rows. I just have them separated into sides during row 1 so that it is easier to read. Make sure your stitch counts match mine. This will be very important for your snowflake design to come out right. **This edging will require blocking. I steam blocked on my ironing table while watching TV.**

Row 1: With RS facing you- join with sl st to first sc in upper right corner of blanket.

Top- Ch3 (cts as dc), dc in each sc across top (209dc),
Left Side- ch3, dc in the side of the last sc just used, 2dc in each dc row end, 1dc in each sc row end- evenly adding 5dc going down the side to make 209dc.
Bottom- ch3, dc in the top of the last side sc used, dc in each stitch across the bottom, (209dc)
Right Side- Repeat the left side making sure to dc in the side of the first sc used, ch3, and join to first dc.



This shows row 1 of the edging

Cut color if you are changing.

Row 2: Sl st in any corner ch3, ch1 [(sc, ch3, sc) in corner, sc in each dc] 4 times. Join with sl st to first sc. (211 sc per side)

Cut color if you are changing.

Row 3: Sl st in any corner ch3, ch1 [(sc, ch3, sc) in corner, sc in 4sc, *ch9, sk 3sc, sc in each of next 5sc; repeat from *, ending with ch9, sk 3sc, sc in each of next 4sc] 4 times, join with a sl st to the first sc. (26 chain 9 spaces on each side)

DO NOT cut color unless you want to stripe your starbursts.

Instructions are continued on the next page

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Row 4: sl st into corner ch3, ch1, [(sc, ch3, sc) in corner, sc in 4, *ch5, sk 1sc and 4 chains, sc in next ch, ch5, sk 4 chains and 1sc, sc in next 3sc; repeat from *, ending with ch5, sk 4 chains and 1sc, sc in next 4sc] 4 times, join with a sl st to the first sc.

DO NOT cut color unless you are striping.

Row 5: sl st into corner ch3, ch1 [(sc, ch3, sc) in corner, sc in 4, ch7, *sk 1sc and 5 chains, sl st in sc, work (ch7, sl st in sc) 3 times, ch6, sk ch5 and 1sc, sc in the next sc, ch6; repeat from *, ending with ch6, sk 5 chains and 1sc, sc in next 4sc] 4 times. Join with a sl st to the first sc.

FASTEN OFF.



PICTURE TUTORIAL/GAUGE SWATCH:

The picture tutorial is done on a smaller scale. Nothing will change when you do the larger blanket, except the number of repeats. This is only to show you how to do the stripes and snowflakes***. This would be good to use for a gauge swatch. This particular sample was done with ch 30, then start the pattern.***



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

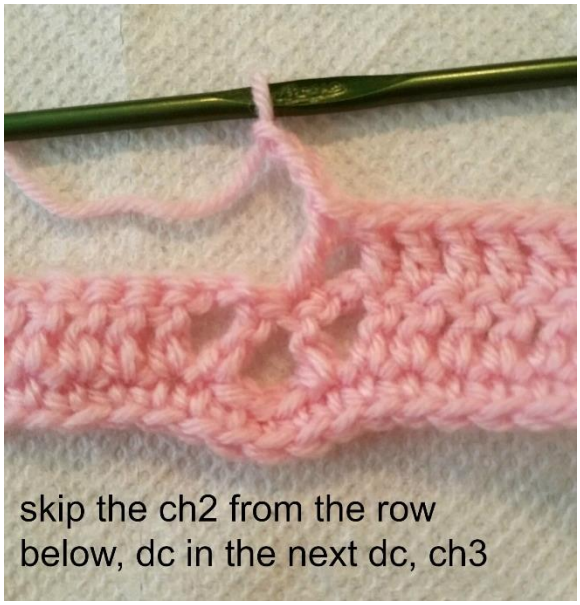


Figure 10

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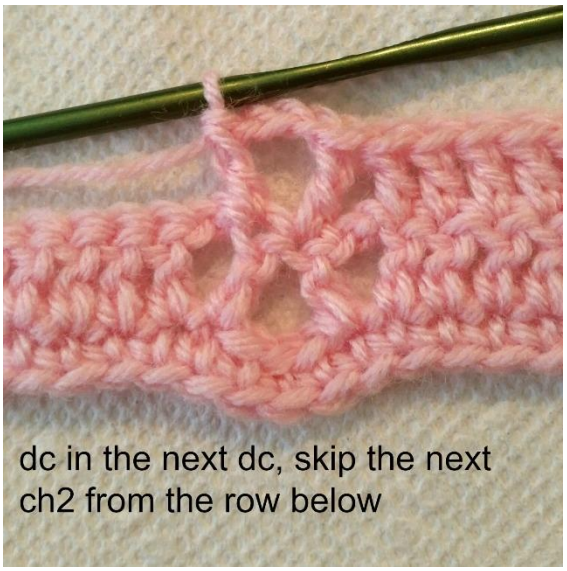


Figure 11



Figure 12

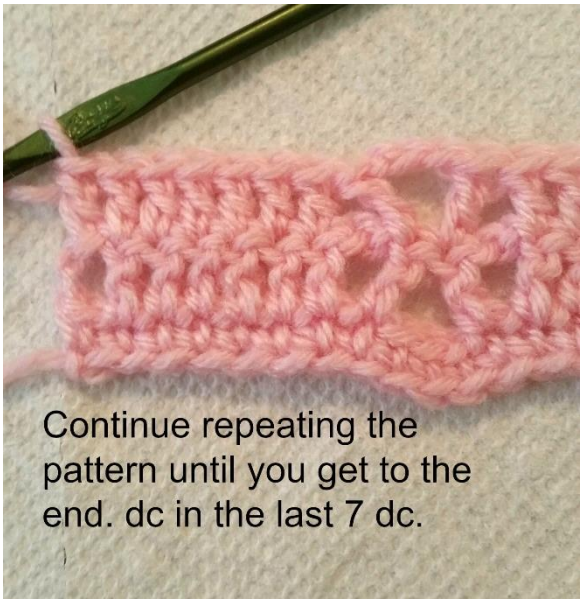


Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16



Figure 17



Figure 18



Figure 19



Figure 30



Figure 21



Figure 22

This concludes the picture tutorial. These 8 rows will continue to repeat until you have reached your desired length.



Abbreviations in US terms:

Sc- single crochet

Dc- double crochet

Ch- chain

Sk- skip

Sl st- slip stitch

Sts- stitches



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