

Temperature blanket pattern

Difficulty: Easy/Beginner

Size: My blanket will be about 160 inches long by 36 inches wide. Yours will vary depending on your yarn and how tight or loose you crochet. Gauge is NOT important for this project.



Yarn: To start, 1 each of Red Heart Super Saver (7 oz) in cherry red, carrot, pumpkin, bright yellow, lemon, light blue, light periwinkle, royal, and lavender (or pick 9 colors in the yarn of your choice)

Hook: H or your choice

Things to remember:

- In single crochet, the ch 1 doesn't count as a stitch, while the ch 2 in half-double crochet does. This means you will work a stitch into the top of the turning chain of each half-double crochet row.
- When changing colors, it's easier to change it by picking up the new color as you finish the last stitch of the row.
 - In single crochet, you do this by doing the last stitch until there are two loops on the hook, then yarn over with the new color and pull it through both loops. Then continue with the pattern in the new color.
 - In half-double crochet, you do this by doing the last stitch until there are three loops on the hook, then yarn over with the new color and pull it through all three loops. Then continue with the pattern in the new color.
- Sort of obvious, but you will have to buy a new skein of a color when you run out of one. You could estimate how many of each color you'd need by looking at your area's typical temperatures, but starting with two of each should be more than enough to get you through a few months unless you're lucky enough to have the temperature staying around the same each day for a long time. I live in Indiana so that doesn't happen to me.



Pattern:

Row 1: On January 1st, ch 101 in the high or temperature color of the day. Sk 1 ch, sc in each stitch across, turn. (100 sc)

Row 2: On January 2nd, ch 1, then sc in each stitch across in the high or temperature color of the day, turn. (100 sc)

Rows 3-31: Continue to crochet a row each day, turning after each row. The stitch and color are determined by the temperature scale and month pattern you choose. For example, January 15th with a high of 20 (brr!) would mean I'd single crochet a row of royal.

Row 32: On February 1st, ch 2, then hdc in each stitch across in the high or temperature color of the day. (100 hdc)

Rows 33-365 (or 366 on a Leap Year): Continue to crochet a row each day. The stitch and color are determined by the temperature scale and month pattern you choose. A May 17th high of 72 would be a single crochet row of pumpkin. A December 6th high of 51 would be a half-double crochet row of lemon.

Variations:

For more of a scarf (my test one was 9" wide): ch 26, sk 1 ch, sc in each stitch across, turn (25 sc) and continue in the rest of the pattern using 25 in place of 100

For a BIG blanket (my test one was 108" wide): ch 301, sk 1 ch, sc in each stitch across, turn (300 sc) and continue in the rest of the pattern using 300 in place of 100

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