

Cranberry-and-Oat Reversible Blanket

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



A cranberry top panel, oatmeal reverse panel and flat cream-toned joining edge shown clearly by the folded corner.

Publishing status

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

Project plan

Visible construction	A cranberry top panel, oatmeal reverse panel and flat cream-toned joining edge shown clearly by the folded corner.
Starting stitch	two single-crochet panels joined as a reversible double layer
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 15 sc x 16 rows = 10 cm for both colors after washing.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 70 x 100 cm.

Materials

- DK washable cotton blend held double in cranberry and oatmeal, approximately 700-1000 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

Make each panel to the same calculated size: resting width + 20 cm by resting length + 25 cm. Match row and stitch counts exactly.

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. Crochet one cranberry sc rectangle and one matching oatmeal sc rectangle using the same hook, stitch count and row count.
2. Wash and dry both panels separately. If one color changes size differently, correct the smaller panel before joining.
3. Place wrong sides together and clip or mark every 10 cm around the edge so the layers cannot shift.
4. Join through both panel edges with one round of oatmeal sc. Add a second cranberry sc round only if the edge remains flat.
5. Weave joining tails between the two layers, close the access point securely and inspect the full perimeter.

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 whippet should fit inside the joined edge with enough length to stretch the front legs without sliding off the bench.

- 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 on a gentle cycle only if both yarns allow it. Dry flat and turn the blanket during drying so moisture does not remain between layers.

Design-specific safety

Do not add batting or hidden ties. The two layers must be fully joined with no pocket opening that can trap a paw.

Final sign-off

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