

## Shimmering Shells Easy Crochet Baby Blanket



I started my crochet journey in the 1980s. This pattern is one of my first designs from then. I have made dozens of baby blankets in this pattern, using a wide variety of yarns and colours. And of course, both of my children received one as newborns. All have looked great in this design, and continue to be well-received. This pattern is not just for babies - make it bigger to fit your favourite teen or adult!

**Skill Level:** Easy

**Finished Size:** 75cm x 90 cm (29.5" x 35.5")  
See note at end of pattern for adjusting to other sizes.

**Materials:** Bernat Baby Coordinates, Soft Turquoise, 3 balls  
(each ball 388 yards, 355 m 5 oz, 140 g)  
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**Hook:** 6 mm

**Gauge:** 3 shells in pattern and 11 rows = 4 " or 10 cm  
It is not necessary to match gauge for this project.

### **Abbreviations Used:**

ch = chain stitch

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

**Stitch Pattern:** 1 shell and 1 sc = shell stitch pattern

## **Blanket**

Chain 133 loosely.

**Row 1:** Into the back loop of the chain stitches, work 2 dc in the 4th chain from the hook (the first 3 ch stitches count as the turning chain for this shell). Skip 2 ch. Sc in next chain. \* Skip 2 ch. 4 dc in next chain. Sk 2 chain, sc in next chain\*. Shell stitch pattern made. Repeat from \* to \*, ending with a sc in last ch. Turn. (22 shells made)

**Row 2:** Ch 3, 2 dc in sc from previous row. \*Sc in space between 2nd and 3rd dc of next shell. 4 dc in next sc\*. Repeat until final shell remaining. Sc between 2nd dc and turning chain of final shell. Turn. (22 shells )

**Repeat Row 2** until desired length. Final row should end with yarn on the left side of the blanket. Do not turn blanket after completed last row. Do not fasten off as border will start on left side.

## **Border**

**Left side:** After ending previous row with a sc, in the same space as the sc, work 4 dc. Continue with shell stitch pattern spaced evenly along the side edge. (I placed my sc and shells in the spaces between the turning chains and 2 dc (rows ending with the partial shell), rather than in the sc (rows starting with the sc)).

Check your border after doing 8-10" to ensure it is laying flat. If not, take out and adjust stitch placement as needed for it to lay flat.

Continue in shell stitch pattern, ending with a sc at the corner.

**Bottom side:** Working along foundation chain, work 4 dc in first stitch. Skip 2 chains, sc in next chain. Continue working shell stitch pattern evenly spaced along the edge, ending with 4 dc in the last stitch.

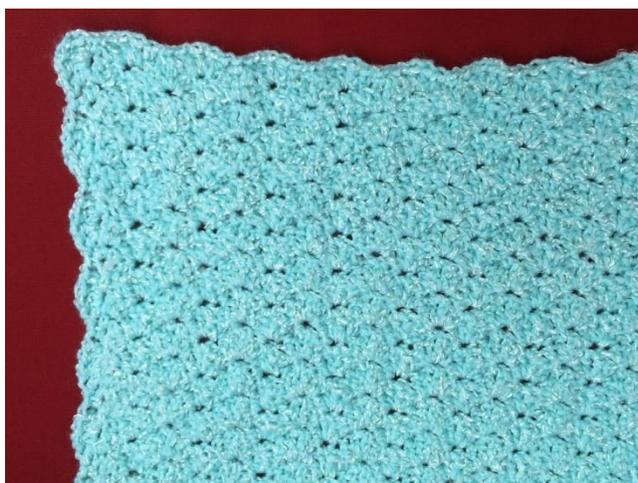
**Right side:** Placing the shell stitch pattern in the same spaces as on the left side, sc in first turning chain space, 4 dc in next turning chain space. Repeat shell stitch pattern evenly along the edge to the next corner, ending with a sc just before the partial shell of the last row. As the partial shell only has 3 dc (turning chain + 2 dc), work 1 dc in same stitch as the partial shell to give a 4 dc shell at the corner.

Slip stitch to join to the top of the chain 3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Adjusting for other sizes:** This pattern is a six stitch repeat, so the starting chain can be made any length as long as it is a **multiple of 6 + 1 ch**. If you choose to make it larger, please purchase sufficient yarn of the same dye lot to complete your blanket.

**Variations:** Try using 2 or more colours in a stripe pattern. I did a pink and white striped one for my daughter.

This pattern adapts well to yarn in most sizes. Crochet a gauge sample so chain row can be adjusted to give the size you want with your chosen yarn.



Here is a closer picture of the stitches. The last picture shows all the yarn I had left from the 3 balls when finished (about 2 m).