

## STRIPES FOR BABY CROCHET KANGAROO SQUARE For Threads of Love

An easy pattern which uses only single crochet and chain stitches. The blanket can be made all one color, or any number of alternate colored stripes of various widths can be implemented.

Use 3 – ply baby yarn (acrylic or a blend with acrylic), hook size H, darning needle

Chain to a length of 20" without stretching.

Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, continue to end of ch. Chain 1, turn.

All rows: Sc in back loop of every Sc space, ch 1, turn. Continue until blanket is square.

**\*Changing Colors for stripes:** A new color should be introduced at the end of the previous row for a regular striped effect. (The loose ends are later darned in neatly. Run the yarn ends through several stitches of the same color with a darning needle before trimming ends.) To join a new color at the end of a row, introduce the yarn when 2 loops remain on the hook. Crochet the last sc and ch 1 stitches with both yarns held together. Leave a loose end that is long enough to be darned in later. Pull the previously used yarn gently at the side of the blanket to tighten the join. Continue crocheting across row with the new color. Stripes can be any number of rows.

**\*Border Options:**

**Single Crochet border:** Join border yarn at one corner. Chain 1, Sc in every space all around blanket, increasing to 3 Sc in each corner. Join the first Sc with a slip stitch. Multiple rows of Sc can be crocheted, changing colors for a multicolored border.

**Picot Stitch Border:** Picot stitch can be crocheted to the edge with or without a 1st border Sc. Join yarn in one corner. Chain 1, \*Sc in each of next 2 Sc, ch 3, sl st to both loops of last Sc worked, rep from \* to end. (For corners, work 2 Sc in corner sp, picot st, continue next side.) Join to first Sc with a slip stitch. Fasten off.

