# Expansion Baby Blanket

## a Crafting With Claudie pattern

I was inspired by some of those gorgeous and fun knitted mitered square blankets out there being made from mini-skeins and scraps. Instead of doing small squares, I decided to just make one big one and break it up with different colors.

The Expansion Baby Blanket starts out small and works its way big giving you the ability to make this blanket any size you want! This pattern is very customizable. You can use whatever yarn you like in whatever color scheme you like. You can even change up the patterned rows!

## Pattern Notes

- The turning chain counts as a stitch in this pattern.

- If you find your chains are too loose, feel free to only ch 2 for the turning chain and/or increase section {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}.

- I recommend changing colors in the following way:  Start the final dc of the row before you are to change colors as normal. Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2, yarn over with new color, pull through 2. Leaving a 5+ inch tail, cut old color and loosely tie the tails from new and old colors to be woven in later.

- If you want to double check your stitch count, closed rows should equal 4 times the row #.

- I also have a [video tutorial](video tutorial) for this pattern if you need a little visual assistance!

- In the [video tutorial,](video tutorial,) I refer to the rows as open or closed. Open rows are the ones containing ch 1 instructions. Closed rows are the ones where you dc across in each st and/or in the ch 1 sp.

## Final Measurements

36" x 36"

## Materials

- Yarn - 1000 yards of Caron Simply Soft [I used 2 ounces/ 100 yards of (Color A) Grey Heather, 7 ounces/ 350 yards of (Color B) White, and 11 ounces/ 550 yards of (Color C) Sunshine]
- H 5.00 mm Crochet Hook
- Measuring Tape
- Scissors
- Tapestry Needle

## Gauge

After 6 rows of pattern, 3 1/8" / 8 cm.

## Abbreviations

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet stitch

St = stitch

Sp = space

## Instructions

Row 1:  With **Color A**, ch 4; in 4th ch from hook {1 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; ch 3; turn.

Row 2:  In next st, 1 dc; In ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 3:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 4:  Repeat Row 3.

Row 5:  1 dc in next st; *ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st*; repeat * - * until 1 st from ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; repeat * - * until 1 st from end; dc in last st; ch 3, turn.

Row 6:  1 dc in next st and in each st and ch sp until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st and ch 1 sp; ch 3; turn.

Rows 7 - 9:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 10:  1 dc in next st; *ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st*; repeat * - * until 1 st from ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; repeat * - * until 1 st from end; dc in last st; ch 3, turn.

Row 11:  1 dc in next st and in each st and ch sp until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st and ch 1 sp; ch 3; turn.

Repeat Rows 7 - 11 3 more times. Change to **Color B** before finalizing last st.

Row 27:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 28:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 29:  1 dc in next st; *ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st*; repeat * - * until 1 st from ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; repeat * - * until 1 st from end; dc in last st; ch 3, turn.

Row 30:  1 dc in next st and in each st and ch sp until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st and ch 1 sp; ch 3; turn.

Rows 31: 1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Repeat Rows 28 - 31 5 more times. Change to **Color C** before finalizing last st.

Row 52:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Row 53:  1 dc in next st; *ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st*; repeat * - * until 1 st from ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; repeat * - * until 1 st from end; dc in last st; ch 3, turn.

Row 54:  1 dc in next st and in each st and ch sp until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st and ch 1 sp; ch 3; turn.

Row 55:  1 dc in next st and each st until ch 3 sp; in ch 3 sp {2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc}; 1 dc in each st; ch 3; turn.

Repeat Rows 53 - 55 7 more times. [Total 76 rows]

Bind off and weave in ends.



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