

The Seashell



This pattern started as just a fun experiment for me. I created two blankets, one using a single strand, and one combining two strands of yarn (each skein was 100g / 240 yards). I really preferred the thickness of the two-strand blanket, so that's the pattern you'll find below. You'll find the single strand sample, which really shows off the increasing stitches much better, at the very end of the pattern. I wanted to create a blanket that would be a simple spiral, without yarn changes or rows. I didn't want to just use one stitch, so I moved through all the basic crochet stitches, allowing me to really master each one. I enjoyed the process and hope you will too!

Gather your comfort tools: Use a "N" sized hook and two strands of yarn (240 yards) worked together for best results. I didn't use 4-ply, but a bit thinner yarn. You can also use just one strand of 4-ply yarn, but then decrease your hook size to "K".

Get started helping pets - CH 4, SL to join into a ring.

Row 1 - CH 1, put 9 more SC into center of ring, join to initial CH with a SL.

This is a circular pattern that continues around as a spiral (like a seashell!). You'll be working all stitches into the top of the row below, transitioning from SC, to HDC, to DC, to TC, to DTC! It follows the pattern of a seashell which grows larger as it spirals around!

Continuing spiral – CH1, work *SC into next ST, 2 SC into next stitch, repeat from * until the diameter of your blanket is approximately 4". See ***IMPORTANT NOTE at bottom.

Once your diameter is 4" – Switch to HDC, and continue around the spiral. Put *2HDC into next space, then HDC into next 4 spaces. Continue from * until diameter is approximately 8". See ***IMPORTANT NOTE at bottom.

Once your diameter is 8" – Switch to DC, and continue around the spiral. Put *2DC into next space, then DC into next 6 spaces. Continue from * until diameter is approximately 12". See ***IMPORTANT NOTE at bottom.

Once your diameter is 12" – Switch to TC, and continue around the spiral. Put *2TC into next space, then TC into next 10 spaces. Continue from * until diameter is approximately 16". See ***IMPORTANT NOTE at bottom.

Once your diameter is 16" – Switch to DTC, and continue around the spiral. Put *2DTC into next space, then DTC into next 10 spaces. Continue from * until diameter is approximately 20". See ***IMPORTANT NOTE at bottom.

Stitch decreases – Once you reach a blanket of around 20" in diameter, you need to start winding-down your stitches. Simply continue working around the spiral putting: 6 TC, 6 DC, 6 HDC, 6 SC, SL to top of next ST, tie off and wind in end. Your seashell is done!

*****IMPORTANT NOTE:** *If at any time the blanket starts to get a "ripple" effect, just cut back on the number of times you put 2 stitches into any one space (this applies to all future stitches as well!). For instance, instead of alternating 1SC, 2SC...put 1SC into next 3 spaces and then 2SC into the next space*

Border – To further smooth out the decrease in stitches, I added a border of HDC, in two strands, all around the perimeter.

Key:

CH- Chain

SL – Slip stitch

SC – Single crochet

HDC – Half double crochet

DC – Double crochet

TC – Triple crochet

DTC – Double-triple crochet (just add one more YO, and then draw through your 2 loops four times)

