



Five Best Crochet Patterns for Super-Fast, Super-Thick & Super-Easy Blankets

Comfort for Critters strives to make blankets nice and thick, and soft. Very colorful is a big plus too (looks better in the shelters). Besides that, our blankets don't need to be fancy or take a lot of time to make. As a matter of fact, one of the great things is that a volunteer can create a blanket rather quickly, and enjoy that feeling of accomplishment! It's also nice to finish the piece before one tires of the color or pattern (as may happen with a large afghan, I know!).

Key:

CH – chain
DC – double crochet
HDC – half double crochet
PUFF – puff stitch
SC – single crochet
SS – slip stitch
YO – yarn over

With this in mind, I pulled together the top five blanket patterns which volunteers consistently tell me are easy and quick to make. For all these patterns I suggest using 4-ply yarn (again, nothing fancy needed!) and a "K" sized crochet hook for best results. ***Don't forget to put a bit of love into every stitch and to have fun!!!***

Puff Stitch



To begin - CH 45-50, depending on the thickness of the yarn and your stitch gauge. Chain should measure approximately 20" from start to hook.

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook * CH1, skip next CH, SC in next CH, repeat from * across to end.

Row 2 – CH2, turn, create a PUFF stitch in next CH1 space, (PUFF stitch: YO, insert hook in CH1 space and pull up a loop even with the hook. Repeat this 3 times. YO and draw through all 7 loops on the hook. CH1 to close), * CH1, work PUFF stitch in next CH1 space, repeat from * across to end, except work HDC in last SC.

Row 3 – CH1, turn, SC in first HDC, CH1, * SC in next CH1 space (between PUFFS), CH1, repeat from * across, SC in top of beginning CH.

Rows 4+ - Repeat rows 2 and 3 until piece is approximately square. Do one final row of SC across to balance the piece.

Border – Work a SC along the perimeter of the piece using the same color yarn. Put 3 SCs into each corner to give it a nice square shape. Add any second border you'd like, in a contrasting color. In the example, a HDC was used, placing 3 HDCs into each corner to keep it square.

Teardrops



To begin - CH 52

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook, * CH 1, skip next CH, SC in next CH, repeat from * across to end.

Row 2 – CH 3, work "group" in next CH 1 space (group= Yarn over, insert hook into CH 1 space and

pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook. Do this three times, then YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook to create a “group”). * CH 1, work “group” in next CH 1 space, repeat from * across to the end, DC in last SC.

Row 3 – CH 1, SC in first DC, CH 1, * SC in next CH 1 space (between the “groups”), CH 1, repeat from * across to the top of the final CH.

Row 4 + all subsequent rows – Repeat rows 2 and 3 to make the pattern until piece is roughly square.

Edging - Edge with HDC crochet, putting 3 HDC into each corner.

Crossover Stitch



To begin - CH 50

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook and in each CH across.

Row 2, 3 & 4 – CH 2, turn, HDC in first SC * skip next SC, HDC in next SC, HDC in skipped SC, repeat from * across to last SC, HDC in last SC

Row 5 – In contrasting color, SC in each CH across.

Repeat rows 2, 3, 4 & 5 for rest of piece until it is square. Edge with HDC, putting 3 stitches into each corner.

Popcorn Cluster



To begin - CH 52

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook and in each CH across to the end.

Row 2 – CH 4 (which counts as first DC + CH 1), skip next SC, * work “group” in next SC (group=YO, insert hook into SC, pull up a loop, YO, draw through only 2 loops on hook, repeat this three times, YO, draw through all 4 loops on hook), CH 1, skip next SC, repeat from * across to last SC, DC in last SC.

Row 3 – CH 1, SC in first DC, CH 1, SC in each CH 1 space and in each “group” across to last DC, SC in last DC.

Row 4 + all subsequent rows – Repeat rows 2 and 3 to make the pattern until piece is roughly square.

Edging - Edge with HDC crochet, putting 3 HDC into each corner.

Poppy Stitch



To begin - CH 62

Row 1 – 2 DC in 5th CH from hook (counts as first DC in this pattern). * Skip next CH, 2 DC in next CH. Repeat from * to last two CH, skip next CH, 1 DC into last CH.

Row 2 – CH3, * 2 DC in space between next group of 2 DC. Repeat from * across to end, put 1 DC into top of last CH3.

Row 3 + all subsequent rows – Repeat row 2 until the piece is roughly square.

Edging - Edge with HDC crochet, putting 3 HDC into each corner.