



How to Plan the Perfect Baby Blanket in 3 Easy Steps

Baby blankets are special projects and choosing the necessary materials should be fun and easy. Here's the formula to select the blanket, yarn, and start knitting in 3 easy steps!

How Big Should My Blanket Be?

This is a question that comes up a lot and one I've even asked myself. Which size is the right one? There are sizes for carriers/car seats, receiving blankets, stroller covers, full size crib blankets and somewhere in-between. To select just the right size and materials begin with Step 1.



Step 1: Choose Your Blanket Size, Yarn Weight and Yardage

This is where you will also get to choose the weight of the yarn you would like to use and determine the approximate yardage for your chosen size.

To choose, take a look at the guidelines below. When considering a specific pattern you can still use these guidelines to judge how many ways your blanket will be used. Better yet, If creating your own design, you'll know the **"suggested"** dimensions and approximately **how much yarn you'll need**.

Baby Blanket Guide to Sizes, Gauge, and Yardage

Carrier/Car Seat - 24 x 24"

- 3 sts. per inch/Bulky - 230 yds
- 4 sts. per inch/Chunky - 325 yds
- 5 sts. per inch/Worsted - 410 yds
- 6 sts. per inch/DK - 580 yds

Stroller - 30 x 30"

- 3 sts. per inch/Bulky - 428 yds
- 4 sts. per inch/Chunky - 610 yds
- 5 sts. per inch/Worsted - 770 yds
- 6 sts. per inch/DK - 1090 yds

Receiving - 34 x 36"

- 3 sts. per inch/Bulky - 580 yds
- 4 sts. per inch/Chunky - 830 yds
- 5 sts. per inch/Worsted - 1050 yds
- 6 sts. per inch/DK - 1480 yds

Crib - 36 x 52"

- 3 sts. per inch/Bulky - 890 yds
- 4 sts. per inch/Chunky - 1270 yds
- 5 sts. per inch/Worsted - 1600 yds
- 6 sts. per inch/DK - 2260 yds



Step 2: Choosing the Right Yarn

Now that you've selected your blanket size, yarn gauge and yardage, it's time to select the project yarn. Merely locate your gauge below and select your fiber from the list. It's that easy!

3 - 4 Sts per Inch /Bulky

- [Blue Sky Alpaca Bulky Yarn](#)
- [Spud and Chloe Outer Yarn](#)
- [HiKoo Rub-a-Dub Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Heaven Yarn](#)
- [Deborah Norville Cuddle Fleece Yarn](#)

5 Sts per Inch/Worsted

- [Berroco Modern Cotton Yarn](#)
- [Big Bad Wool Weepaca Yarn](#)
- [Blue Sky Worsted Cotton Yarn](#)
- [Classic Elite Liberty Print Yarn](#)
- [Ewe Ewe Wooly Worsted Yarn](#)
- [Knit One Crochet Too Ty-Dy Cotton Yarn](#)
- [Peter Pan Cupcake Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Baby Beenz Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Jelli Beenz Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Toybox Candy Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Cottonation Yarn](#)
- [Sassy Skein Worsted Cotton Yarn](#)

6 Sts per Inch/DK

- [Blue Sky Alpaca Silk Yarn](#)
- [Blue Sky Skinny Cotton Yarn](#)
- [Ewe So Sporty Yarn](#)
- [Nako Baby Angel Yarn](#)
- [Peter Pan DK Baby Yarn](#)
- [Peter Pan Merino Baby DK Yarn](#)
- [Plymouth Dreambaby DK Paintpot Yarn](#)
- [Universal Uptown Baby Sport Yarn](#)
- [Sassy Skein Cotton DK Yarn](#)



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Step 3: Calculating the Stitch Count

Now it's time to cast on. How many stitches should you cast on?

Here's how:

Project width Inches (from step 1) x Stitches per Inch (from step 2) = Number of cast-on stitches

Remember to use the needle size suggested on the yarn label.

Now cast-on and create!

Happy Knitting

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