Upsy Daisy Blanket

The blanket was made for my daughter. Actually I made it when I was lying in hospital resting so that my little girl would stay put in my belly. And she did :-)
The blanket is made with self-striping yarn, but you can make it with any yarn of your choice. The only thing I can suggest is to choose some cotton blend (or merino) so that it's super soft for your kiddo.

Happy crocheting!

Yarn Suggestions

- 4 skeins of **Alize Cotton Gold Batik Design** and 0.5 skein of **Alize Cotton Gold Solid** or any DK weight yarn in any color of your choice: 1500y of main color for the blanket and 200 y of contrasting color for border

Crochet Hook Size

- G hook (4.0mm), or **size needed to obtain gauge.**

Gauge (actually it's not that important)

- 4"x 4" square worked in **the pattern** = 16 stitches x 12 rows

Instructions

Note: At the end there is an Appendix with photo tutorial. Maybe you don't need to print it and can save ink!

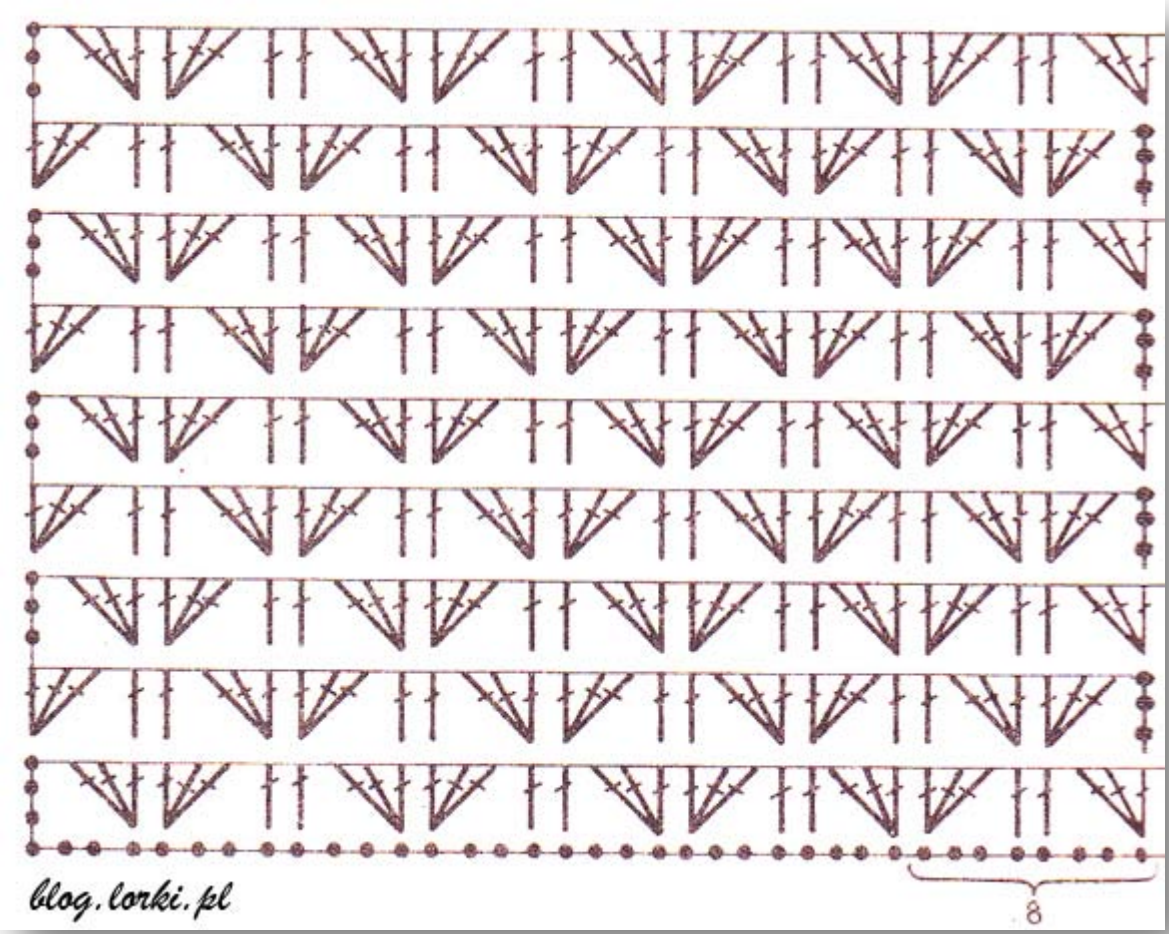
The blanket can be made with two versions of shell stitch. Pick whichever you wish.

Version 1

Make a chain. The number of stitches in the chain should be dividable by 8. For example, I chained 128 sts. Chain extra 6 sts, turn work.
Row 1: Count 6 sts back on the chain and make a cluster of 3dc in the 7th st. *Make a cluster of 3dc in the next st, omit 2 sts, 1dc, 1dc, omit 2 sts, make a cluster of 3dc in one st.*, repeat from * until the end, ch3. Turn work. (see photos in Appendix)

Row 2: Omit 2 sts, make a cluster of 3dc in 1 st. *make a cluster of 3dc in 1 sts, omit 2 sts, 1d, 1dc, omit 2 sts, make a cluster of 3dc*, repeat from* until the end, ch3. Turn work.
Repeat rows 1 and 2 until your blanket is desired length. Finish work with whichever row you prefer.

Pattern Chart - version 1



Version 2

Make a chain. The number of stitches in the chain should be dividable by 12 plus 1 sts. For example, I chained 228 sts plus 1 st = 229 sts. Chain extra 5 sts, turn work.

Row 1: Count 5 sts back on the chain and make 1dc in the 6th st. Omit 3 sts. *Make 5 sc, omit 3 sts, [1dc, ch2, 1dc, ch2, 1dc] all in 1 st, omit 3 sts*, repeat from * until you have 1 st. Make 1dc, ch2, 1dc in that last st, ch3. Turn work. (see photos in Appendix)

Row 2: Make 4dc, but under 2 chain sts from previous row. *Omit 2 sts, 3sc, omit 2 sts, make 4dc under 2 chain sts from previous row, 1dc in the middle st, 4dc under 2 chain sts from previous row*, repeat from * until you get to the last chain loop. Make 5dc under chain sts in that loop. Ch1. Turn work. (see photos in Appendix)

Row 3: 3sc, *omit 3 sts, [1dc, ch2, 1dc, ch2, 1dc] all in 1 st (it's the middle sts in "the valley" from previous row), omit 3 sts, 5sc* - repeat until you have 6 sts, omit 3 sts, 3sc. Ch1, turn work. (see photos. in Appendix)

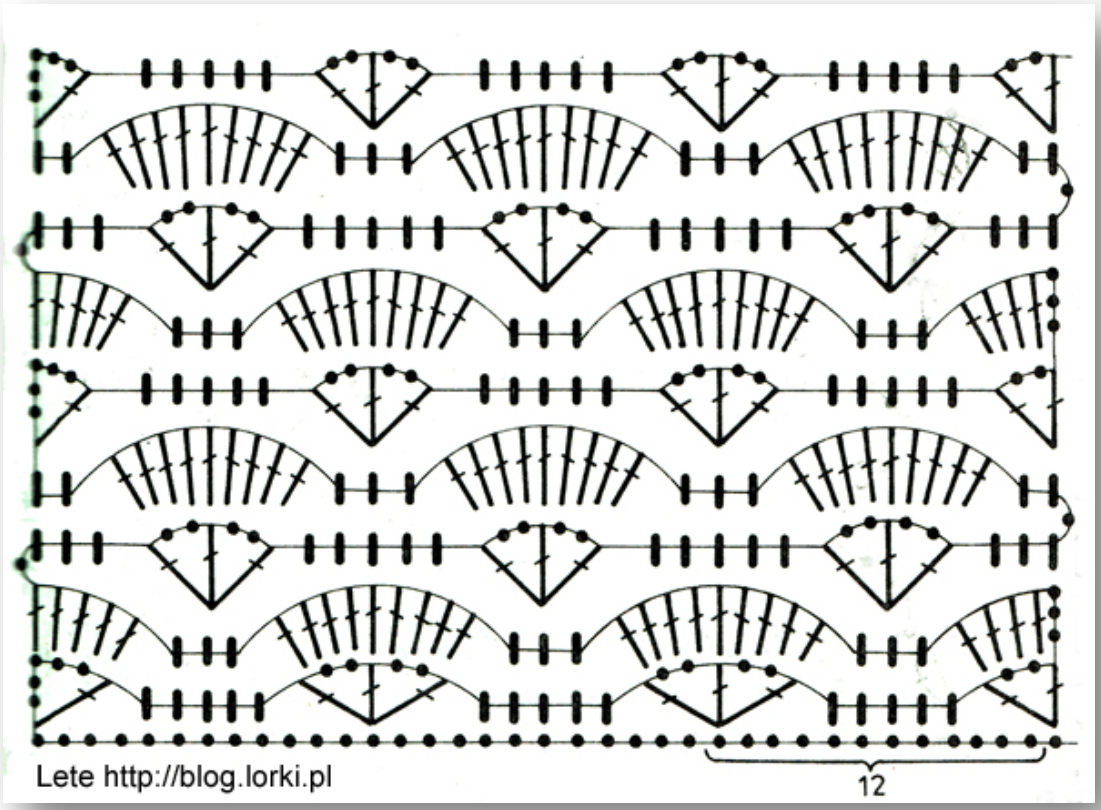
Row 4: sc2, * make 4dc under 2 chain sts from previous row, 1dc in the middle st, 4dc under 2 chain sts from previous row, omit 2 sts, 3sc, omit 2 sts, *, repeat from * until you get to the last 4 sts. Omit 2 sts, 2sc. Ch5. Turn work. (see photos in Appendix)

Row 5: Make 1dc in the 1st stitch. Omit 3 sts. *Make 5 sc, omit 3 sts, [1dc, ch2, 1dc, ch2, 1dc] all in 1 st, omit 3 sts*, repeat from * until you have 1 st. Make 1dc, ch2, 1dc in that last st. Ch3. Turn work.

Repeat rows 2-5 until your blanket is desired length. Finish work with row 3 or 5, then the edge will be even. However, if you wish to finish with row 2 or 4, make one more row to even out the edge. In this row you should make sc stitches along all "bumps", and dc stitches in all "valleys". This should help.

Also if you wish your blanket to be stripy I recommend changing yarn thread at the end of row 2 or 4.

Pattern Chart - version 2



What is what in the chart?

Each black dot means 1 chain stitch, each black short stick is 1 single crochet stitch and each long black sticks that looks a bit like a cross stands for 1 double crochet stitch.

Border for both versions

Rnd1: Using contracting color yarn make sc around all edges of the blanket starting in one corner. Make sure that the number of stitches is dividable by . Every time you get to a corner, make 2 sc in 1 sts, so that the blanket keeps its shape. Finish the rnd with sl st.

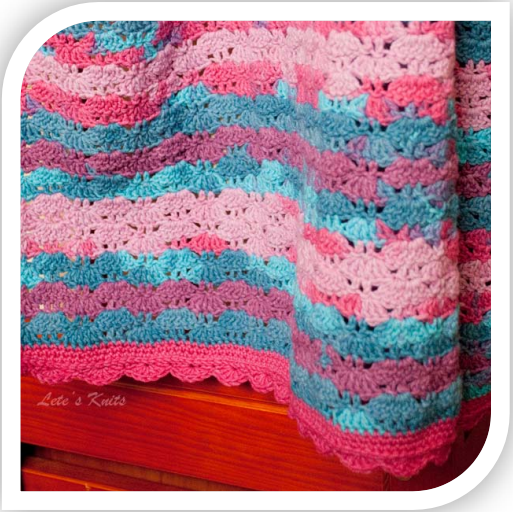
Rnds 2-4: sc around finishing each round with sl st. Again, every time you get to the corner, make 2 sc in 1 sts, but this time make them twice.

Rnd 5: back relief sc around (see photos in Appendix). In this round you do not double the stitches on the corners. If you are making a boy version, this is the last rnd for you. Finish with sl1st and cut yarn.

Rnd 6 - for girl version: *omit 2 sts, 5dc in 1 sts, omit 2 sts, sl1st*, repeat from * around. When you get to the corners and see that border might become tight, omit fewer sts or make more dc sts - if won't be visible, so don't worry. Also, when you get to the end of rnd and see that you won't squeeze in 5dc, you can make fewer of those and it will be fine (see photos in Appendix). Finish with sl1st and cut yarn.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends and block the blanket.
Enjoy!



Useful Links

- Video tutorial on making a chain: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtmOEzm_OXQ&feature=relmfu
- Video tutorial on single crochet stitches: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqhaQQajt0U
- Video tutorial on double crochet stitches: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1txJLRPfuE&feature=relmfu
- Video tutorial on back relief stitches: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0LJiEuJjmg

All wonderful tutorials have been made by theknitwitch.

Abbreviations

ch- chain
sc- single crochet
dc- double crochet
sl1st - slip 1 stitch
st, sts - stitch, stitches

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This pattern has not been tested by anyone so if you encounter any mistakes do not hesitate to contact me. I'd be more than happy to get feedback from you!
Thank you, Justyna.

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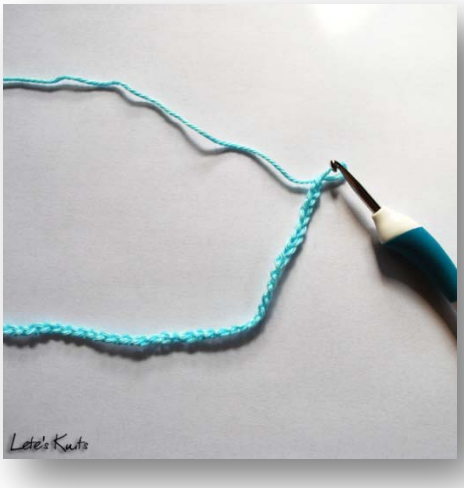
Appendix - Photo tutorial for Upsy Daisy Blanket

Version 1 - Rnd 1



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Rar 4

Rar 5 - the beginning

Border for both versions

Rounds 1-4

Round 5 - Back relief stitch round

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Round 6 - girl version

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