

Broomstick Lace & Solomon's Knot Blanket (Baby Blanket, Afghan, Lapghan)

Modern Vintage

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "Broomstick Lace Blanket"

With the main color worsted weight yarn and the size K crochet hook, make a slipknot. Then chain 120. Note: you can make the width of the blanket larger or smaller by chaining any multiple of 5. For example, you can chain 150 for a larger blanket or 100 for a smaller blanket.

Row 1: Insert your knitting needle (or dowel or ruler) into the remaining loop. With the crochet hook, insert hook into the next chain, yarn over, draw up loop, and put it on the knitting needle. Repeat across. Total stitches = 120 loops. Note: 120 loops should fit OK on a size 50 knitting needle. If you chained, say 200 instead, put 100 loops on the first knitting needle, then just put the next 100 loops on a second knitting needle. See video for help with this: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Row 2: Slip your crochet hook under the first 5 loops, bring it to the top, then chain 1. Remove those 5 loops from the needle and carefully pinch the center. Do 5 single crochet stitches in the middle of these loops. Remove the next 5 loops from the hook. Pinch the center and do 5 single crochet stitches in the middle of these loops. Repeat this process across. If you made the 120 loops initially, you will have 24 broomstick lace clusters across this row.

Row 3: Insert your knitting needle into the remaining loop. With the crochet hook, insert hook into the BACK loop of the next stitch, yarn over, draw up loop, and put it on the knitting needle. Repeat across. Total stitches – 120 loops.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2. **Row 5:** Repeat Row 3.

Continue repeating Rows 2 and 3 until you are satisfied with the height of your blanket. End on a Row 2 (single crochet row). Cut/weave in ends

Optional Solomon's Knot edging:

Connect contrasting edging yarn in the center of the last row's first broomstick lace cluster.

To make a Solomon's knot, draw your loop up about an inch. Yarn over and draw through loop on the hook. Pinch the center space open. Insert hook inside this center space and do a single crochet stitch. See video for assistance: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Round 1: Chain 1, and do 1 single crochet stitch in the same space. Do 2 Solomon's knots. Do 1 single crochet in the center of the next broomstick lace cluster. Do 2 Solomon's knots. Do 1 single crochet in the center of the next broomstick lace cluster. Repeat this around the blanket, adding at least one extra Solomon cluster in the corners.

Round 2: Do 2 Solomon's knots. Do 1 single crochet in the center of the first Solomon knot cluster from the previous round. Do 2 Solomon's knots. Do 1 single crochet in the center of the next Solomon's Knot cluster. Repeat this around the blanket.

Rounds 3-4+ Repeat Round 2.



Materials:

- 600 yards worsted weight yarn (peach color) for the pictured blanket. You can make the blanket larger or smaller - so yardage will need to be adjusted to accommodate.

- An additional 200 yards were used for the edging (white yarn).

- K size (6.5 mm) crochet hook

- 1 size 50 knitting needle (25 mm). If you like your loops smaller, feel free to use other sizes like 35, or 19.

If you do not have a knitting needle that big, use a thick wooden dowel, or a school ruler instead for your loops.

- Sewing needle, scissors

Terms Used

CH – Chain

SC – Single crochet

SK – Solomon's Knot

American English Crochet Terms