

Seashells by the Seashore



This stitch makes just a beautiful blanket. It reminded me of the many (human) baby blankets I've made, so I could help but picturing a puppy or kitten in this creation. It works up fast, so I think you'll enjoy it too!

Getting Started! I suggest using 4-ply yarn and a "K" sized hook for best results.

To begin – CH 52. *You'll be working with multiples of 6, plus 2.*

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook, * skip next 2 CH, 5 DC in next CH, skip next 2 CH, SC in next CH, repeat from * across to end, turn.

Row 2 – CH 3 (counts as first DC), 2 DC in same stitch, skip next 2 stitches, SC in next stitch, * skip next 2 stitches, 5 DC in next stitch, skip next 2 stitches, SC in next stitch, repeat from * across until you reach the last 3 stitches, skip next 2 stitches and 3 DC into the last stitch, turn.

Row 3 – CH 1, SC in first stitch, skip next 2 DC, 5 DC in next SC, skip next 2 stitches, * SC in next stitch, skip next 2 stitches, 5 DC in next SC, skip next 2 stitches, repeat from * across to end, except put a SC in the top of the turning CH at the very end.

Row 4+ – Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you reach the desired blanket size. Be sure to end the pattern with row 3!

Final Row – CH 3 (counts as first DC), DC in same beginning stitch, skip next stitch, HDC in next stitch, SC in next stitch, * HDC in next stitch, skip next stitch, 3 DC in next stitch, skip next stitch, HDC in next stitch, SC in next stitch, repeat from * across to the end, except in the last 3 stitches, put a HDC in first stitch, skip next stitch, put 2 DC in last stitch.

Border – I wanted a finished size of roughly 18" x 22", which is a great size for many pets. The blanket ended up a bit less than that, so I made it up with a thicker than normal border. I added a row of SC all around (except 3 SC in each corner), then a row of HDC (3 in each corner) and added another row of SC (again, 3 into each corner!).

Key:

CH – chain

DC – double crochet

HDC – half double crochet

SC – single crochet

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