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Baby Blocks Afghan & Bib™

Designed by Andy Ashley

FINISHED SIZES

Afghan is about 32" x 32"; each Square is 8" x 8" before weaving. Bib is 5 1/2" wide x 4" long at center, without neckbands and ties.

MATERIALS

Baby yarn: 9 oz. white, 3.5 oz. yellow, 3.5 oz. blue, 3.5 oz. pink, 3.5 oz. green; Yarn needle; Crochet 'n' Weave® needles (use appropriate size for individual Chain and Grid); F crochet hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

With two strands baby yarn held together, 6 dc and 6 ch-1 sps = 2"; 6 dc rows = 2".

AFGHAN Square Grid (make 16)

Row 1: With two strands white yarn held together, ch 52, dc in sixth ch from hook, (ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch) across, turn. (Ch sp at beginning of row counts as first dc and ch-1 sp—25 dc and 24 ch-1 sps made.)

Rows 2–24: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Weaving Chains

For each Chain, using two strands of color yarn stated below, leaving a 6" tail, ch until piece measures length stated (more length will be added to some Chains as needed). Leaving a 6" tail, fasten off (see Basic Instructions on page 4).

Letter A—with yellow, blue, pink and green: Make one of each color each 24" long (first section).

Make one of each color each 36" long (second section).

Make one of each color each 30"

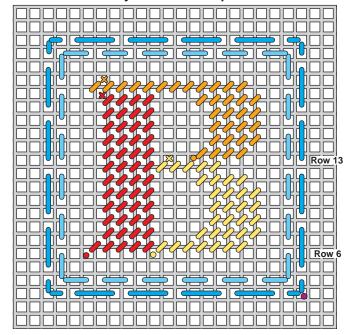
long (third section).

Letter B—with yellow, blue, pink and green: Make two of each color each 52" long (first section).

Make two of each color each 36" long (second section).

Make two of each color each 40" long (third section).

Baby Blocks "B" Square



- First Section
- Second Section
- Third Section
- Outer Border
- Inner Border

Letter Y—with yellow, blue, pink and green: Make one of each color each 34" long (first section).

Make one of each color each 30" long (second section).

Make one of each color each 22" long (third section).

Borders—with yellow, blue, pink and green: Make eight of each color each 40" long.

Seams—with white: Make six each 50" long.

Grid Weaving

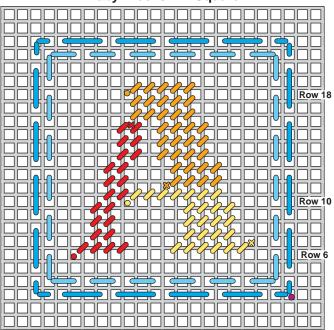
1: For each Square (from each color, make two B's; make one A; make one Y), working one letter on

Baby Blocks Afghan Key

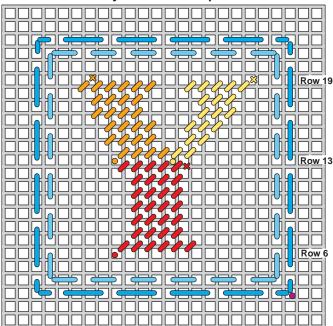
- First Section
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- Inner Border

- each Square Grid, weave each letter in three sections and weave border as follows:
- A: Attach first end (see Basic Instructions) of one 52" first section Weaving Chain behind opening of Grid marked by red dot on Baby Blocks Square chart for letter being made; using Diagonal Weave Stitches (see illustration), weave first section of letter according to chart; secure last end (see Basic Instructions) at red X on chart.

Baby Blocks "A" Square

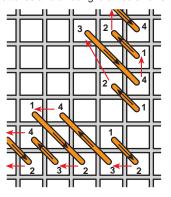


Baby Blocks "Y" Square



Diagonal Weave Stitch

Working in numerical order in direction of arrows, go **over** grid at stitches and **under** grid at red arrows.

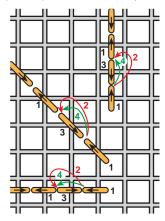


- B: Attaching first end of same color 36" second section Weaving Chain behind opening of Grid marked by orange dot on Baby Blocks Square chart for letter being made and securing last end at orange X on chart, weave second section in same manner as first section.
- C: Attaching first end of same color 40" third section Weaving Chain behind opening of Grid marked by yellow dot on row 6 of Baby Blocks Square chart for letter being made and securing last end at yellow X on chart, weave third section in same manner as first section.
- D: For outer border, run tail and 1/4" at first end of same color 40" border Weaving Chain to back of Grid through third opening on row 3 (see purple dot on row 3 of Baby Blocks Square chart for letter being made). Thread weaving needle with other end of Chain; using Running Weave Stitches(see illustration on page 4) with Weave Backstitches (see illustration) at corners, weave through third openings from edges of Grid, ending at purple dot beside first end; shorten Chain if needed (see Basic Instruc-

tions) to leave tail and 1/4" at end of Chain extended at back. Tie tails together tight against Chain, run tails back through Chain to hide.

Weave Backstitch

- 1: Working in direction of arrows, go **over** grid at stitch No. 1 and **under** grid at red arrow No. 2.
- 2: Go over grid in opposite direction at stitch No. 3 and under grid again at green arrow No. 4.
- 3: Repeat steps 1 and 2 alternately as needed.



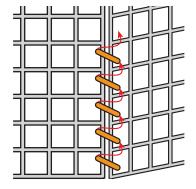
E: For inner border, using separate same color 40" border Weaving Chain and working in fourth openings from edges of Grid, weave inner border in same manner as outer border.

Assembly

- 1: With right sides facing and row 1 toward you, lay Square Grids flat according to Baby Blocks Afghan Assembly Diagram.
- 2: For vertical seam, weave one 50" white seam chain as follows: Attach first end of Chain to corner of either Grid (see X on Baby Blocks Afghan Assembly Diagram on page 12). Using Weave Whipstitch (see illustration), weave Grids together up to

Weave Whipstitch

Working in direction of arrows, go over grid at stitches and under grid at red arrows.



Baby Blocks Afghan Assembly



end of seam (see dot on Diagram); secure last end. Repeat for each of two remaining vertical seams.

3: For horizontal seams, turn Grids to side and repeat step 2.

BIB

Grid

Row 1: Working from side to side, with two strands white yarn held together, ch 34, dc in sixth ch from hook, (ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch) across, ch 6, turn. (Ch sp at beginning of row counts as first dc and ch-1 sp—16 dc and 15 ch-1 sps made.)

Row 2: Skip ch-6, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn. (17 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)

Row 3: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn.

Row 4: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) 10 times leaving last 5 dc unworked for neckband, turn. (12 dc, 11 ch-1 sps)

Rows 5–12: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn. At end of last row, do not turn; ch 13 for neckband. turn.

Row 13: Dc in sixth ch from hook, (ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch) 3

times, (ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn. (17 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)

Row 14: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) across to last ch sp, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch, turn.

Row 15: Ch 4, skip first ch sp, dc in next dc, (ch 1, skip next ch sp, dc in next dc) 14 times leaving last dc unworked. Fasten off. (16 dc, 15 ch-1 sps)

Bib Weaving Chains

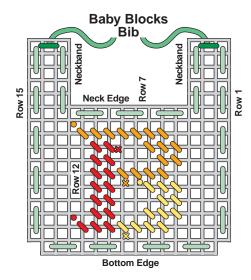
For each Chain, using two strands of green yarn, leaving a 6" tail, ch until piece measures length stated. Leaving a 6" tail, fasten off.

Letter B: Make three each 18" long. Border: Make one 30" long.

Bib Grid Weaving

- 1: Weave the letter "B" in three sections as follows:
- A: For first section, attach first end of one 18" green Weaving Chain behind third opening from bottom edge on row 12 of Grid (see red dot on row 12 of Baby Blocks Bib chart); using Diagonal Weave Stitches (see illustration on page 2), weave first section of letter according to chart; secure last end at red X on chart.
- B: For second section, attaching one 18" green Weaving Chain behind second opening from neck edge on row 12 of Grid (see orange dot on row 12 of Baby Blocks Bib chart)

- and securing last end at orange X on chart, weave second section in same manner as first section.
- C: For third section, attaching one 18" green Weaving Chain behind sixth opening from bottom edge on row 7 of Grid (see yellow dot on row 7 of Baby Blocks Bib chart) and securing last end at yellow X on chart, weave third section in same manner as first section.



- 2: For border, run tail and 1/4" at first end of 30" green border Weaving Chain to back of Grid through first opening at top of row 1; thread weaving needle with other end of Chain.
- 3: Using Running Weave Stitches (see illustration), weave through openings around all edges of Grid leaving tail and 1/4" at end of Chain extended at back next to first end. Tie tails together tight against Chain, run tails back through Chain to hide.

Ties

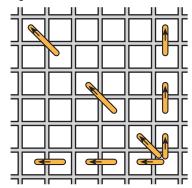
- 1: For each Tie (make 2), using crochet hook and two strands green baby yarn, leaving a 6" tail, ch to measure 6". Leaving a 6" tail, fasten off.
- 2: To attach first Tie, working at top

Baby Blocks Bib Key

- First Section
- Second Section
- Third Section
- Border
- Tie
- Knot of Tie

Running Weave Stitch

Working in direction of arrows, weave **over** grid where stitches are shown and **under** grid where stitches are not shown.



edge of Bib Grid, run first end of one Tie from back to front through opening at end of row 1, skip row 2 and run end through row 3 to back (see Baby Blocks Bib chart); thread yarn needle with yarn tail and sew first and third ch sts of Tie together at back of Grid. On each end of Tie, run yarn tail back through Chain to hide.

3: To attach second tie, working in openings at top edge of rows 13–15, repeat step 2.

Basic Instructions

Weaving Chain

Place slip knot on hook, (yo, pull through loop on hook) until Chain is desired length.

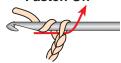
Chain Stitch



Fasten Off on Weaving Chain

Cut yarn about 6" past last loop on hook; yo with 6" tail, pull tail through loop, pull loop snug but not tight; this will allow you to unravel some stitches if Chain is too long.

Fasten Off



Double Crochet

With loop on hook, *yo, insert hook in st or ch, yo, pull through st or ch (3 loops now on hook), yo, pull through

first 2 loops on hook (2 loops now on hook), yo, pull through last 2 loops on hook (1 loop remains on hook).

Double Crochet



Attach First End

Run first end of Weaving Chain from front through indicated grid opening, pull tail and 1/4" of Chain to back side; thread tail into weaving needle and take a tiny stitch on back side of Grid; run tail back through Chain to hide; remove needle. Thread weaving needle with other end of Chain.

Lengthen Chain

- If Weaving Chain is too short to complete the section, weave to about 6" from end of Chain; lengthen Chain as follows:
- A: Insert crochet hook through last stitch of Chain, yo with new strand of same yarn, pull through chain stitch leaving

- 6" tail at back.
- B: Make about 8" more of chain stitches and remove hook; do not cut yarn.
- C: Thread weaving needle with new tail at back of work, take a tiny stitch at back of old Chain. Run both tails back through opposite Chains to hide.
- D: Return hook to last chain stitch and make chain stitches to length needed or until about 30" more have been added. Fasten off leaving a 6" tail.

Shorten Chain

Loosen fasten-off loop and pull tail back through loop, unravel chain stitches to desired length leaving 1/4" of Chain at back of Grid. Fasten off leaving a 6" tail.

Secure Last End

When finished weaving the section, to secure last end of Weaving Chain, run remaining end to back of work (if needed, shorten Chain—see above). Fasten off leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail into needle and take a tiny stitch on back side of Grid, then run tail back through Chain to hide.

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