

Herringbone Half Double Crochet Blanket

Printable pattern • US crochet terms • Approx. 36 × 45 inches



Photo: supplied color inspiration. The exact stripe sequence is not given in the written instructions. The base recipe starts with soft pink yarn; a separate optional stripe plan appears on page 3.

Project at a glance

Skill level: confident beginner. Finished size stated in the supplied instructions: 36 × 45 inches (91.4 × 114.3 cm). Width and length depend on your tension. Construction: flat rows, turned after each row; no stitch multiple required.

Materials

5.5 mm (US I) crochet hook; worsted-weight yarn (soft pink shade “Meteor” in the supplied instructions); scissors; tapestry needle; removable stitch marker. A second marker is optional.

Yarn brand, fiber, yardage, and measured gauge were not supplied. This pattern has been organized from the provided text and has not been independently test crocheted. Swatch before committing to the full blanket.

The stitch & row instructions

Abbreviations

ch = chain; st = stitch; YO = yarn over; HHDC = herringbone half double crochet. All terms are US terminology.

HHDC: one stitch, step by step

1. Yarn over and insert the hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Draw this new loop directly through the first loop already on the hook. Two loops remain.
3. Yarn over and draw through the two remaining loops. One HHDC is complete.

Insert under both top loops of each stitch. Practice the pull-through in step 2: it is what distinguishes HHDC from standard half double crochet.

Foundation chain

With Meteor or your chosen starting color, chain 130. This is the supplied starting chain for an approximately 36-inch width; check your own gauge to confirm.

Row 1

Starting in the third chain from the hook, work 1 HHDC in each chain across. Stitch count: 128 HHDC. Chain 1 and turn. The two skipped chains do not count as a stitch in this pattern.

Row 2

Work 1 HHDC in the first stitch and in every stitch across. Stitch count: 128 HHDC. Chain 1 and turn. The turning chain does not count as a stitch; do not work into it.

Repeat and finish

Repeat Row 2 until the blanket measures 45 inches from the foundation edge, or reaches your desired length. End after a complete row. Omit the final turning chain, fasten off, and weave in all tails. No border is required by the supplied instructions.

Marker tip

Place a marker in the first HHDC of each new row. It marks the last stitch to work after turning for the following row. Move the marker forward as you work. Count your stitches occasionally: each row should remain at 128.

Sizing, stripes & finishing

Gauge and width

No measured gauge was supplied. The stated 128 stitches over 36 inches implies about 14.2 stitches per 4 inches, but this is a calculated reference, not a tested gauge. Row gauge is unknown; measure the blanket rather than using a guessed total row count.

Make a generous HHDC swatch, care for it as you will the blanket, and measure stitches across its center. Required stitches = desired width in inches × stitches per inch. Round to a whole stitch, then add 2 chains. Example: 100 stitches require 102 foundation chains.

Work more or fewer rows to adjust height independently. Changing width does not automatically set the length.

Estimating yarn from your swatch

Weigh the finished swatch and measure its area. Estimated yarn weight = swatch weight × desired blanket area ÷ swatch area. Add a practical reserve (for example, 15–20%) for tension differences and ends. This is an estimate, not a verified yarn requirement. For stripes, estimate each color from its share of the blanket.

Optional pastel stripe plan

Suggested colors: aqua, blush pink, pale yellow, muted lavender. Work 4 rows of each color in that order and repeat until the blanket reaches the desired length. This is a new suggestion inspired by the photo; it does not reproduce verified stripe counts from the original image.

At the last HHDC before a color change, use the new color for the final yarn over and pull-through. Chain 1 with the new color and turn. Leave sufficient tails for secure weaving. You may finish after any complete row once you reach the target length.

Troubleshooting

Blanket narrows: check that you work the marked last stitch.

Blanket widens: avoid working into the turning chain.

Foundation pulls tight: loosen the chain tension or try a slightly larger hook for the chain, then return to the main hook.

Uneven stripes: record completed rows before changing color.

Final care

Weave tails through several stitches in more than one direction, keeping the fabric relaxed. Block only if appropriate for the yarn, following its care label and testing on your swatch first. Wash and dry according to the yarn label.

Preparation checklist: swatch measured; yarn quantity estimated; 130 chains made for the base recipe; 128 stitches checked per row; 45-inch length measured; ends woven securely.