

Infant Flannel Blanket Instructions

Kit Contents: Blanket, yarn, crochet hook, instructions.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING!

If you are familiar with crocheting, is it a *single crochet stitch one time around the blanket*. **CROCHET LOOSELY!** To finish, connect the last 2 stitches and pull the thread through your last loop. Tighten and secure with a knot in the thread. We will have needles and scissors at our station in the garden court.

* **Please note:** The yarn being used this year (pipsqueak yarn) is thicker and it tends to buckle the cloth. To prevent this, complete about 4 stitches and *then skip a hole*. This helps with the buckling and allows the blanket to lay flat. **This is also the reason for the need to crochet loosely! You may want to start by pushing the crochet hook through each hole to widen holes before starting.**

For beginners, here are the basic instructions for a single crochet to help get you started:

1. Hold the cloth in front of you. It is best to start on a corner. Push the crochet hook through a hole from the front, with the yarn behind the blanket. The yarn string behind the cloth will be held with your other hand, and we'll call it your "yarn hand".
2. Wrap your yarn over the crochet hook and grab the yarn with the hook, then pull the yarn toward you through the hole, leaving a 6 inch tail behind the blanket.
3. Reach the hook up and grab the yarn (not the tail) from your yarn hand behind the cloth.
4. Pull the yarn through the loop.
5. You now have one loop on your hook. Push the hook through the next hole and grab the yarn.
6. Pull the yarn toward you through the hole. You will now have two loops on the hook. Using your yarn hand, bring the yarn over the hook.
7. Pull the yarn through the two loops that were on the hook. This will leave a single loop.
8. You have now completed one single crochet. Repeat all the way around. Crochet around the yarn tail so that it ends up hidden inside the crocheting around the blanket. (Remember to keep your stitches loose and skip a hole about every 4 stitches to prevent buckling).
9. End the blanket by enlarging the loop on your hook. Cut the end about 3 inches long. Pull the yarn through your last loop. Tighten to secure a knot in the yarn. Scissors are available at the booth in the Garden Court. Roll remaining yarn into a ball and put all items back in the bag.

