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## Baby Blanket

with  
**SIMPLY SOFT<sup>®</sup>**  
**Eco**

designed by Margret Willson

**TECHNIQUE USED:** Crochet



#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

36"/91.5 cm wide x 47"/119.5 cm long

#### MATERIALS

[Caron International's Simply Soft Eco](#) (80% Acrylic, 20% NatureSpun<sup>™</sup>):

16 oz A, 13 oz B.

**Shown in:** #0001 Soft White (A), #0007 Baby Blush (B)

US size J-10 (6 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge.

Yarn needle

#### GAUGE

In stitch pattern, 13 sts and 20 rows = 4"/10 cm. Gauge is not critical for this project.

#### STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), Double crochet (dc), Half double crochet (hdc) Single crochet (sc), Slip stitch (slip st), Treble crochet (tr).

#### SPECIAL TERMS

**Drop Stitch (DS):** Working around next ch-2 sp, dc in next skipped ch or st 2 rows below;

**Double crochet decrease (dcdec):** Keeping last loop of each st on hook, dc in next 2 ch-1 sps (skipping the tr, sc, and tr between the sps), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook;



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**shell:** ([tr, ch 1] 6 times, tr) in indicated st or sp;

**beg corner shell:** Ch 5, ([tr, ch 1] 7 times, tr) in indicated st or sp;

**corner shell:** ([tr, ch 1] 8 times, tr) in indicated st or sp.

**NOTE:** To change color at end of row: Work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Fasten off old color, continue work with new color.

## BLANKET

With A, chain 106.

**Foundation Row (RS):** Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next ch, ch 2, sk next 2 ch, \*dc in next 2 ch, ch 2, sk next 2 ch; repeat from \* to last 3 ch, dc in last 3 ch changing to B, turn.

**Row 1:** Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, \*2 DS, ch 2, sk next 2 sts; repeat from \* to turning ch, sc in top of turning ch, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), \*2 DS, ch 2, sk next 2 sts; repeat from \* to last ch-2 sp, 2 DS, hdc in last st changing to A, turn.

**Rows 3 and 4:** With A, repeat Rows 1 and 2.

**Rows 5–116:** Repeat Rows 1–4 twenty-eight more times, maintain color sequence of 2 rows worked with A and 2 rows worked with B throughout.

**Last Row:** With A, ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, \*2 DS, sc in next 2 dc; repeat from \* to turning ch, sc in top of turning ch. Fasten off.

## BORDER

With RS facing, join A in lower corner of blanket.

**Rnd 1:** Work beg corner shell; *working in ends of rows up side of blanket*, sk next 2 color B rows and next color A row, sc around hdc at end of next color A row, \*sk next 3 rows, shell in next row, sk next 3 rows, sc in next row; repeat from \* to next corner, work corner shell in corner; *working across sts of top edge*, sk next 2 sc, sc between next 2 DS, \*\*sk next 2 sc, shell between next 2 DS, sk next 2 sc, sc between next 2 DS; repeat from \*\* to next corner, corner shell in corner; *working in ends of rows up next side of blanket*, sk next 2 color A rows, sc around hdc at end of next color B row, \*\*\*sk next 3 rows, shell around hdc at end of next row, sk next 3 rows, sc in next row; repeat from \*\*\* to next corner, corner shell in corner; *working across opposite side of foundation ch along lower edge*, sk next 2 sc, sc between next 2 DS, \*\*\*\*sk next 2 dc, shell between next 2 DS, sk next 2 dc, sc between next 2 DS; repeat from \*\*\*\* across; join with slip st in 4th ch of beg ch-5 of beg corner shell—12 shells across top and lower edges, 14 shells along each side, and 4 corner shells.

**Rnd 2:** Slip st in next ch-1 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), \*\*(dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2) 6 times, dcdec, \*ch 2, (dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2) 4 times, dcdec; repeat from \* to next corner, ch 2; repeat from \*\* 3 more times omitting last dcdec, and joining as follows: keeping last loop on hook, dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next (tr, sc, tr), insert hook in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, yarn over and draw loop through ch, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**Rnd 3:** \*\*Sc in next ch-sp, 3 sc in next ch-sp, 5 sc in next 3 ch-sps, 3 sc in next ch-sp, sc in next ch-sp, sk next dcdec, \*sc in next ch-sp, 3 sc in next ch-sp, 5 sc in next ch-sp, 3 sc in next ch-sp, sc in next ch-sp, sk next

dcdec; repeat from \* to corner; repeat from \*\* 3 more times; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Rnd 4:** Join B in any st of Rnd 3, working in back loops only, slip st in each st around; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

### **FINISHING**

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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