FREE CROCHET STITCH + PATTERN

Lemon Peel Stitch Baby Blanket

How to crochet the lemon peel stitch, plus a textured baby blanket in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	HOOK
Easy	24.2×29.9 in / 29.9×36.1 in	5.5 mm (US I-9)

YARN	STITCHES	TIME
Worsted (#4)	ch, sc, dc	About 10–14 hours

Materials

- Worsted (#4) soft cotton or cotton blend: stroller 450 yd, crib 670 yd
- 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook, tapestry needle, stitch markers

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
dc	double crochet	**rnd**	round

Lemon peel needs an even number of stitches. Each row: *sc, dc*. The sc goes into a dc and the dc into an sc.

Gauge: 14 sts × 13 rows = 4 in (assumed typical worsted gauge; a blanket can be a little bigger or smaller).

Stroller blanket (24.2 × 29.9 in)

Chain	Ch 81 (an even number of sts, 80, + 1).	
Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, dc in the next ch, *sc in the next ch, dc in the next ch* across. Turn.	**(80)**
Row 2	Ch 1 (doesn't count), *sc in the next st, dc in the next st* across. The sc goes into a dc and the dc into an sc. Turn.	**(80)**
Rows 3–93	Repeat Row 2. The blanket body is now about 22.9 × 28.6 in. Don't fasten off.	**(80)**
Border Rnd 1	Ch 1, sc evenly round all 4 sides: 1 sc in each st across the top and the foundation chain, 1 sc in each row end plus 1 extra sc every 4th row (116 per side), and 3 sc in each corner. Sl st to the first sc.	**(400)**
Border Rnd 2	Ch 1, sc in each st around, 3 sc in the middle sc of each corner. Sl st to the first sc.	**(408)**
Border Rnd 3	Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off and weave in the ends.	**(416)**

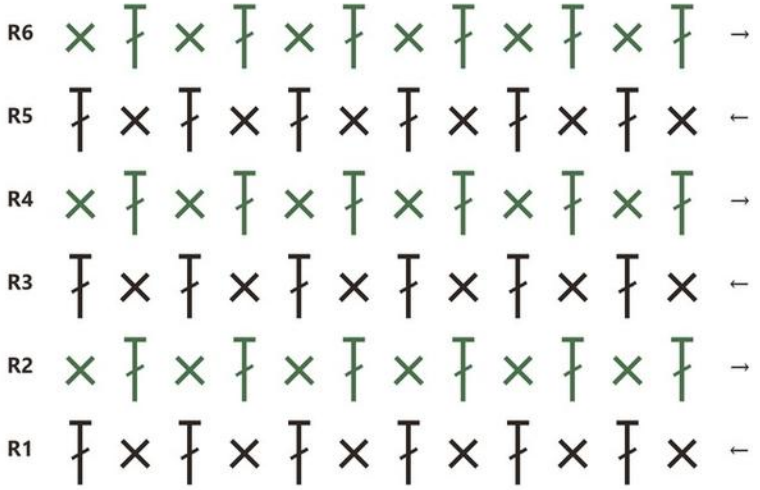
Crib blanket (29.9 × 36.1 in)

Chain	Ch 101 (an even number of sts, 100, + 1).	
Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, dc in the next ch, *sc in the next ch, dc in the next ch* across. Turn.	**(100)**

Row 2	Ch 1 (doesn't count), *sc in the next st, dc in the next st* across. The sc goes into a dc and the dc into an sc. Turn.	**(100)**
Rows 3–113	Repeat Row 2. The blanket body is now about 28.6 × 34.8 in. Don't fasten off.	**(100)**
Border Rnd 1	Ch 1, sc evenly round all 4 sides: 1 sc in each st across the top and the foundation chain, 1 sc in each row end plus 1 extra sc every 4th row (141 per side), and 3 sc in each corner. Sl st to the first sc.	**(490)**
Border Rnd 2	Ch 1, sc in each st around, 3 sc in the middle sc of each corner. Sl st to the first sc.	**(498)**
Border Rnd 3	Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off and weave in the ends.	**(506)**

Lemon Peel Stitch · Chart

12 sts (an even number) × 6 rows · *sc, dc* every row, offset by one



Every sc sits on a dc and every dc sits on an sc: that offset makes the bumps.

Turning ch 1 doesn't count. Row 1: start in the 2nd ch from the hook.

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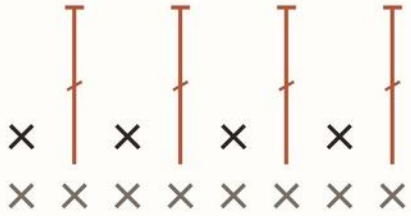
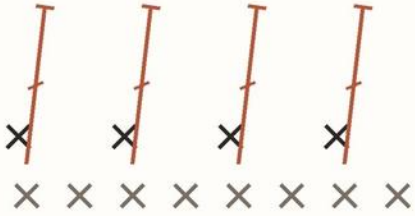
Lemon Peel vs Grit Stitch

Both use sc and dc. Lemon peel puts them in separate stitches; grit stitch puts both in one.



Lemon peel: sc, dc, sc, dc…

1 st into each st below · even count



Grit: (sc, dc) in one st, skip 1

denser, more bumpy · odd count

Lemon Peel Baby Blanket · Sizes

Worsted (#4) soft cotton or cotton blend, 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook · 14 sts × 13 rows = 4 in

Size	Finished	Chain	Stitches	Rows	Yarn
Stroller	24.2 × 29.9 in	ch 81	80 sts	93 rows	450 yd
Crib	29.9 × 36.1 in	ch 101	100 sts	113 rows	670 yd

Any width works: chain any even number + 1. Each 2 sts add about 0.6 in.

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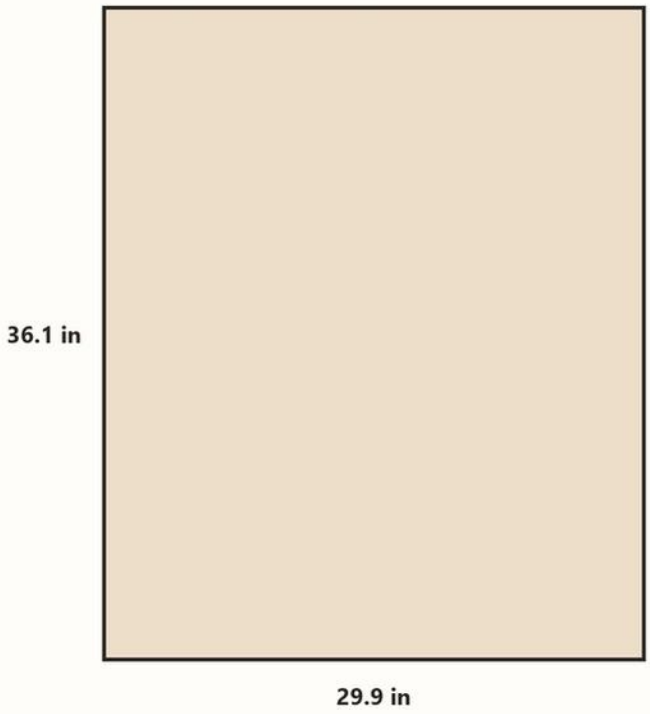
Lemon Peel Baby Blanket · Layout

Crib size 29.9 × 36.1 in: body 100 sts × 113 rows + 3 rounds of sc



Border: 141 sc along each side (113 rows + 1 extra every 4th row)

Border rounds: 490, 498, 506 sc

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