

A Hooker's World



Baby Puff

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Formerly known as *Weird Science* because it was made from scrap yarn and because it was the reincarnation of a blanket I was asked to repair.

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Cindy had received the blanket as a donation for charity and was inquiring if someone could fix it. I told Cindy that I loved the stitch and would try to deconstruct it and recreate the afghan. Someone indicated that another guild member could help me deconstruct the stitch pattern. Sure enough! She got it during the meeting and showed me. I was able to create a straight edge around the perimeter of the afghan; the original had an uneven border.

What follows is a recipe for how you can create the afghan pictured (40 x 43 inches) or, if you believe in dragons - like I do - then you might let your imagination take flight and come up with some other ideas for beautifully textured objects.

MATERIALS

- About 7 ounces of each of each color pictured; Yarn Weight: 4, Worsted. I always suggest acrylic for infants, as you never know about allergies the baby may be born with, and for ease of care
- Boye J/10-6.00 mm Crochet Hook
- Tapestry Needle • Snippers

LEGEND

SC = Single Crochet
CH = Chain
DC = Double Crochet

PATTERN REPEATS

My apologies on the previous version of this pattern. I just read it and it had mistakes. This time I have tested the written instructions and guarantee it will work.

Scale Repeat (SR): [sc, ch 2, 3 dc]

Scale Foundation Chain Row Repeat (SFCRR): [skip 2 chains, [SR] in third chain]

Scale Turning Repeat (STR): [sc, ch 2, turn, 3 dc]

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If you take the time to do a quick swatch - based on a foundation chain of 11 - to understand how the repeats work, a standard 30-inch-square baby afghan could be worked up in a matter of hours, depending on how fast you crochet.

Another advantage of learning the repeats might be increased creativity when it comes to crocheting other objects in this stitch pattern.

RECIPE

Loosely chain multiples of 3 + 2 to desired width.

Row 1: In second chain from hook [SR], repeat [SFCRR] to last chain [STR].

Row 2: SR in every single crochet across the row - this is what causes the texture - notice how the scales overlap - to the last chain (STR).

Repeat Row 2 to desired length

AFGHAN EDGING

Row 1: Sc around.

Row 2: Crab stitch (reverse single crochet) in every sc.

