

Large Shell / Small Shell Baby Afghan

Free Crochet Pattern

MATERIALS : 24.5 ozs. white worsted weight yarn, G crochet hook or hook needed to obtain gauge and 2 reels (18') 5\8" wide ribbon in the color of your choice.

SIZE: 34" square

Gauge: 3 sts (small shell, large shell, small shell) = 2" and 4 rows = 2"

AFGHAN:

ROW 1: With white yarn and G hook, ch-131, dc 3rd ch from hook, ch-1, 2 dc same ch, sk 2 ch, *(dc, ch-1 dc) next ch--small shell made, sk 2 ch, (2 dc, ch-1, 2 dc) next ch--large shell made, rep from * across, turn.

ROW 2: Sl st to next ch-1 sp, ch-3 (first dc), dc, ch-1, 2 dc same sp--beg lg shell made, work sm shell in sm shell ch-1 sp, lag shell in lag shell ch-1 sp across, turn.

ROW 3-85: Rep row 2, at the end of row 34, DO NOT fasten off.

BOARDER:

Working side of afghan, with right side facing you, work sm shell in 1st dc of next row, sk a row, work lg shell in 1st dc of next row across.

Bottom: Work a lg shell in the bottom of a lg shell and a sm shell in the bottom of a sm shell across.

Last Side: rep as for first side, sl st to beg dc of top, fasten off.

RIBBON ACCENTS:

Cut 2-124" lengths of ribbon. Weave one half of the ribbon over and under the first row of sts (large shell, small shell) AFTER the boarder on the one side and every third stitch along the other side of the baby afghan. Knot the ribbon every other st. Do the same on the other side. Tie a bow in each corner (if you knot it before you tie the bow it will hold better) knotting the center of each loop. (You do this by estimating where the loop will be and tying a loose knot there. After the bow is tied, reposition the knot.) Trim the ends of the ribbon.

Measure 2-80" lengths of ribbon. Counting up 18 rows from the bottom (large shell, small shell) and 11 stitches from the side, begin weaving the ribbon as you did around the outer edge of the baby afghan, making sure the to begin and end at opposite corners for the bows. (I found it easier to count up and over establishing each corner before I began weaving the ribbon.) Tie bows and trim ends as you did before.

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