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## **Crochet Blanket**      Created by Barbara Irwin for HandCrafters First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

Using 6 skeins of Lion Brand Wool Ease Thick and Quick yarn ... in two or three colors ... (The skeins I used had between 87 yards up to 107 yards of yarn in each.) I chose this yarn because it is machine washable and dryable! Yet the 20% wool content keeps a person warm.

I used a size N (10 mm) crochet hook

**Row 1:** Chain 80, approximately.

**Row 2:** HDC in 3rd chain from the hook, \*chain 1, skip another foundation chain, then HDC in next chain\*, chain 1, until 2 chains remain, HDC in final two chains, no space between those 2 final HDCs.

**Row 3:** Turn, chain 3, HDC in first chain space of the row below, \*chain 1, HDC in next chain space\*, chain 1, HDC in next chain space, to final turn chain space, and end the row with 2 HDC with no space/chain between them.

### **Repeat Row 3.**

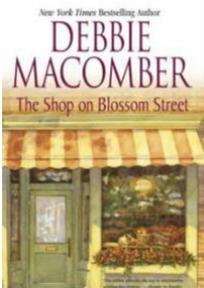
Change color as desired! I used 6 skeins for most blankets.  
Most of the larger blankets have at least 70 rows.

**Finishing:** Single crochet all around the four outside edges for a more finished look. Using a large-eye needle, bury the cut ends of the yarn into the already completed stitches, usually a 6" tail will work in nicely and be almost invisible.

**HDC =** a Half Double-Crochet, where you yarn over, then insert the hook into the next space, yarn over again, then draw that yarn through all 3 loops on the hook. It is a bit shorter than a Double Crochet.

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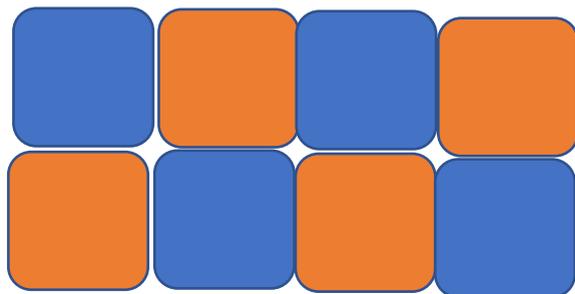
Your completed blanket needs to measure at least 36" x 36" and while you might prefer to use a consistent knit-purl combination of your choice, a project of this size could be more engaging if you used a simple pattern that will help you to draw your attention back to the details of the project and to the person who will eventually receive it, but doesn't require constant attention to pattern directions.



Author Debbie Macomber, in her novel, *The Shop on Blossom Street*, includes the directions for a blanket created from alternating blocks of knit and purl stitches. The book is available from most public libraries; but you can devise a very similar pattern on your own.

Decide on the size you will use for each block and alternate them. For example, you might K10, P10 across a row and reverse that on the row back until the height of your row of blocks approximates the width of each block. Then if you began with K10, start the next set of blocks with P10, then continue alternating with K10 to create a new set of blocks; a knit block, for example, now has a purled block above it. The entire blanket just alternates the blocks until it's the size you desire. You could create a border at top and bottom or perhaps finish it with a simple bind off or i-cord finish. (There are many YouTube videos that describe how to create an i-cord finish. It does create a nice firm edge.)

The diagram below shows alternating knit and purl blocks. If you are using regular worsted yarn with a typical gauge of 10 stitches/inch, your blocks will be about 2 inches square but any size will work.



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