



These little fleece blankets have become one of my all-time favorite new-baby gifts. They are so soft and the fleece fabric comes in a bajillion different color and print combos, for endless possibilities. I made this white one with a neutral khaki edge for a baby whose sex will be a surprise.

There are several options for applying the base row of crochet to the fleece, but I like to use a yarn darning needle and the blanket stitch for my foundation row. I have tried the hole-punch method, whereby you pierce a hole into the fabric and then insert the crochet hook and make a single crochet, but I found that to be a bit too labor intensive...so I just thread the yarn needle and start the blanket stitch. I don't measure the placement of each stitch...I just eyeball it (but you probably already knew that by looking closely!)



I cut the fleece to a 42" square and rounded the corners by tracing the edge of a small, round plate onto the corners and cutting along the curved line. Then, I just threaded the yarn through a sharp yarn needle and began the blanket stitch.



The first row after the foundation was a single crochet in each blanket stitch. Next row, just a simple picot edge: chain 3, double crochet in first chain, slip stitch into next stitch. Repeat around. The yarn is **Nashua Natural Focus Ecologie Cotton** (a dk weight) that I had in my stash for way too long. So long that I'm not sure that it is still available. Any dk weight yarn...cotton, wool, acrylic, etc. would work out fine...just make sure it's washable! You could easily make up your own edge pattern, or check out Pinterest and Ravelry for many inspiring ideas. I love this edge thing and, coming soon...pretty-edged pillowcases!

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Here are a couple that I've done in the past:



