

Painted Pathways Throw Blanket Crochet Pattern PDF

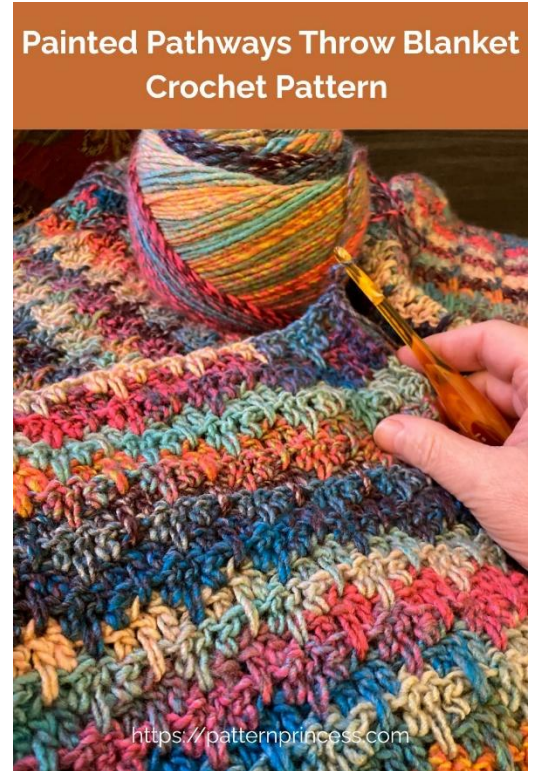
The Painted Pathways Blanket features the Spike Stitch Trio, a textured crochet stitch that highlights variegated yarn beautifully. Easy, modern, and perfect for

About the Stitch Pattern

This blanket features the Spike Stitch Trio, an original stitch pattern developed by Pattern Princess that combines double crochet stitches with an elongated spike stitch to create flowing vertical texture and beautiful color movement.

Painted Pathways Blanket – A Crochet Pattern Inspired by Color + Texture

Variegated yarn shines in this pattern. Instead of pooling or creating harsh stripes, the stitch pattern breaks up the colors into soft transitions that feel organic and artistic. Every row reveals a new blend, and the blanket grows into a tapestry of shifting hues — no two sections exactly alike.



Choosing Yarn for the Painted Pathways Blanket

For this sample, I used Red Heart Roll With It Mélange in the color Show Time. The gradual color changes and rich blend of blues, greens, golds, and warm coral tones create the painted effect that inspired the blanket's name.

While this yarn works beautifully, the pattern is versatile enough to showcase many different color palettes. Long-color-change yarns create soft, watercolor-like transitions, while shorter color repeats produce a more vibrant and energetic appearance.

Solid colors highlight the texture of the Spike Stitch Trio itself, making the raised stitches and subtle valleys more visible. Tonal and hand-dyed yarns can create

an elegant, almost woven look, while self-striping yarns add dramatic bands of color that flow through the textured columns.

No matter which yarn you choose, the stitch pattern allows the colors to take center stage while adding just enough texture to keep the fabric visually interesting.

Directions: Painted Pathways Throw Blanket

Skill Level

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate Crocheter

You should be comfortable with the double crochet stitch and working stitches two rows below.

Gauge

Approximately Gauge: 12 stitches and 8 rows = 4 inches in the Spike Stitch Trio pattern.

Size

This pattern comes in 8 suggested sizes:

- Baby = 30" x 36"
- Crib = 36" x 45"
- Lapghan = 40" x 48"
- Throw = 50" x 60" (shown)
- Large Throw = 60" x 72"
- Twin = 66" x 90"
- Queen = 90" x 90"
- King = 108" x 90"

Varying the Size

The stitch pattern is worked over a multiple of 4 + 1 foundation chains. Additional width can be added or removed by increasing or decreasing the foundation chain



in increments of 4 stitches while maintaining the stitch pattern. Vary the length by increasing or decreasing rows.

Materials

Red Heart Roll with It Melange. #4 medium weight yarn, 389 yards each yarn cake.

Yarn Color: Show Time

Yardage requirements are estimates and may vary based on individual tension and yarn substitution.

- Baby = 30 x 36 inches. 840 yards or 3 yarn cakes.
- Crib = 36 x 45 inches. 1,261 yards or 4 yarn cakes.
- Lapghan = 40 x 48 inches. 1,494 yards or 4 yarn cakes.
- Throw = 50 x 60 inches (shown). 2,334 yards or 6 yarn cakes.
- Large Throw = 60 x 72 inches. 3,361 yards or 9 yarn cakes.
- Twin = 66 x 90 inches. 4,621 yards or 12 yarn cakes.
- Queen = 90 x 90 inches. 6,301 yards or 17 yarn cakes.
- King = 108 x 90 inches. 7,562 yards or 20 yarn cakes.

Crochet hook size | 5.5mm

Scissors

Yarn Needle

Stitch Markers

Measuring Tape

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- CH = Chain
- DC = Double Crochet
- DC Spike = Double Crochet Spike Stitch
- SC = Single Crochet



- SK = Skip
- SP = Space
- ST = Stitch
- STs = Stitches
- YO = Yarn Over
- [] = Repeat Between

Pattern Notes

This pattern is written in U.S. Crochet Terms.

Turn at the end of each row.

When working a DC Spike Stitch, insert the hook into the indicated stitch or chain space 2 rows below and pull the loop up to the height of the current row before completing the double crochet.

Video Tutorial Links and Photos are after the written crochet pattern.

Tips Before You Start

Optional, but very helpful.

- Keep your **tension relaxed** when working the spike stitches so the fabric doesn't pucker.
- When working into stitches two rows below, make sure to **pull up your loop to the height of your current row**.

Crochet Stitches

Chain Stitch (CH ST)

Begin the chain stitch by making a slip knot on the crochet hook. Leave about a 5-inch tail on the yarn. This will be weaved in later.

Next snug up the yarn loop that is on the crochet hook; while it should be firm, it should also be loose enough to slide on the hook with ease.

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Keeping the loop on the hook, yarn over and draw the yarn through the loop. (The first chain stitch is complete). Continue making your desired number of chain stitches.

Double Crochet (DC)

Yarn over, insert hook through a stitch and pull up a loop. Next, yarn over and pull through two loops on the hook. Lastly, yarn over again and pull through the last two loops on the hook.

Single Crochet (SC)

Insert the hook in a stitch pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through the two loops on the hook.

Special Stitches

Double Crochet Spike Stitch. Yarn over, insert hook into indicated stitch or space **2 rows below** and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through remaining 2 loops.

Begin Crochet Pattern

Multiple of 4 + 1.

Begin the chain stitch by making a slip knot on the crochet hook.

Make a foundation chain:

- Baby = 97 stitches
- Crib = 113 stitches
- Lapghan = 125 stitches
- Throw = 157 stitches (shown)
- Large Throw = 189 stitches
- Twin = 205 stitches
- Queen = 281 stitches
- King = 337 stitches

Row 1

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3 DC in the 5th CH from the hook. CH 1, [SK 3 CH STs, 3 DC in the next CH ST, CH 1]. Repeat between [] across. When there are 4 STs left, CH 1, SK 3 STs and work 2 DC in the last ST. Turn.

Row 2

CH 2 (Counts as DC). 1 DC in next st, 1 DC Spike ST (worked in the middle skipped CH SP below), 1 DC in next ST. [CH 1, SK 1 ST, 1 DC in next ST, 1 DC Spike ST worked in the CH SP below, 1 DC in next ST]. Repeat between [] across. When there are 3 STs left CH 1, SK 2 STs and end with 2 DC in the last ST. Turn

Row 3

CH 2 (Counts as DC). 1 DC in next st, 1 DC Spike ST (worked in the skipped ST 2 rows below), 1 DC in next ST. [CH 1, SK 1 ST, 1 DC in next ST, 1 DC Spike ST, 1 DC in next ST]. Repeat between [] across. When there are 3 STs left CH 1, SK 2 STs and end with 2 DC in the last ST. Turn

Rows 4 and Beyond

Repeat row 3.

- Baby = 74 rows
- Crib = 93 rows
- Lapghan = 99 rows
- Throw = 124 rows (shown)
- Large Throw = 149 rows
- Twin = 186 rows
- Queen = 186 rows
- King = 186 rows

Final Row (optional)

To help create less of a gap between the stitches in the final row, you can work a single crochet on each side of the double crochet spike stitch rather than a double crochet on either side.



CH 1 (Counts as a SC). 1 SC in next ST, 1 DC Spike ST, 1 SC in next ST. [CH 1, SK 1 ST, 1 SC in next ST, 1 DC Spike ST, 1 SC in next ST]. Repeat between [] across. When there are 3 STs left CH 1, SK 2 STs and end with 2 SC in the last ST. Turn

Finishing

Cut off yarn leaving about a 10-inch yarn tail. Pull through the last loop to secure. Weave in the yarn tail using the tapestry needle. Cut off the excess yarn.

Video Tutorials on our YouTube Channel

Spike Stitch Trio right hand video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/TyIY2ZMhRrs>

Spike Stitch Trio left hand video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/c-2-XR5OIfg>

We hope that you have enjoyed this lovely crochet pattern.

XO

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First Three Rows



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