

Navy Ribbed Stripe Cat Blanket

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



A navy rectangular blanket with close vertical-looking ribs, three narrow cream stripes and a plain navy border.

Publishing status

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

Project plan

Visible construction	A navy rectangular blanket with close vertical-looking ribs, three narrow cream stripes and a plain navy border.
Starting stitch	back-loop-only single crochet worked lengthwise
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 15 BLO sc x 16 rows = 10 cm, measured without stretching the ribs.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 55 x 75 cm.

Materials

- DK washable cotton held double in navy and cream, approximately 500-700 m total
- 5 mm hook
- yarn needle
- markers.

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

Foundation chain sets the full blanket length. Number of rows sets the width. Add 15-20 cm to the cat's curled footprint in each direction.

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 to the calculated length plus one. Work one ordinary sc row, then continue in BLO sc.
2. Work navy rows until the first stripe position. Change to cream for two rows, navy for two rows, and repeat until three cream stripes are complete.
3. Continue in navy until the measured width is reached. Keep every color change on the same edge.
4. Work one round of ordinary sc around the perimeter. Do not deepen the ribs with post stitches or surface crochet.
5. Secure color-change tails inside the border, wash and dry flat, then check that the navy fabric still shows individual stitches rather than hidden gaps.

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 cat should have enough width to turn without bunching the blanket into a tight roll.

- 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 according to the yarn label and test the navy dye separately before combining it with cream.

Design-specific safety

Keep the ribs shallow. If claws slide under a ridge during the swatch test, reduce hook size or work through both loops instead.

Final sign-off

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