

Aqua Dense-Cotton Stripe 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 large aqua cotton-style rectangle with dense rows, three narrow cream stripes near each short end and a simple aqua border.
Starting stitch	single crochet through both loops
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 12 sc x 13 rows = 10 cm after washing and drying.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 85 x 110 cm.

Materials

- Bulky washable cotton in aqua and warm cream, approximately 1000-1400 m total
- 6 mm hook or size needed for gauge
- 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

Width = widest resting body measurement + 20-25 cm. Length = nose-to-rump length + 25-30 cm. Use the washed cotton 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 to the calculated width plus one and work sc through both loops across each row.
2. Near the first short end, work three cream stripes of two rows each, separated by two aqua rows.
3. Continue in aqua through the center. Mirror the three cream stripes before the opposite short end.
4. Add one aqua sc border round and correct any corner curl before weaving the tails.
5. Wash the cotton prototype, support its wet weight, reshape flat and record shrinkage before finalizing yardage or dimensions.

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 Golden Retriever should be able to lie diagonally with both front paws supported and the blanket remaining flat.

- 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

Follow the cotton label. Dry completely before use; this is not a wet or evaporative cooling blanket.

Design-specific safety

Keep the blanket dry, supervised and free from chewing. Dense cotton may still snag if a claw is split or rough.

Final sign-off

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