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(optimistic music) - Hi, everybody, it's Faith coming at you live like we do every Thursday at four o'clock. I have an exciting project. All my projects are exciting, let's be honest. But this one's particularly fun because it is tied with a special announcement. That's right, I have seven more freckles than I used to. I counted them today for you, because I want to tell you about my new freckles, these freckles I'm welcoming into my life. We're also making crocheted-edge baby blankets. And this is a project that is really fun because we're using a special tool. That's right, a special blade. Poor everyone I work with, they're so tolerant and patient with me when they would come up and say, "How did you make that?" I would whip out the blade rather violently and try to scare them, and it worked. And it's a good thing my desk is right by the bathroom. For this project you'll need a yard of fabric, and cut it into a 42 by 42 inch square. Then I went around and did a double fold of a 1/4 of an inch. So you'll see it's this really scant hem folder over, folded over again, and then sew along the very, very edge. You can even use a rolled hem foot for this if you'd like, but I tried it with a larger hem, and it's a bit clunkier. It's not as satisfying to work with. Also, blade talk with Faith, here's my very special blade. Have you ever seen anything like it? It's crazy! And this is gonna give us some perforations. This makes me think of when I was a little kid and in my dad's shop he had the blade wall where he would put the circular saws, which also conceptually seems like a serial killer thing to have, a blade wall. But my dad is very nice, and also he wanted to make sure we didn't cut ourselves on the blades, so they were firmly stuck on the wall. And I always that was very cool. Like, maybe when I'm a grownup I'll have a wall of blades. And great news, I almost do, except for they're teeny tiny and they're not on the wall because we live in earthquake territory. If there's an earthquake and suddenly the blades flew off, that'd be terrifying. Please allow me to show you how you use this fun tool. Of course, if it's not in use, make sure it's covered because it's a frickin' blade. It's so sharp, and it's terrifying. And then we're going to cut just along the very edge. So we have, it's essentially like topstitching, right, 'cause it's so, so, so close to the edge. And we're going to cut just along that, so only through one layer of fabric. And we're going to start as close into the corner as we can get, and then we just walk it across. Don't forget we are live, so if you are the proud owner of a blade wall, please let me know, or if you are someone who has gotten late-in-life freckles, and welcome me to the club. Okay, so we're getting closer to the edge of our mat and I'm going to want to move the whole thing over. These are really tricky to see, these tiny little perforations, so one option I've been working with is kind of pulling it up. So you can move the whole thing over and it's keeping the blade in the hole. Of course, you can just lift it up and try to see where you last poked the hole, but it's not very easy, and I'm certain you folks at home will have a little bit of a harder time seeing it. But look, right there's our slit. So I'll go right back into that, and now we're gonna continue marching all the way across. Can you hear that satisfying crunch? - [Woman] Listener is wondering what type of blade this is. - Oh my gosh, someone is asking what type of blade this is. I got so excited with how cool this blade is that I have entirely forgotten to look up what it's called. So stay tuned, we'll have this in the show notes for you. It's probably like a perforated blade, a perforator. I found it, of course, at JOANN Fabrics. Sometimes we have projects already in mind and we go and pick up our supplies, and other times we start from scratch and we look around and see what inspires us. And how could I not be inspired by this anonymously-named,

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terrifying blade. Next we're gonna take our crochet hook, this is a three millimeter crochet hook. I wouldn't recommend using much larger. This one is a 3.75, and this proved to be a little too large. It was fine for these stitches 'cause I used a fingering weight, but we're actually going to want to use closer to a sock weight. This is a great crochet project, but if you're not a crocheter, it's a great way to learn how to crochet. I'm gonna start close to the corner, and these are holes I've already worked into. You can see they're a lot more visible. But I assure you that there are holes worked all the way along this hem here. So you insert your hook, and leaving about a six to an eight inch tail, pull through, and then we will pick up a loop from the back. We'll go back in that hole, pick up the yarn. Sometimes crocheting in slow motion is like cartwheeling in slow motion, except for you don't fall down and hit your head. And then we're going to do that a third time, so we're making three single crochets in this same hole. Now we just move on to the next hole and repeat this process all the way to the corner, and we're just gonna hang out for a minute while I keep working these stitches. I definitely like using a contrasting color yarn, I think it looks really pretty. And you'll see that the hem is squishing a little bit as I crochet over it. That's totally fine. When it's a bigger hem, like with my first sample, the squish can be kind of distracting because it wants to fold entirely in half. That one had closer to a 1/2 inch hem. But because this one is closer to a 1/4 inch hem, it just delicately squishes versus totally folding in half. Okay, we've worked our third one. And also, I've been thinking about the longevity of these kinds of blankets because of course, if you are giving them as a prized heirloom to someone you love very much, you're going to want it to last for a long time. And when you perforate the edge of it, I could see if you were to use a very delicate fabric, this could just rip the heck off. So you're going to want to make sure it's like a very sturdy fabric. This is a somewhat felted flannel, and definitely don't use something that's like a cotton gauze. That would probably rip off really fast. You could make the spaces farther from each other, but then you'd have to do it by hand, and you wouldn't get to use your fun blade. And then you would just have a blade wall that was decorative, not useful. And then that would be a little terrifying. Okay, so here I have one spot in the corner. And this part is a little clunky. But you know, we like our clunky parts. So we're working three single crochets into our corner, and then we're going to chain three. One, two, three, and then we're going to work another three single crochets. So this is gonna kind of wrap around. Will it fall in front or back? Probably. But style it so that it's right along the edge for your Instagram photo. Post it and say, "Corner life," or, I don't know, what's another hashtag you'd use? Like, crocheting up a storm, but only if it was raining, right? 'Cause then that would be more topically relevant. And then we're gonna do three more single crochets in that same hole. So do you see... I just left my body. I was fantasizing about crocheting in the rain by a fire. But we don't really get rain in the Bay Area for another few months. Look how pretty that is. Okay, I'm gonna take a couple more stitches just so that you can see, and also because, quite frankly, I'm not ready to be done yet. I'm having a blast. I love crocheting. And you could do as few as two. Let's see what that looks like. With two it looks a little bit more spaced out, a little less chunky. If you're using a thicker yarn you're going want to use only two stitches. Excuse me, let me say as a complete sentence: If you're using a thicker yarn, something that's closer to a fingering, or DK weight, though definitely don't use any thicker than that, you're going to want to make sure that there's only two stitches per hole, 'cause otherwise it'll be too fat. And you can see here, this is when we have only two stitches per hole, and this is when we have three stitches per hole. So it all depends on the aesthetics that you're working with. Here's from the backside. You'll also notice the more stitches you have and the thicker your gauge is, the less flowy it'll be. So here we have a finished one. We have a dark yarn and a light yarn, and the light yarn is a little bit thicker than the dark yarn, and you can see it makes for a really

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robust edge. Aw, how frickin' cute is that? I'm so into this. And I think it's a really nice way to take just a basic piece of flannel, and to turn it into something special for a special baby, which brings me to my announcement. Obviously, it wasn't freckles, though I do have seven more freckles, one, two three, four, five, six. Seven is on a different part. But I'm very excited to be announcing that I will be having a baby at the end of November. (crew talking off-mic) Which we're really excited about. I cannot wait. I hope it holds off till the end of November because this Sagittarius can't handle a Scorpio. But thanks in advance for your support as I get droopier, and sleepier, more out of breath, and of course, more covered in freckles, 'cause I'm sure it's not gonna stop at seven, right? If you've had babies and also freckles, don't hesitate to let me know in the comments. But thank you all for joining us, as usual, and of course, we will see you next week. (optimistic music)

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