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Blanket Yarn Planning Checklist

A free printable to help you plan before you buy.

- [ ] **Set the finished size**

  Record width and length in one unit (cm or inches). Decide whether your target includes the border. For motifs, plan whole rows and columns using washed, dried motif sizes; allow for joins and borders.

- [ ] **Read the yarn label**

  Note the yarn name, fibre, thickness category, grams per ball, metres or yards per ball, colour and dye lot. If following a pattern, start with its yarn requirements and gauge.

- [ ] **Make a representative swatch**

  Use your project yarn, hook and stitch pattern. Wash and dry as the finished blanket will be cared for. Use a scale precise enough for your sample. Measure and weigh the same entire dry swatch, excluding loose tails; use a larger sample if its weight barely registers.

- [ ] **Estimate the body yarn**

  For a rectangle using the same yarn and stitch throughout: body grams = (body width × body length) ÷ (swatch width × swatch length) × swatch grams. Keep all dimensions in the same unit.

- [ ] **Plan colours and finishing**

  Calculate each colour separately. For motifs, weigh each colour used in each design, then multiply by the number of those motifs. Allow separately for joining, borders and fringe; add a planning buffer for variation.

- [ ] **Turn the estimate into a shopping list**

  For each yarn and colour: total required grams ÷ label grams per ball = balls needed. Round UP for each colour. If using length instead, divide required metres or yards by the matching length per ball.

QUICK CHECK / HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE

Body 70 × 90 cm; entire swatch 10 × 10 cm weighing 5 g.
6,300 ÷ 100 × 5 = **315 g for the body only.**
Add finishing yarn and a chosen buffer before rounding to full balls.

Open the free Yarn Quantity Calculator

mehrooshcrochet.com/yarn-quantity-calculator/

Planning estimates only. Swatch size, scale precision, stitch changes and tension affect the result. This sheet does not provide fixed yarn requirements for a specific pattern.

Further reading: Craft Yarn Council - Yarn Label Information

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