## Round Ripple Crochet Baby Blanket - Sunburst Pattern

## Materials

Yarn: acrylic, baby weight (size 3) yarn ( 150 g ) each of white and blue
Hook: 4.25 mm (or 4.00 mm ) / (G/6) / UK 7
Scissors, Yarn Needle, Stitch Marker

## Stitch Legend

r-row
st(s) - stitch(es)
ch(s) - chain(s)
sl st - slip stitch
dc - double crochet

## Special Stitches

Cinch Circle: cross yarn to make a loop, pass hook through loop from front to back, hook yarn and bring it back through loop to pull up a loop on your hook, chain 1. This will make, and secure, the circle. Work all successive stitches into circle over top of the shorter tail. When finished the first row of stitches, pull the shorter tail to cinch the circle shut.

## Notes \& Pattern Tricks!

- The number of stitches you should have at the end of each row will appear in parentheses for the first few rows to establish pattern
- Ch-3 at the beginning of each row counts as a double crochet stitch
- If your ch-3 begins on top of a skip stitch, sl st into the next st before chaining 3
- "Peaks" are the sunburst points, "Valleys" are the dips in between
- You should always have 12 Peaks and 12 corresponding Valleys
- The 2 stitches at the bottom of the "Valley" are always skipped
- For Stripe Pattern, change colours every 4 rows.
- When joining a new colour, begin in a ch-2 space
- If you are joining your new colour on a "Row 1 of 3 " (ch $5, \mathrm{dc}$ ) into the ch-2 space (counts as dc, ch2, dc)
- If you are making a larger blanket, you will require more yarn!


## Pattern

R1: Make a cinch circle, ch 3,11 dc into circle, cinch shut, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3 (12)
R2: Ch 3, dc into the same st, 2 dc into each st around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3 (24)
R3: Ch 3, *skip the next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) into the next st*. Repeat from * to * around ending with (dc, ch 2) in the same st as Ch-3. Join with a sl st to the top of ch-3 (48)
R4: sl st into the next ch-2 space. Ch 3, (dc, ch $2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ ) into same ch-2 space. *(2 dc, ch $2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ ) into the next ch-2 space*. Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. If you are changing colour, fasten off colour and weave in ends.


R5: join new colour with a sl st in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc ) into same space. *Dc into next st, skip 2 sts, dc into next st, ( $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ ) into next ch-2 space*. Repeat from * to * around until you reach the ch-3 you began with, join with a sl st.
R6: sl st into the next st, ch 3, dc into the next st, * $(2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{dc})$ into the next ch-2 space, dc into the next 2 sts, skip 2 sts, dc into the next 2 sts*. Repeat from * to * around until you reach the ch- 3 you began with, join with a sl st.

## REPEATING PATTERN *Note, colour changes are not indicated - change colour every $4^{\text {th }}$ row*

R7 (For repeating pattern, this is Row 1 of 3: The "Small Peak Motif" Row): (if you are on a "Valley" stitch, sl st into the next st to start row) ch 3 , dc into each stitch up to the ch-2 space ${ }^{*}(\mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2, \mathrm{dc})$ into the ch -2 space, dc into each st down to the "bottom of the valley", skip the 2 "valley" sts, dc into each st back to the ch- 2 space*. Repeat from * to * around until you reach the ch-3 you began with, join with a sl st. Place a stitch marker on this row to mark it as a "Pattern Row 1". (no stitch count increase)
R8 (For repeating pattern, this is Row 2 of 3: Regular "Peak Motif" Row): (if you are on a "Valley" stitch, sl st into the next st to start row) ch 3 , dc into each stitch up to the ch- 2 space $*(2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ ) into the ch -2 space, dc into each st down to the "bottom of the valley", skip the 2 "valley" sts, dc into each st back to the ch-2 space*. Repeat from * to * around until you reach the ch-3 you began with, join with a sl st. (stitch count will increase by 24 sts)
R9 (For repeating pattern, this is Row 3 of 3: Regular "Peak Motif" Row): (if you are on a "Valley" stitch, sl st into the next st to start row) ch 3, dc into each stitch up to the ch-2 space *( $2 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ ) into the ch -2 space, dc into each st down to the "bottom of the valley", skip the 2 "valley" sts, dc into each st back to the ch-2 space*. Repeat from * to * around until you reach the ch-3 you began with, join with a sl st. (stitch count will increase by 24 sts)

Repeat Row 7,8 and 9 making sure to move your stitch marker to the " 1 of 3 " row each time you make it. For Stripe Pattern, change colour every 4 rows. Always join your new colour in a ch -2 space.


