

Mustard-and-Cream Tapestry Checker Blanket

A photo-matched crochet pet blanket with dense stitch guidance, measurement-based sizing, washable-yarn notes and finishing checks.



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Publishing status

Prototype-ready draft. Crochet, wash and supervise one physical pet-use test before calling this pattern tested.

Project plan

Visible construction	A mustard-and-cream checker blanket with large blocks, tidy color changes, a mustard border and a dense low-profile surface.
Starting stitch	tapestry single crochet
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 15 tapestry sc x 16 rows = 10 cm after washing.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 70 x 90 cm, arranged as three columns by four rows of large blocks.

Materials

- Worsted washable cotton blend in mustard and cream, approximately 350-500 m of each color
 - 5 mm hook
 - yarn needle
 - markers
 - two yarn bowls or bags.
- Also have scissors, a measuring tape and a smooth 15 cm swatch board. Keep needles, markers and loose yarn away from pets.

Abbreviations

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; dc = double crochet; BLO = back loop only; st(s) = stitch(es); rep = repeat.

Measure before crocheting

Choose total width and divide by 3 for block width. Choose total length and divide by 4 for block height. Convert each block measurement with the washed gauge.

Pet / use	Starting width	Starting length	Write actual size
Cat	50-60 cm	65-80 cm	___ x ___ cm
Small dog	55-65 cm	75-90 cm	___ x ___ cm
Medium / large dog	65-95 cm	85-125 cm	___ x ___ cm

Swatch and snag check

- Make a 15 cm swatch, wash it as the yarn label allows and dry it completely.
- Record stitches and rows per 10 cm before and after washing.
- Run fingertips and a blunt wooden cuticle stick lightly across both surfaces. Reject visible loops that lift easily.
- Rub the yarn with a white cloth to check shedding or dye transfer.
- Choose the safer tighter version if two hook sizes both produce flexible fabric.

Pattern instructions

1. Chain for three equal block repeats plus one turning chain. Carry the inactive color inside each sc rather than floating it across the back.
2. Work the first block row in mustard, cream, mustard. Change color on the final yarn-over of the stitch before each boundary.
3. After the measured block height, reverse the colors to cream, mustard, cream. Repeat until four block rows are complete.
4. Keep carried yarn relaxed so the blocks do not pucker. Cut and rejoin only when a carried strand would become bulky.
5. Add two mustard sc border rounds, secure every color tail and wash a colorfastness swatch before washing the finished blanket.

Finishing checklist

- Lay the blanket flat and confirm the corners do not curl into cord-like loops.
- Weave every tail through dense stitches in more than one direction, tug-test, then trim.
- Inspect the reverse surface, color changes and border joins, not only the photographed side.
- Wash and dry the completed prototype before measuring final size and yardage.

Pet-use fit check

The corgi should be able to sit or curl inside the border without the checker joins pulling the fabric inward.

- Let the pet approach voluntarily and supervise the first sessions.
- Watch the pet lie down, turn, stand and walk off without the blanket wrapping around a paw.
- Remove the blanket if a claw catches, yarn loosens, the pet chews, or the fabric forms a tight loop.
- Keep the blanket dry and away from heaters or open flames.

Care

Wash cool and separately at first. Confirm that mustard dye does not transfer to the cream blocks.

Design-specific safety

No carried yarn may float on the reverse. Open floats can catch claws and must be enclosed or woven down.

Final sign-off

Swatch washed: ____ Finished size: _____ Both sides inspected: ____ Edges secure: ____ Supervised pet-use check passed: ____ Yarn / hook / yardage recorded: _____ Version/date: _____