

Ready, Set, Knit

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The Babette Blanket, part 3

Last week we stopped on a Friday soap opera cliffhanger...

In each corner ch 2 space, 2dc, ch2, 2dc...now, be careful, because if you're going to make a mistake, it will be right here! Check out the picture of this danger spot on the website.

In doing the 2dc, ch2, 2dc in the corner ch 2 space, you have probably covered up the stitch where you need to make your next dc...remember this, the post (the tall part of the stitch) of every dc is preceded by a stitch which looks just like a knit stitch and which runs along the top of the piece. When you finish round 2, you should have 4 groups of 7 stitches, separated by a ch2 space, i.e. 28 dc and 4 ch2 spaces.

The following are the round counts for the remaining squares:

- 3rd round = 4 groups of 11 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 4th round = 4 groups of 15 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 5th round = 4 groups of 19 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 6th round = 4 groups of 23 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 7th round = 4 groups of 27 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 8th round = 4 groups of 31 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 9th round = 4 groups of 35 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 10th round = 4 groups of 39 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 11th round = 4 groups of 43 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces
- 12th round = 4 groups of 47 stitches and 4 ch2 spaces

Tips:

1. Count your stitches every round.
2. Pay close attention to the first stitch after you work into each ch2 space.

For those of you who may be using worsted-weight yarn like I am, your blanket should measure approximately 56" x 64" before doing the border.

I strongly advise blocking the squares before putting them together so that each group of squares will be the same size. If you have a blocking board that is marked out in inches, you will find blocking the squares a piece of cake. Otherwise, just use your measuring tape and pin the squares to a firm surface to dry. Before I had a blocking board, I used the wall-to-wall carpet in my studio. Some folks use the box spring on an unused bed.

Note: I tried steam blocking first, but found that the squares were happier and kept their shape better when they were dry when I wet blocked them.



