

Ten Stitch Blanket Crochet Pattern

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This Ten Stitch Blanket Crochet Pattern is a conversion of Frankie Brown's [Ten Stitch Blanket Knitting Pattern](#).

I think everyone who knits has heard or seen one of these blankets. They are ridiculously popular and quite addictive. I find myself sitting there going: "just one more row, just one more row" and an hour later my husband stumbles into the living-room all bleary-eyed wanting to know if I am ever coming to bed.

I would like to thank Frankie for giving me permission to write the crochet version of her lovely blanket.

*This pattern is FREE, but if you would like to show your appreciation for Frankie and her designs, you are more than welcome to make a donation to the **Children's Liver Disease Foundation** through [Frankie's Just Giving Page](#).*

For those of you who have never seen (or heard of) the Ten Stitch Blanket, let me break it down for you:

The Ten Stitch Blanket is worked in a spiral (or "rounds of rows") around a central square of 10 stitches by 10 rows. The beauty of the project is that the short rows (10 stitches per row, less on the corner rows) propel you forward like you wouldn't believe and it is the perfect pattern for using up any and every scrap of yarn in your house.

If, after reaching baby-blanket size, you decide to put the project aside until another day, simply stop at the end of one

of the Middle Sections and USE it as it is, instead of leaving it in a bag all lonely and dejected. And sitting under it on a cold winter's evening, crochet hook and yarn in hand with a newly finished project beside you, I can bet you that it won't be very long before you think: "Maybe I should just add another round...I might as well, seeing as I have this hook already in my hand..."

Because you are slip stitching into the rows of each previous "round of rows", you will notice a little interlocking pattern along each "seam" (on the front of the blanket).



On the back of the blanket the seam will be more prominent.





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Resources

- [Add this Pattern to your Ravelry Queue](#)
- If you would like to print this pattern, please use the **print-friendly button** at the bottom of this post, which will allow you to print/save the post. You will also have the option to remove unwanted images.

Video Tutorial

I have removed the video tutorial and a better version will be available as soon as I update the tutorial.

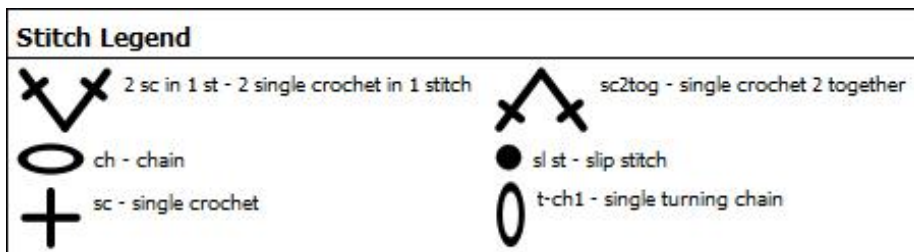
Materials

- Yarn and hook of your choice – but make sure you use the same yarn and hook for the whole blanket. Gauge is not important as such, but if you are going to use different thicknesses of yarn, you will need to work up your own gauge square and then adjust your hook accordingly when you swap yarn thicknesses. If you do not do this, you're going to end up with one wonky-looking blanket.
- Loads of tea and a good television series

Abbreviations

US Terminology Used

- Ch – Chain Stitch
- Sl st – Slip Stitch
- Sc – Single Crochet
- Sc Inc – Single Crochet Increase
- Sc Dec – Single Crochet Decrease



Notes

At the bottom of the post you will find **Printable Reference Cards** for the Ten Stitch Blanket Crochet Pattern. These cards DO NOT contain the whole written-out pattern. They contain instructions for each of the sections in a handy cut-outable format so that you can print them, cut them out and laminate them for quick reference. I've left a little space where you can note down the hook and yarn you are using.

I got this idea from my friend Beth, who said that she likes having patterns on laminated cards so that she can use them on the go without ruining them.

I am sure you won't need the instructions printed out, as it is super easy to memorize the pattern after the first few "rounds of rows". I have merely included the printables for those among us that will start this blanket furiously...and then leave it lying around for a year before completing it. If that sounds familiar, you might want to print out the reference cards and keep them with the blanket until you pick it up again next year :)

A quick word about Yarn Ends (Tails of Yarn)

If you are using scraps of yarn for this Ten Stitch Blanket, it is a good idea to work over your yarn ends as you add each new colour. That way you won't have a million tails of yarn to work away at the end. If you are not familiar with working over your yarn ends, here is a very clear [tutorial by CrochetGuru](#).

The best place to change colours is on the outside edge of one of the middle sections, so at the end of one of the rows that end in a ch-1. The worst place to change colour is right on the sl st edge. Don't do it!

Now that that's done, let's get started.

Instructions

I have broken the instructions for the Ten Stitch Blanket into 4 Sections: The First Square, The Ending Corners, The Beginning Corners and The Middle Sections.

Below this pattern diagram, you will find instructions and photos for how to work each of these sections.

If you get stuck with the pattern, please refer back to this diagram to see which section you should be

Ten Stitch Blanket Crochet Pattern Diagram

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Work the First Square as instructed in the pattern.



Then work an Ending Corner, again following the instructions in the pattern...



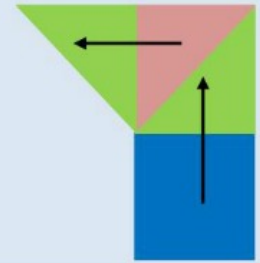
...followed by the First Beginning Corner.

The last sl st of the beginning corner will fall in the first row of the ending corner.

You have now successfully turned one complete corner and have thereby turned the direction of your work through 90 degrees.



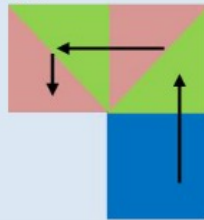
Work another Ending Corner...



...followed by a Subsequent Beginning Corner.

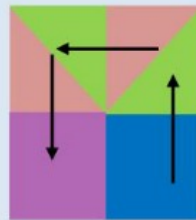
The last sl st of Row 9 should fall in the row that already contains the last slip stitch of the first Beginning Corner.

You have now completed your second corner.



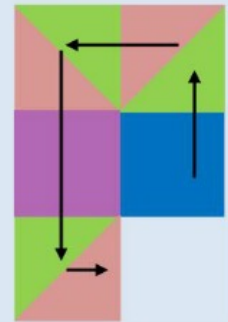
Now work the First Middle Section.

The very last slip stitch should fall in the first row of the First Square, NOT the foundation chain, which doesn't count as a row.



Work another Ending Corner, followed by a Subsequent Beginning Corner.

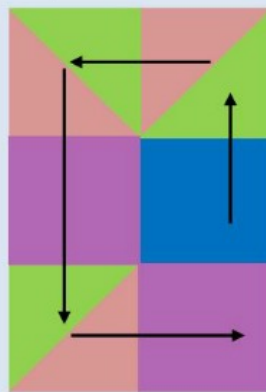
Remember that the last sl st of the Beginning Corner should fall in the stitch that already contains the last slip stitch of the previous middle section.



Work your Second Middle Section.

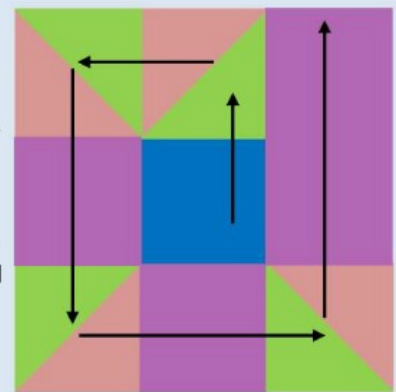
This time you will be making your slip stitches into the stitches of the first row of the First square, working OVER the foundation chain.

The last sl st of this Middle Section will fall in the last st of the first row of the First Square.



Work an Ending Corner, followed by a Subsequent Beginning Corner, followed by a Subsequent Middle Section. This time (and for each Subsequent Middle Section) the last sl st of your Middle Section will fall in the first sc of the Beginning Corner.

Repeat the instructions in this box until your blanket is as big as you want it to be, remembering that the Middle Section will increase by 10 rows every second time you work it.

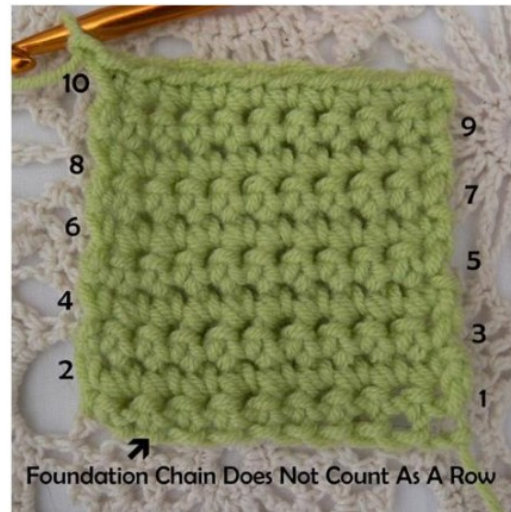
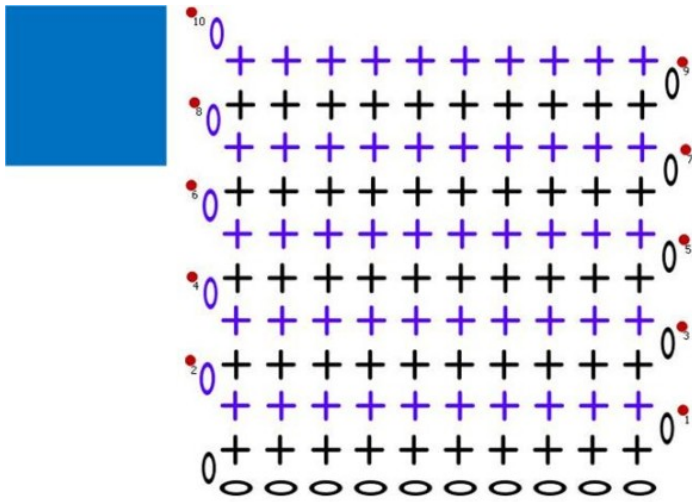


working next!

Please remember my warning about not changing yarn thickness/hook size halfway through the blanket (unless you make very sure that the gauge will match what you have been doing up to that point).

Instructions for Each Section

First Square



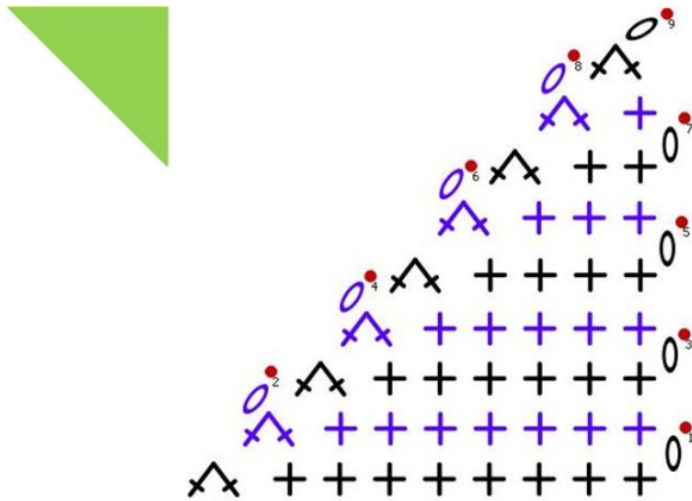
Foundation Chain: Ch 11. *This foundation chain does not count as a row and you will work OVER it when the time comes.*

Row 1: Sc in one loop only of the second chain from the hook and every chain across. Ch 1 and turn. {10}

Rows 2 – 10: Sc in each of the 10 stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. {10}

Now work an Ending Corner as instructed below.

Ending Corners



1. Sc2tog, sc in the next 8 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {9}
2. Sc in the next 7 st's, sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. {8}
3. Sc2tog, sc in the next 6 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {7}
4. Sc in the next 5 st's, sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. {6}
5. Sc2tog, sc in the next 4 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {5}
6. Sc in the next 3 st's, sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. {4}
7. Sc2tog, sc in the next 2 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {3}

8. Sc in the next 1 st, sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. {2}

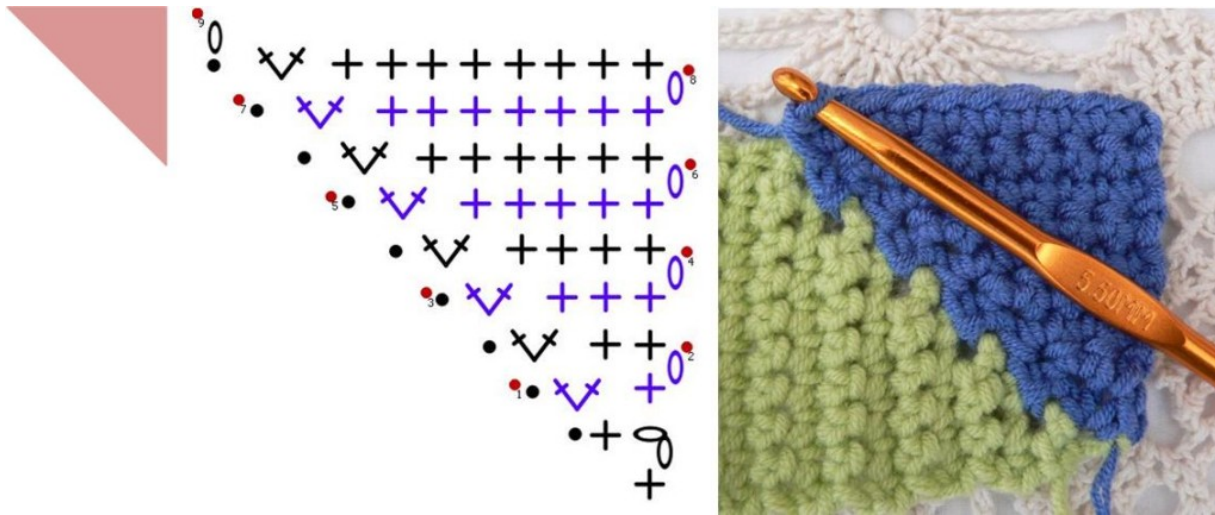
9. Sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. {1}

You have now made half of your corner. To complete the corner, and change the direction of your work by 90 degrees, **make a Beginning Corner as instructed below.**

You will need to do this after EVERY Ending Corner, otherwise your corners will be incomplete.

Beginning Corners

First Beginning Corner



1. (Sc, ch 2, sc) all in the only st of Row 9 of the Ending Corner – **indicated by an arrow in photo 1** (see *Photos 1 and 2*). Sl st into the next 2 rows of the Ending Corner (*indicated by arrows in Photo 2*) and turn. (*Photos 2 and 3*)
2. Skip the 2 sl st's (*photo 4*). **Sc inc** in the next st, sc in the ch-2 space. Ch 1 and turn (*Photo 5*). {3}
3. Sc in the next 2 st's. **Sc inc** in the next st. Sl st into the next 2 rows of the Ending Corner and turn (*Photos 6 and 7*). {4}
4. Skip the 2 sl st's. **Sc inc** in the next st, sc in the next 3 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {5}
5. Sc in the next 4 st's. **Sc inc** in the next st. Sl st into the next 2 rows of the Ending Corner and turn. {6}
6. Skip the 2 sl st's. **Sc inc** in the next st, sc in the next 5 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {7}
7. Sc in the next 6 st's. **Sc inc** in the next st. Sl st into the next 2 rows of the Ending Corner and turn. {8}
8. Skip the 2 sl st's. **Sc inc** in the next st, sc in the next 7 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {9}
9. Sc in the next 8 st's. **Sc inc** in the next st. Sl st into the first row of the Ending Corner. Ch 1 and turn (*Photos 8 and 9*). {10}

You have successfully completed one corner and changed the direction of your work by 90 degrees. You will now need to change it by 90 degrees again so that you are able to work into the side of the First Square.



So when you have completed the First Beginning Corner, make another Ending Corner and then a Subsequent Beginning Corner (*instructions below*).

Subsequent Beginning Corners

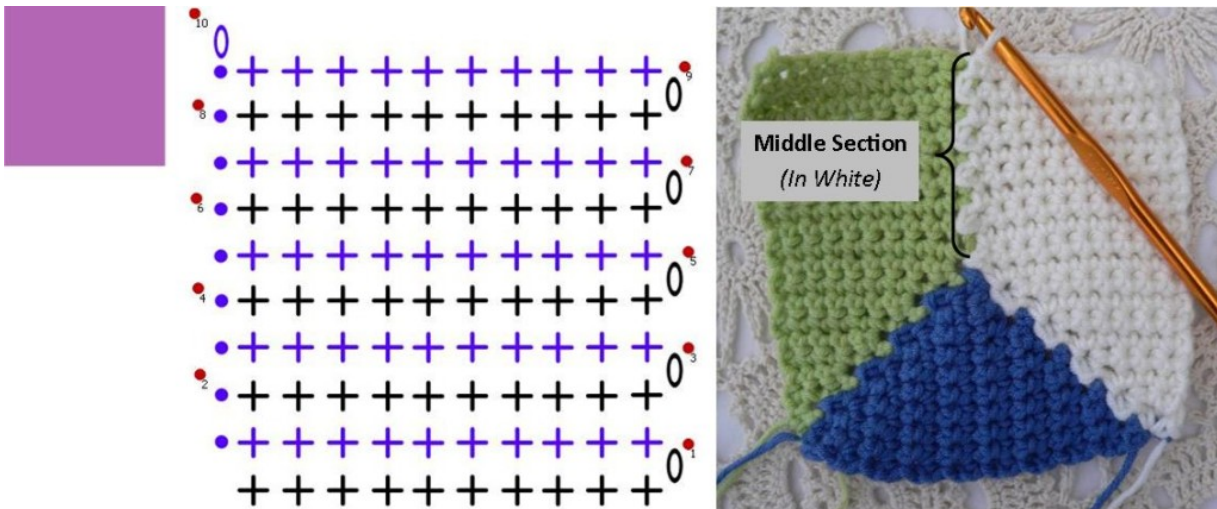
These corners are exactly the same as the First Beginning Corner, but the sl st at the end of Row 9 will fall in a row that already contains a sl st.

When you have completed your Subsequent Beginning Corner, make a Middle Section as instructed below. From this point onwards each Beginning Corner will be followed by a Middle Section.

Middle Sections

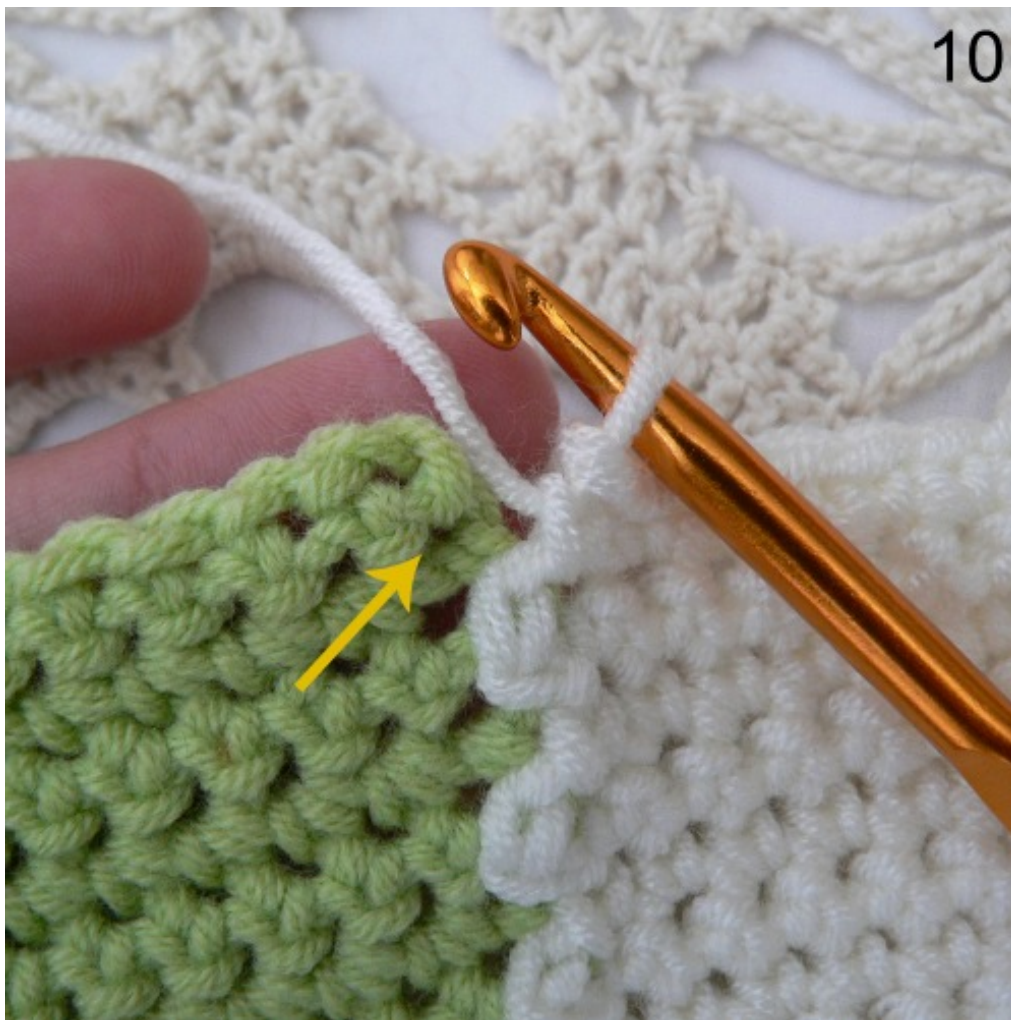
(The middle section will increase by 10 rows every second time you work it. So that is: 10, 10, 20, 20, 30, 30...)

First Middle Section



1. Skip the first st, *which will be the sl st*. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}

2. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the First Square and turn. {10}
3. Skip the 2 sl st's. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}
4. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the First Square and turn. {10}
5. Repeat Row 3. {10}
6. Repeat Row 4. {10}
7. Repeat Row 3. {10}
8. Repeat Row 4. {10}
9. Repeat Row 3. {10}
10. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next row. This will be the first row of the First Square, NOT the foundation chain (see *Photo 10*). The foundation chain doesn't count as a row and you will work over it to minimise the formation of holes. Ch 1 and turn.



Now work another Ending Corner (as instructed above).

Second Middle Section

For the second **Middle Section** you will be making your slip stitches into the stitches of the first row of the **First**

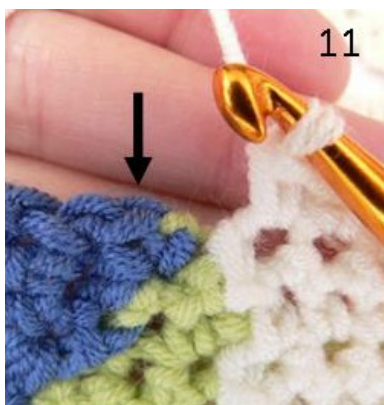
Square (working over the foundation chain).

1. Skip the first st, *which will be the sl st*. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}
2. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the First Square and turn. {10}
3. Skip the 2 sl st's. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}
4. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the First Square and turn. {10}
5. Repeat Row 4. {10}
6. Repeat Row 3. {10}
7. Repeat Row 4. {10}
8. Repeat Row 3. {10}
9. Repeat Row 3. {10}
10. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the last stitch of the first row of the First Square. Ch 1 and turn.

Now work another Ending Corner.

Subsequent Middle Sections

1.
 1. Skip the first st, *which will be the sl st*. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}
 2. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the blanket and turn. {10}
 3. Skip the 2 sl st's. Sc in the next 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn. {10}
 4. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the next 2 rows of the blanket and turn. {10}
 5. Repeat Row 4. {10}
 6. Repeat Row 3. {10}
 7. Repeat Row 4. {10}
 8. Repeat Row 3. {10}
 9. Repeat Row 3. {10}
 10. Sc in the next 10 st's. Sl st in the first sc of the Beginning Corner of the previous "round of rows" (see *Photos 11, 12 and 13*). Ch 1 and turn.



Continuing With the Blanket

Continue working an **Ending Corner**, a **Subsequent Beginning Corner** and a **Subsequent Middle Section** (which will increase by 10 rows every second time you work it) until your blanket is as big as you want it to be.

By the time you have worked all the sections illustrated in the diagram at the start of this post, you should be able to do this pattern backwards in your sleep.

Around this time you will also notice that it is becoming a drag to turn the whole thing over every 10 seconds. This can be easily remedied. Simply flick your work back and forth between rows like the pages in a book instead of turning it around in the traditional way. Please note, though, that this will “hide” the last stitch (the stitch next to the slip stitch edge) a little bit, making it easy to miss and subsequently skip. ***So if you are going to take the path of least resistance with the turning, make sure that you don't start skipping stitches when you shouldn't be.***

You will notice that the **corners won't be exactly square**. In fact, they will look rounded and a bit “curly”. This will correct itself when you work the next “round of rows” into them and they should self block. Even so, you might need to give your work a bit of a tug every now and then and you should definitely block the finished blanket.

Printable Reference Cards for the Ten Stitch Blanket Crochet Pattern

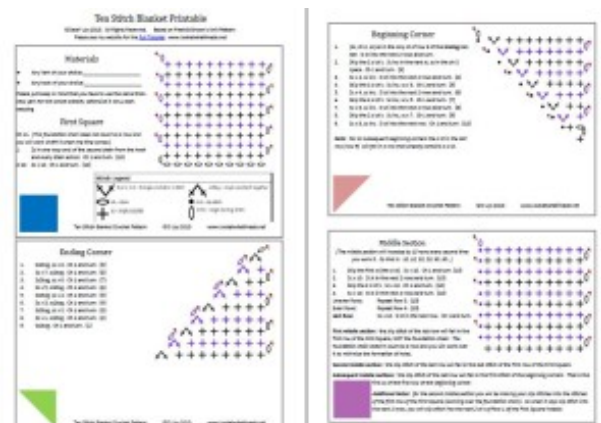
Like I have already mentioned, you might want to make this blanket as a gap-filler between other projects. If you are concerned that you might forget how to work the sections the next time you pick the blanket up, please feel free to print and laminate these reference cards. Remember to note down the hook and/or yarn you will be using for your blanket.

These cards are NOT the completed pattern, only the basic instructions for each section. If you get stuck using them, please refer back to the instructions and diagram above.

I hope you love working on this Ten Stitch Blanket. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to leave me a comment. And I love, love, LOVE seeing your completed (or even in-progress) projects. To brag about your blanket, add a [Ravelry Project to the pattern](#) or share a photo on the [Lookatwhatimade Facebook timeline](#).

Crochet Chart Software

Quite a few people have contacted me asking about the software I used for the charts. They were made using Crochet Charts Design Software by [Stitch Works Software](#).



It retails for \$45 and is well worth the money if you use a lot of charts. The program is easy enough to figure out and the Help pdf is very comprehensive and easy to understand. It would be nice if you could for instance move all the stitches closer together or further apart without having to move each one manually. It would also be nice if there was a grid as well as wedge lines. And if you could use Control and click to select more than one stitch it would rock my world! But other than that it took me an afternoon to master and I will be using it loads!

My favourite feature is the align and distribute feature, which lets you place all the selected stitches in a neat row or equal distances apart.

If you want to have a go without dropping the money straight off, you can download the trial version for free. It does everything the paid version does, but you can't save your work. If you want to be able to export the chart, legend and the written instructions, though, which get generated for you automatically, you are going to have to buy the program.

I am grateful that Brian Milco from Stitch Works took the time to create this program and so I was glad to pay for his time and expertise.

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Happy Hooking!

xxx Dedri