



Crocheted "Quilt"

You know how much I love putting a modern twist on traditional crafts, and this is the perfect



example of that! This project takes a basic crochet blanket, and turns it into a family heirloom with just a simple addition.

Enjoy,

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Materials:

*5 skeins of White Lion Brand Microspun yarn

Size G Crochet Hook

Tapestry needle

*Any of your favorite yarns can be used for this project. I used the microspun yarn because I had it, but a super soft baby yarn would also be perfect! Just keep in mind that baby items may need to be washed on a regular basis, so something that can make its way through the laundry and hold up is important.

Ch 120.

Row 1:

Single crochet in second ch from hook and in each ch across.

Row 2:

Ch 3 (**counts as first dc**), turn; *skip next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st (working over dc just made). Repeat from * across to last sc, dc in last sc. **(This stitch design is often referred to "cross stitch," "back cross stitch," or "front cross stitch" depending on if you prefer to go behind or in front of the stitch made when you go back to the skipped stitch. For this blanket, whichever**

personal preference you have is fine. I found a great online reference for a multitude of stitches patterns with illustrated pictures for some designs, and very well written instructions for all:

<http://www.crochetnmore.com/123basics.htm>)

Row 3:

Ch 1, turn; sc in each dc across.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until desired width of blanket is achieved. End with Row 3.

Block.

Weave in all loose ends.

Directions for backing and binding your blanket can be found in the post,

<http://nikkiinstitches.wordpress.com/a-knitted-and-quilted-baby-blanket/>

Abbreviations

ch.....chain

st.....stitch

sc.....single crochet

dc.....double crochet