

Birdlebee's Granny Ripple "Raspberry Ripple"

This pattern is suitable for any weight yarn. I would use a 4mm (F) hook for DK/Sport, or a 5mm (G) hook for Aran/ Worsted. Note: pattern written in US terms, so a dc here is the same as a UK treble. Gauge isn't really important; with Stylecraft Special Aran acrylic and a 5mm hook, I get about 5" from a starting chain of 18.



The pattern itself is only one row, so once you've set the foundation row, it's very easy to memorise! You can use it for blankets, afghans, baby blankets, bedspreads, sofa snuggles, and I've even used it for a hot water bottle cover.

To make the raspberry ripple:-

Size: 45" x 30" without border. 33" wide x 48" including border.

Yarn: Stylecraft Special Aran, 100% acrylic. Each ball is 100g, and has 196m (214yards).

3 x Cream, 2 x Raspberry, 2 x Fondant. (As I only did 3 stripes and one row of sc for the border in fondant, I had the best part of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ball left over).

Hook: 5mm.

To start: chain a multiple of 18, plus 3. For a 30" wide throw (excluding border), chain 111.

Foundation row: (2dc, 3ch, 3dc) into third chain; (sk 2, 3dc in next st) x 2; skip 5 ch; (3 dc in next st, sk 2) x 2; *(3dc, 3ch, 3dc) in next st; (sk2, 3dc in next st) x 2; skip 5 ch; (3 dc in next st, sk 2) x 2;* Repeat from * to * to last stitch, and in last stitch (3dc, 3ch, 3dc). Chain 2, turn.

Pattern row: * (3 dc, 3ch, 3dc) in chain 3 space; (3dc in next gap) x 2; skip next gap; (3dc in next gap) x 2; *. Repeat from * to * to last group of 3dc, 3ch, 3dc. Into the 3ch space of that group, work 3dc, 3ch, 3dc; Ch2, turn.

Just repeat the pattern until you get to the length you want, changing colours where you want. To change colour at the end of a row, do the very last dc, but do not do the "yarn over, pull through" of the very last stage of the dc. Instead, with the 2 loops of the dc on your hook, yarn over with the new colour, pull through the 2 loops on the hook, and then do 2 ch to turn.

I did 4 rows to each colour stripe, with 5 stripes of raspberry, 3 of fondant, and 7 of cream.

I prefer to weave in the ends before putting on the border, but you could have a go at working the border over the ends. It's a matter of personal preference, I reckon.

To make the border

Row 1: Using cream, along the top and bottom edges, simply follow the same granny pattern. For the sides, work (3dc, 2ch, 3dc) into each of the ch2 turning loops. You may need to do some extra 3dc at the corners. If you find the sides are ruffling, try (3dc, 1ch, 3dc) instead.

Row 2: Repeat row 1, using fondant. This time on the sides, you won't have the ch2 turning loop to work into, so instead work the (3dc, 2ch, 3dc) or (3dc, 1ch, 3dc) into the ch space between the clusters on the previous row.

Row 3: Using cream, sc into the top of each stitch. Again, to prevent ruffling, you may find it better to skip the occasional stitch.

Row 4: Repeat row 3, using raspberry.

