

Dusty-Rose Lemon-Peel Pet Blanket

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



A dusty-rose sofa blanket with a fine pebbled stitch, cream accent border and an easy drape over the sofa front.

Publishing status

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

Project plan

Visible construction	A dusty-rose sofa blanket with a fine pebbled stitch, cream accent border and an easy drape over the sofa front.
Starting stitch	lemon-peel stitch alternating sc and dc
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 15 stitches x 15 rows = 10 cm in lemon-peel stitch after washing.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 60 x 80 cm.

Materials

- Worsted washable cotton blend in dusty rose plus a small amount of cream, approximately 550-750 m total
 - 5 mm hook
 - yarn needle.
- 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

Width = preferred sofa coverage or pet width + 20 cm. Length = resting length + 25 cm. Start with an even stitch count.

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 an even number to the target width plus one turning chain.
2. Row 1: sc in the second chain, dc in the next; repeat across.
3. Row 2: chain 1 and turn. Work sc into each dc and dc into each sc. Repeat to the target length.
4. Add one cream sc round and one dusty-rose sc round. Keep the border narrow so it cannot curl into a corded loop.
5. Secure every tail, wash the sample and check that the alternating dc tops remain compact.

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 small dog should be able to curl with a visible margin around the body and without pulling the sofa-draped edge upward.

- 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, reshape flat and do not return a damp blanket to upholstered furniture.

Design-specific safety

If the double-crochet portions open after washing, reduce the hook size or substitute hdc before publishing the tested version.

Final sign-off

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