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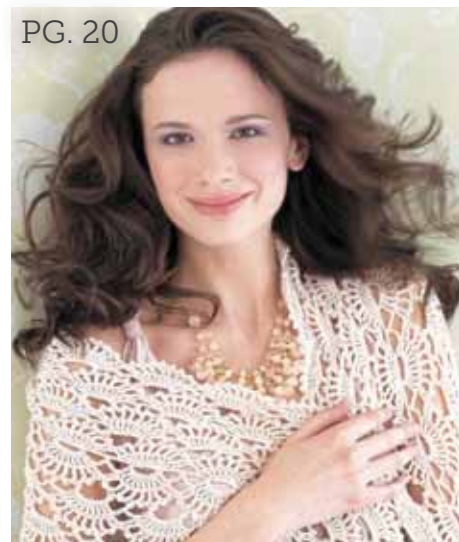
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Checking It Twice!

Make these festive patterns as gifts and for yourself for years to come.

Welcome to our first-ever digital special, *Crochet Today's Best Gifts!* Whether you're reading it from your iPad, NOOK, Kindle Fire, Google Play, or on your computer via Zinio, you have the pleasure of getting the issue instantly (no long drives to the bookstore or waiting for snail-mail delivery). I also love the way our pages look on these platforms, which capture the sharp resolution of our photography that can sometimes get lost on the printed page. Give it a go and if you like what you see, try out a digital subscription for eight issues a year (this includes our next two specials!) at www.crochettoday.com/godigital for a sweet deal of half off. See more details on page 15.

The holidays are upon us and this special gift collection, as with all of our issues, features timeless patterns you'll want to hold on to for years to come. Your yarn colors may change, sure, but you can go back to these again and again for gifts or for yourself. Inside you'll find more than

30 patterns, including adorable gifts for babies, stylish wraps for holiday parties, plus festive blankets and ornaments to decorate your home.

For this digital-only issue, we changed things up a bit. You don't need to flip to the back of the book to view all of the patterns inside. Just go to the next page for the full round-up of what you'll want to stitch this season, whether it's My Best Friend's Mittens on page 22, the Little Bo Sheep Hat on page 48, or the Candy Shop Ornaments on page 36. There's something for everyone on your list, including your pup and your guy. And since you saved a little time with an instant download, you can get started early on the best crocheted gifts of the season—from us to you.

Happy Holidays,

Theresa

Theresa Gonzalez
Editor-in-Chief

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Snowy Day Hat



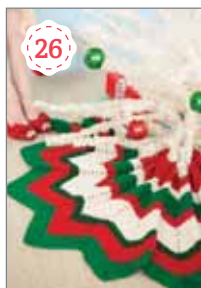
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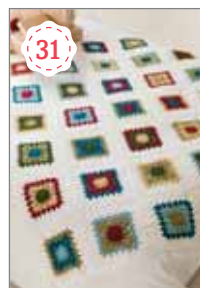
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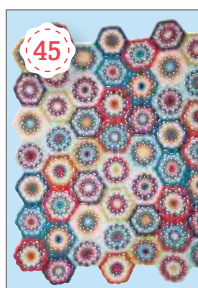
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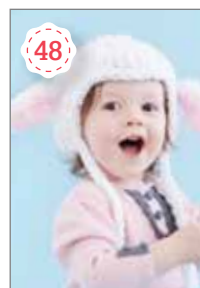
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Daisy Wrap

Charm friends with your crochet smarts in this vintage-inspired wrap.

BY ELENA MALO

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 (3) balls #9520 Seafoam

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Soft in Seafoam



SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

ch-4 join Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back, through corresponding ch-4 sp of neighboring daisy square, place dropped loop back on hook and gently draw the chain through

the neighboring ch-4 sp, ch 2 (ch-4 join completed).

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

SIZE

Women's (Plus)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Wrist to wrist 33 (38.5)"/84 (98)cm

Front opening 44 (55)"/112 (139.5)cm circumference

Sleeve circumference 16.5"/42cm

Note Circumference of front opening can be customized by shortening or lengthening the sleeve/side seams.

GAUGE

One Daisy Square = 5.5 x 5.5"/14 x 14cm. Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Shrug is formed from 18 (21) Daisy Squares. The squares are joined together while working the last round of each square. Refer to the assembly diagram for arrangement of squares.

2 Sides of neighboring Daisy Squares are joined by weaving the chain spaces along neighboring sides together. To weave a chain of one square through the chain space of the neighboring square, remove hook from loop and insert hook through neighboring chain space, then put the loop back on the hook and gently draw the

chain through the neighboring chain space before continuing with the instructions.

FIRST DAISY SQUARE

Make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2 Ch 3, 2-dc Cl in same sc as join, [ch 3, 3-dc Cl in next sc] 7 times, ch 3; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 clusters, and 8 ch-3 sp.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in same st as join (counts as first cluster), [sk next ch-3 sp, (2-dc Cl, ch 5, 2-dc Cl) in next cluster] 7 times, 2-dc Cl in same st as first dc, ch 5; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—16 clusters, and 8 ch-5 sp.

Round 4 Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4, sk next cluster, dc in next cluster, ch 4] 7 times, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 sc, 8 dc, and 16 ch-4 sp.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4, tr) in next sc (corner made), ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, *sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4, tr) in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4

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sp; repeat from * 2 more times; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

NEXT DAISY SQUARE

[Make and join 17 (20) more]

Make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work Rounds 1–4 of first Daisy Square—8 sc, 8 dc, and 16 ch-4 sp.

Refer to assembly diagram for placement of Daisy Square. Note the

neighboring squares to which the current square needs to be joined. In the next round, the ch-4 sps are joined to the ch-4 sps of any neighboring Daisy Squares. When a ch-4 sp needs to be joined to a neighboring Daisy Square, work a ch-4-join.

Round 5 (Joining round) Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 4 or ch-4 join (if there is a neighboring daisy square), sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4 or ch-4 join,

tr) in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4 or ch-4 join, tr) in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Front Edging

Join yarn with sl st in edge of front opening at a Sleeve seam.

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around front opening; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

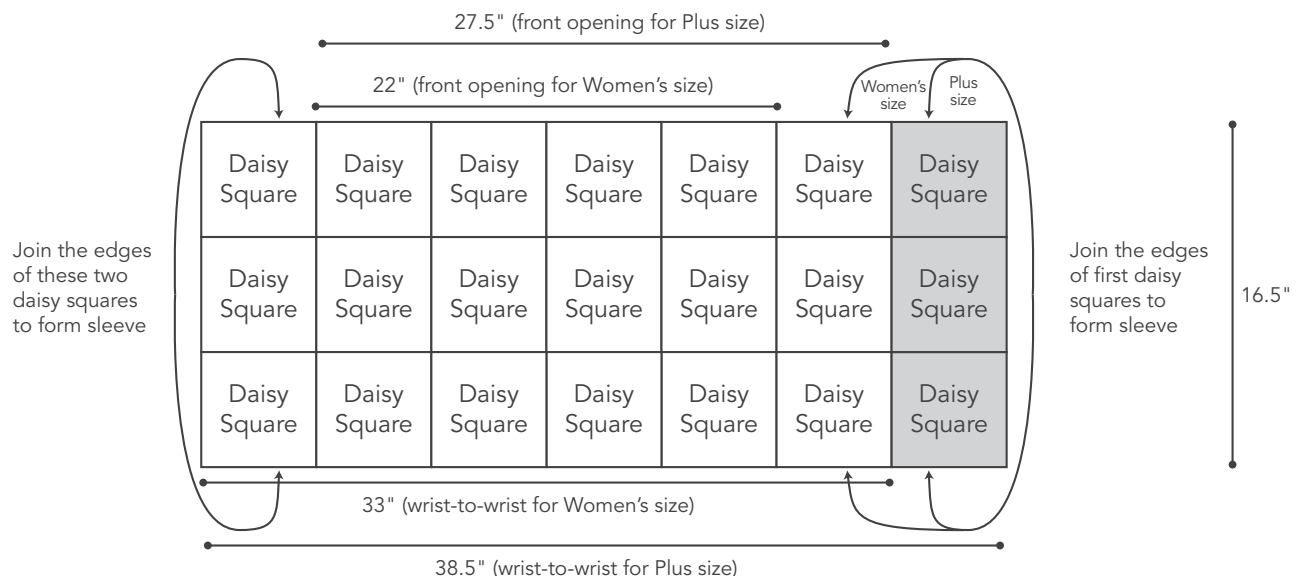
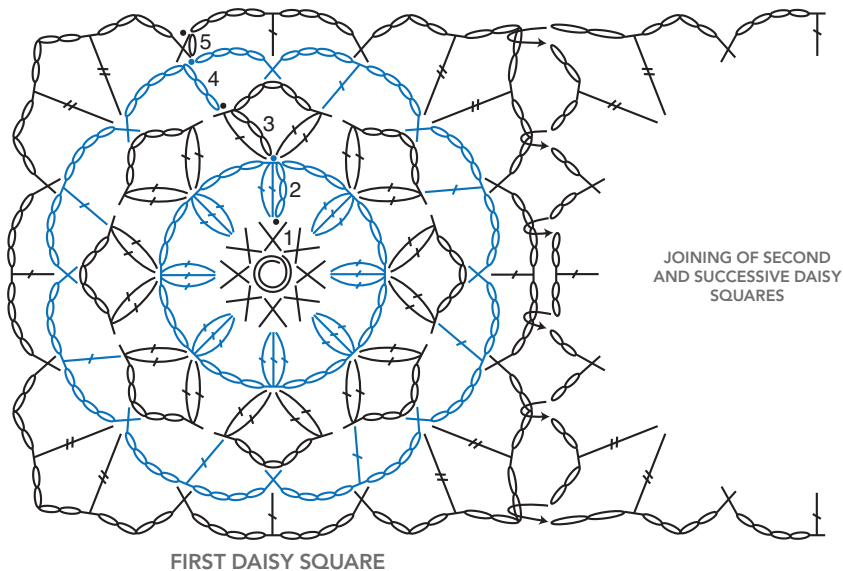
Sleeve Edging

Join yarn with sl st anywhere in Sleeve edge.

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around front opening; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. 🌟



Cabled Mitts

A beautiful V-shaped cable accents these fingerless gloves stitched in soft yarn. Make them for someone special on your list.

BY BRENDA K. B. ANDERSON



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART With Love, 7 oz/198g skeins, each approx 370 yd/338m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #1701 Hot Pink

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

the yarn

With Love in Hot Pink



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

dtr (double treble crochet) [Yarn over] 3 times, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 4 times.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Mitts measure approx 7.5"/19cm long, 8.5"/21.5cm circumference at finger edge, and 7.25"/18.5cm circumference at wrist edge.

Note Mitts will fit most women and teens.

GAUGE

16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet worked in back loops only.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 (RS) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

LEFT MITT

Ch 31.



Whip up a pair of mitts for you, then another pair for giving!

Row 1 (RS) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 sc.

Row 2 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 18 sts, sc in last 12 sts.

Note Beginning of Row 2 is finger end of mitt, end of Row 2 is wrist end of mitt.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; working in both loops, sk first st, tr in next st, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working behind dtr just made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 7 times.

Row 6 Ch 4, turn; working in both loops, sk first 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the last 2 skipped sts, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 6 times, tr in next 2 sts.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each st across.

Rows 8 and 9 Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 10 Repeat Row 2.

Row 11 (Thumbhole row) Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, ch 5, sk next 5 sts (for thumbhole), hdc in last 9 sts—30 sts (consisting of 25 sts and 1 ch-5 sp).

Rows 12 and 13 Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Rows 14–24 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 25 Repeat Row 3.

Row 26 (Seaming row) Ch 1, turn; fold mitt, bringing foundation row in front and up to meet last row (right side of mitt is to the outside); working through both thicknesses, sl st in each st across, inserting hook into front loops across opposite side of foundation ch and back loops of last row. Fasten off.

RIGHT MITT

Ch 31.

Row 1 (RS) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 sc.

Rows 2–11 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 12 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 18 sts, sc in last 12 sts.

Note Beginning of Row 12 is finger end of mitt, end of Row 12 is wrist end of mitt.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Row 14 (Thumbhole row) Ch 2, turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 9 sts, ch 5, sk next 5 sts (for thumbhole), hdc in next 4 sts, sc in last 12 sts—30 sts (consisting of 25 sts and 1 ch-5 sp).

Row 15 Repeat Row 13.

Rows 16 and 17 Repeat Rows 12 and 13.

Row 18 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each st across.

Row 19 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; working in both loops, sk first st, tr in next st, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working behind dtr just made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 7 times.

Row 20 Ch 4, turn; working in both loops, sk first 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the last 2 skipped sts, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 6 times, tr in next 2 sts.

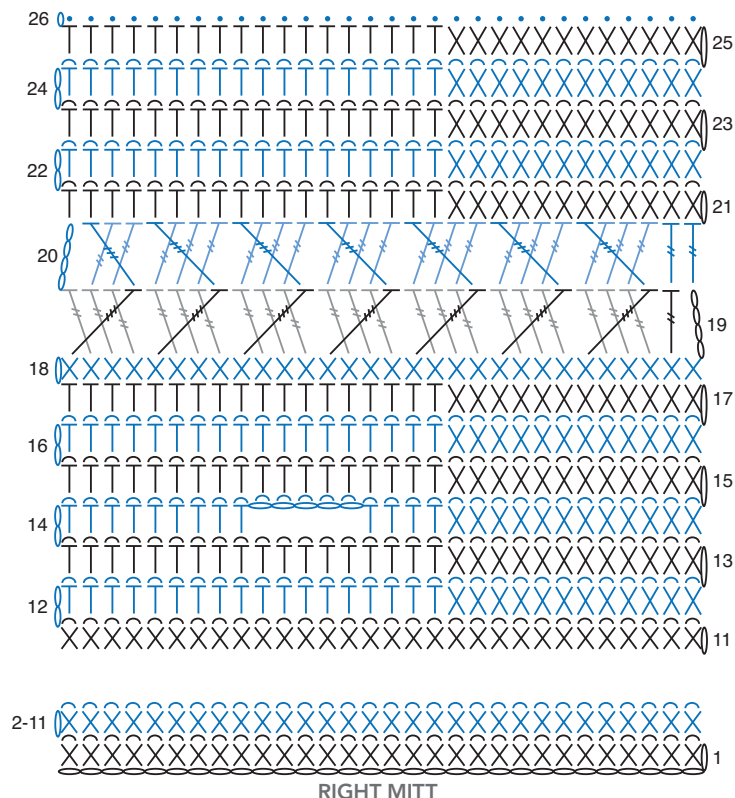
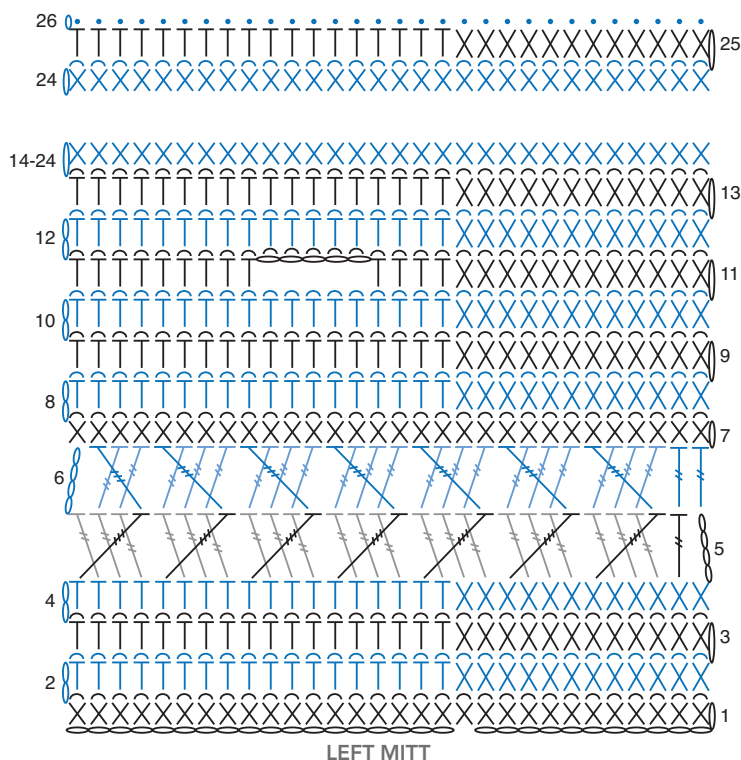
Row 21 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Rows 22–25 Repeat Rows 12 and 13 twice.

Row 26 (Seaming row) Ch 1, turn; fold mitt, bringing foundation row in front and up to meet last row (right side of mitt is to the outside); working through both thicknesses, sl st in each st across, inserting hook into front loops across opposite side of foundation ch and back loops of last row. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired. 🌀



Sparkly Scarf

Perfect for a holiday party or with just jeans and a tee, this dressy scarf will make any winter look shine.

BY KRISTIN OMDAHL

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #9114 Honey

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size 7 (1.5mm) steel crochet (for adding paillettes)

NOTIONS

- 150 gold paillettes, 20mm diameter
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**

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Soft Yarn in Honey



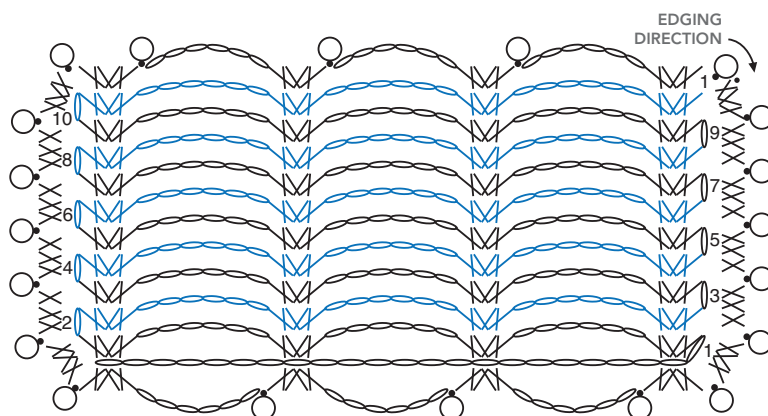
SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

Bsl st (bead slip stitch) Remove loop from larger hook and place on smaller hook, insert hook through hole of paillette, yarn over and draw through paillette and loop on hook. Remove loop from smaller hook and place on larger hook. Gently pull on loop to tighten Bsl st. See step-by-step photos on next page.



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Tip Try using beads or charms instead of paillettes. Just be sure the embellishment you choose has a hole large enough to accommodate the hook and yarn.



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 11"/28cm wide x 44"/111.5cm long, excluding paillettes

GAUGE

2 pattern repeats (18 sts) and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern st with larger hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 16.

Rows 1 and 2 Work Rows 1 and 2 of scarf instructions—2 pattern repeats.

Repeat last row 10 more times (for a total of 12 rows). Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

SCARF

With larger hook, ch 44.

Row 1 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 6, sk next 6 ch, 3 sc in next ch; repeat from * across—6 pattern repeats.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in center sc of first 3-sc group, *ch 6, sk next ch-6 sp, 3 sc in center sc of next 3-sc group; repeat from * across.

Repeat Row 2, an even number of times, until scarf measures 44"/111.5cm or desired length. Do not fasten off.

EDGING

Pivot piece to work along a long side edge.

Round 1 Working in ends of rows along edge, Bsl st, 3 sc in first row (corner), Bsl st; *sc in next row, 2 sc in next row, Bsl st; repeat from * along long side edge to last row, Bsl st, 3 sc in last row (corner), Bsl st; pivot to work in free loops along opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch (at base of 3-sc group), Bsl st, **ch 6, sk next ch-6 sp, 3 sc in next ch (at base of 3-sc group), Bsl st; repeat from ** across foundation ch; pivot to work in ends of rows along opposite long side edge, 3 sc in first row (corner), Bsl st, ***sc in next row, 2 sc in next row, Bsl st; repeat from *** along long side edge to last row, 3 sc in last row (corner), Bsl st; pivot to work in sts of last row of scarf, sk first sc, 3 sc in next sc (center sc of 3-sc group), ****Bsl st, ch 6, sk next ch-6 sp, 3 sc in center sc of next 3-sc group; repeat from **** to end; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired. 🌞

Attaching the Paillettes



Step 1 After removing loop from larger hook, use smaller crochet hook (not shown) to pull loop through hole of paillette.



Step 2 Place loop back on larger hook.



Step 3 Pull first loop through second loop on hook to complete slip stitch.

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Snowy Day Hat

Look great on and off the slopes in this warm and colorful cap—a great gift for the stylish skier.

BY LAUREN OSBORNE



What You'll Need

YARN

SMC Bravo, 1.75 oz/50g skeins, each approx 146 yd/133m (acrylic)

- 4 skeins #08222 Burgundy (A)
- 2 skeins #08193 Turquoise (B)
- 2 skeins #08267 Oatmeal Heather (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Bravo in Turquoise



SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 20"/51cm circumference

GAUGE

Rounds 1–6 = 4"/10cm diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTE

Hat is made with two strands of yarn held together throughout.

HAT

Starting at crown with two strands of A held together, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to

form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 3 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 4 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 7 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 5 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—42 sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 6 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—48 sc.

Round 9 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 7 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Rounds 10–14 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. At end of Round 14, fasten off A.

Round 15 With RS facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 10. Fasten off B.

Round 17 With RS facing, join 2 strands of C with sl st in first sc, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—54 dc.

Rounds 18–20 Ch 3, BPdc around next st, *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—26 FPdc, 27 BPdc, and 1 dc. At end of Round 20, fasten off C.

Round 21 With RS facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Round 22 Repeat Round 10. Fasten off B.

Round 23 With RS facing, join 2 strands of A

with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Right Ear Flap

Row 1 (RS) Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 15 sts, leaving remaining sts unworked—16 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 sts, leaving remaining sts unworked—8 sc.

Rows 3 and 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st and in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog—6 sc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog—4 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; [sc2tog] twice—2 sc. Fasten off A.

Left Ear Flap

Row 1 With WS facing, join 2 strands of A with sl st in first sc on Row 1 of Right Ear Flap, sc in next 15 sts on Row 23 of hat, leaving remaining sts unworked—15 sc.

Rows 2–7 Work same as Rows 2–7 on Right Ear Flap.

EDGING

With RS facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in 2nd sc on Row 7 of Left Ear Flap, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc evenly around entire bottom edge of hat, working in each sc on Rows 1 and 7 on Ear Flaps, in edge of each row on Ear Flaps, and in each remaining sc on Round 23 of hat; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

BRAIDS (MAKE 2)

For each braid, cut 6 strands of B, each 32"/81.5cm long. With 6 strands held together, using crochet hook, pull yarn halfway through bottom edging stitch of one Ear Flap. Braid strands until braid is approximately 4"/10cm long. Tie knot below braid. Trim ends to desired length.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 

Tip To make a larger hat, use a larger hook.

The Perfect Granny Scarf

New to crochet?
Here's the perfect gift
to show off your
crafty skills. Make it in a
range of colors for
everyone on your list!

BY LINDA PERMANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #9275 Paprika

Note You will need the second ball for the edging only.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6.0mm) crochet hook for toddler hat *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers (optional)

Skill Level: **BEGINNER**

1 2 3 4

the yarn  4

Soft Yarn in Paprika



SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap yarn around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger,



insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. See right for more about working in the round.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 70.5"/179cm long x
5"/12.5cm wide

GAUGE

Square measures 5"/12.5cm
square (blocked).

*Remember to check gauge for
best results!*

SCARF

Granny Square (Make 14)

Make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—4 groups of 3 dc.

Round 2 Sl st in next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—8 groups of 3 dc.

Round 3 Sl st in next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last

repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 groups of 3 dc.

Round 4 Sl st in next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 1) in each of next 2 ch-1 sps**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—16 groups of 3 dc. Fasten off, leaving a 15"/38cm long tail for sewing squares together.

Block each square to measure
5"/12.5cm square.

Assembly

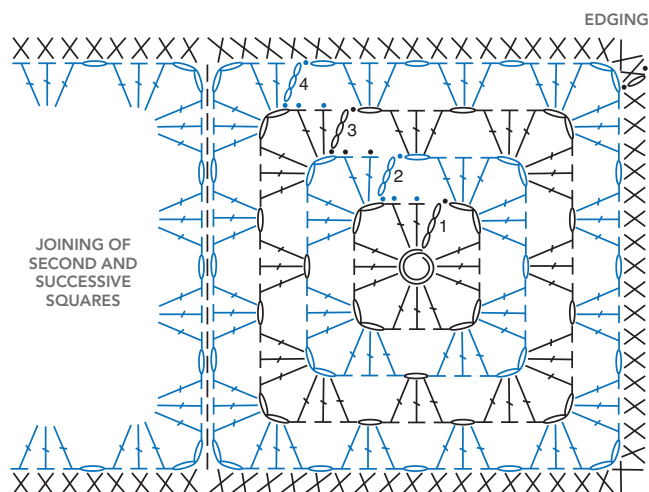
Place 2 squares with RS together. Weave one tail across to closest corner. Matching sts along one side of squares, whipstitch squares together, working through both layers, joining only one of 2 chs in each of 2 corners. Repeat for all squares, joining squares into a long strip with 14 squares.

Edging

With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp on scarf, ch 1, *work 3 sc in corner ch-2 sp, sc in each dc, in each ch-1 sp and in each corner ch-2 sp between joined squares (on long edges) across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * 3 more times; join with sl st in first sc—514 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 🧶



Make a Granny Square



Round 1 To complete this and each subsequent round, work a slip stitch into the third chain of each beginning chain-3, shown here with a stitch marker.



Round 2 Work into each chain-2 space from the round below, to see the square take shape.



Round 3 In this round, place a stitch marker in each corner chain-2 space to keep track of where to work the corners.



Round 4 After joining the round with a slip stitch, fasten off by cutting the yarn and pulling the yarn tail through the slip stitch to secure it.

Romantic Wrap

Stitched in a soft bamboo thread, this lacy wrap drapes and flows beautifully. It's a special gift for the special women in your life.

BY SUSAN LOWMAN

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Bamboo Crochet Thread, Size 10, each ball approx 300yd/274m (viscose from bamboo)

- 6 balls #226 Natural

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 0 (2.55mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE



the yarn

Bamboo Crochet Thread in Natural



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

picot Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length Approx 60"/152.5cm

Width Approx 11.5"/29cm

GAUGE

2 pattern repeats = 5"/12.5cm; Rows 1–3 = 1.5"/4cm; worked with 2 strands of thread held together.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Note Diagram shows reduced sample of wrap pattern and differs from swatch instructions. With 2 strands of thread held tog, ch 32.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook; *ch 6, sk next 4 chs, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—6 ch-6 sps.

Row 2 Ch 7 (counts as tr and ch-3 sp), turn; sc in next ch-6 sp, 8 tr in next ch-6 sp, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 6, sc in next ch-6 sp, 8 tr in next ch-6 sp, sc in next ch-6 sp; ch 3, tr in last sc—2 pattern repeats consisting of 2 8-tr groups, 1 ch-6 sp, 2 ch-3 sps, and 2 tr.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first tr, [tr in next tr, picot] 7 times, tr in next tr, sc in next ch-6 sp, [tr in next tr, picot] 7 times, tr in next tr, sc in last tr.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 5"/12.5cm long x 11 1/2"/4cm wide. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

WRAP

First Half

With 2 strands of thread held tog, ch 372.

Row 1 (WS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 6, sk next 4 ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across to last 5 ch, ch 3, sk next 4 ch, dc in last ch (last ch-3 and dc count as last ch-6 sp here and throughout)—74 ch-6 sp.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-6 sp, *ch 6, sc in next ch-6 sp, 8 tr in next ch-6 sp, sc in next ch-6 sp; repeat from * across, ch 3, dc in last ch-6 sp—24 pattern repeats consisting of 24 8-tr groups and 25 ch-6 sps.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-6 sp, *[tr in

next tr, picot] 7 times, tr in next tr, sc in next ch-6 sp; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Turn; [ch 6, sk next picot, sc in next picot] 3 times, *ch 6, sk next 2 picots, sc in next picot, [ch 6, sk next picot, sc in next picot] twice; repeat from * across, ch 3, sk last picot, dc in last sc—73 ch-6 sps.

Row 5 Turn; sl st in next 3 ch, sl st in next sc, sl st in next 3 ch of next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same ch-6 sp, *ch 6, sc in next ch-6 sp, 8 tr in next ch-6 sp, sc in next ch-6 sp; repeat from * across to last 2 ch-6 sps, ch 3, dc in next ch-6 sp, leave last ch-6 sp unworked—23 pattern repeats.

Rows 6–11 Repeat Rows 3–5 twice—21 pattern repeats.

Row 12 Repeat Row 3. Fasten off.

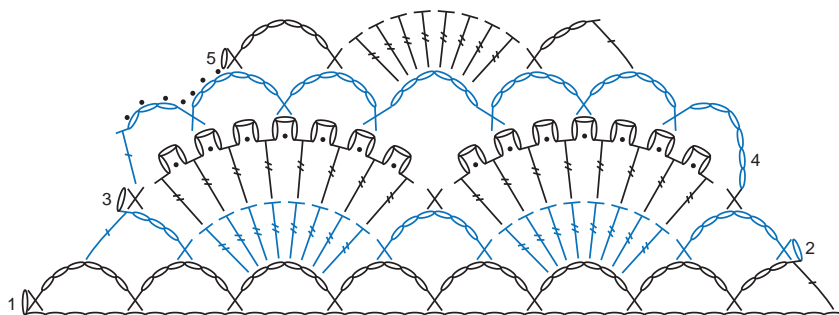
Second Half

Row 13 With RS facing and working in ch-4 sps along opposite side of foundation ch, hold 2 strands of thread tog and join thread with sc in first ch-4 sp, *ch 6, sc in next ch-4 sp, 8 tr in next ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp; repeat from * across to last ch-4 sp, ch 3, dc in last ch-4 sp—24 pattern repeats.

Rows 14–23 Repeat Rows 3–12.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. ☀



REDUCED SAMPLE OF WRAP PATTERN



Tip Go wide! Simply repeat Rows 3-5 a few more times on each half of wrap. You may need more thread than the pattern requires to make the wrap wider.

My Best Friend's Mittens

Hang on to your mittens the old-fashioned way—by attaching them together with string! The two-color stitch pattern makes these handwarmers extra cute.

BY BRENDA K.B. ANDERSON

What You'll Need

YARN

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller
Bamboo Ewe, 3.5oz/100g balls, each
approx 177yd/162m (superwash wool)

- 1 ball #5625 Sprout (A)
- 1 ball #5705 Snapdragon (B)

OR

- 1 ball #5529 Mermaid (A)
- 1 ball #5510 Beach Glass (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Bamboo Ewe in Mermaid



SIZES

S–M

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length from wrist to fingertip Approx
9.75"/ 25cm

Circumference around hand Approx 7.75"/
19.5cm

GAUGES

Two 7-dc cl and 8 rows in pattern = 4.25"/
11cm wide x 3.25"/ 8.5cm high.

Rows 1–31 of Cuff = 2.25"/ 5.5cm wide x
6.5"/ 16.5cm long.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Row 1 Ch 24, 3 dc in 4th ch from hook
(skipped chs count as first dc), sk next 3 chs,
sc in next 3 chs, sk next 3 chs, 7 dc in next ch,
sk next 3 chs, 3 sc in next 3 chs, skip next 3
chs, 4 dc in last ch—15 dc and 6 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sts, ch 3, 7-dc
Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3,
sc in next st, sc in top of turning ch—two 7-dc
Cl, 7 sc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Tip A longer cuff that fits
under jacket sleeves helps
protect against cold winds.
Add 5 chains to make the
cuff approx 1 inch longer.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, *sk next 2
chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk next 7-dc Cl, sk next 3
chs*, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * to * once;
sc in last 2 sc—14 dc and 7 sc.

Row 4 Turn; work beginning 4-dc Cl, ch 3, sc
in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3
sts, ch 3, 4-dc Cl—one 7-dc Cl, two 4-dc Cl,
6 sc and four ch-3 sps.

Row 5 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in 4-dc
Cl, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 2
chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk next 7-dc Cl, sk next
3 chs, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 3 chs, 4 dc in
beginning 4-dc Cl—15 dc and 6 sc.

Rows 6–8 Repeat Rows 2–4.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure
approx 4.25"/ 11cm wide x 3.25"/ 8.5cm
long. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain
correct gauge.

NOTES

1 The cuff is worked back and forth in rows,
then folded and slip-stitched to form a tube.

2 The body of the Mitten is worked from the
cuff up to the fingertips.

3 The left and right Mittens are worked exactly
the same.

4 The body of the Mitten is crocheted in joined,
turned rounds (except for sc rounds at top of
mitten). Odd rounds are worked on RS. Even
rounds are worked on WS.

5 When changing colors on the body of the
mitten, fasten off A and join again at next color
change. Do not fasten off B. Carry B along
inside of Mitten until next color change.

6 The thumb is worked in a spiral.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

7-dc Cl (7 double crochet cluster) [Yarn
over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw
up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops
on hook] 7 times, yarn over and draw through
all 8 loops on hook.

4-dc Cl (4 double crochet cluster) [Yarn



over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 4 times, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

beginning 4-dc Cl (beginning 4 double crochet cluster) Ch 3, [yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

ending 3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, insert hook in top of beginning 4-dc Cl, yarn over and draw through Cl and 4 loops on hook.

5-dc Cl (5 double crochet cluster) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 5 times, yarn over and draw through all 6 loops on hook.

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

Cuff

Row 1 (RS) Ch 11, working in back hump of chs, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in BL of each st across.

Rows 3–31 Repeat Row 2, 29 more times. Do not fasten off.

Seaming

With WS facing and last row at top, fold Cuff in half, bringing foundation ch up in front to meet Row 31. Working through both thicknesses in BL of foundation chs and in BL of sts on Row 31, sl st in each st across, joining foundation ch to Row 31—10 sl sts. Do not fasten off. Turn Cuff tube RS out. Mark top edge of Cuff (edge at end of seam) as follows: Place first marker in end of seam, place 2nd marker directly opposite first marker, place 3rd marker halfway between first and 2nd markers, place 4th marker directly opposite 3rd marker.

Body

Round 1 (RS) Ch 1, work 40 sc evenly spaced around top edge of Cuff; join with sl st in first sc—40 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in same st as joining and in next st, [sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times, sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, drop A; with B, join with sl st in first sc—28 dc

and 12 sc. Fasten off A, leaving a 6"/15cm tail.

Round 3 Turn; with B, work beginning 4-dc Cl, [ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl] 3 times, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, work ending 3-dc Cl; join with sl st in next ch—three 7-dc Cl, 1 beginning 4-dc Cl, 1 ending 3-dc Cl, 12 sc, and 8 ch-3 sps.

Round 4 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; 3 dc in joining sl st, sk ending 3-dc Cl, *sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc*, sk next 2 chs, 10 dc in next ch (increase at base of thumb made), sk 7-dc Cl; repeat from * to * once; 3 dc in joining sl st, drop B to WS; with A, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—28 dc, 12 sc, and 8 ch-3 sps. Do not fasten off B.

Round 5 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st, *ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3*, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from * to * once; sc in last st; join

with sl st in first sc—four 7-dc Cl, 15 sc, and 8 ch-3 sps.

Round 6 Ch 1, turn; sc in same st as joining, sc in next st, sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk next 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs, 2 sc in each of next 6 sc, *sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk next 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs*, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * to * once; sc in last st, drop A; with B, join with sl st in first sc—28 dc and 21 sc. Fasten off A, leaving a 6"/15cm tail.

Round 7 Turn; with B, work beginning 4-dc Cl, [ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl] twice, ch 3, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, [ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts] twice, ch 3, work ending 3-dc Cl; join with sl st in next ch—four 7-dc Cl, 1 beginning 4-dc Cl, 1 ending 3-dc Cl, 15 sc, and 10 ch-3 sps.

Round 8 Ch 3, turn; 3 dc in joining sl st, sk ending 3-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs, [sc in next 3 sc,





sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs] 4 times, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 3 chs, 3 dc in joining sl st; drop B to WS; with A, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—35 dc and 15 sc. Do not fasten off B.

Round 9 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st, *ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3*, sc in next st (mark post of this sc), ch 1 (mark bottom of this ch), sk next 11 sts (for thumb), sc in next st (mark post of this sc); repeat from * to * once; sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc—four 7-dc Cl, 11 sc, 8 ch-3 sps, and 1 ch.

Round 10 Ch 1, turn; sc in same st as joining, sc in next st, [*sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs*, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times; repeat from * to * once; sc in last st, drop A; with B, join with sl st in first sc—28 dc and 12 sc. Fasten off A, leaving a 6"/15cm tail.

Round 11 Repeat Round 3.

Round 12 Ch 3, turn; 3 dc in joining sl st, sk ending 3-dc Cl, [sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc,

sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl] 3 times, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 sc, sk next 3 chs, 3 dc in joining sl st; drop B to WS; with A, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—28 dc and 12 sc. Do not fasten off B.

Round 13 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st, [ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times, ch 3, 7-dc Cl, ch 3, sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc—four 7-dc Cl, 12 sc, and 8 ch-3 sps.

Round 14 Ch 1, turn; sc in same st as joining, sc in next st, [*sk next 2 chs, 7 dc in next ch, sk 7-dc Cl, sk next 3 chs*, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times; repeat from * to * once; sc in last st, drop A; with B, join with sl st in first sc—28 dc and 12 sc. Fasten off A, leaving a 6"/15cm tail.

Rounds 15 and 16 Repeat Rounds 3 and 12. Fasten off B at end of Round 16, leaving a 6"/15cm tail.

Round 17 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st, [ch 2, 7-dc Cl, ch 2, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times, ch 2, 7-dc Cl, ch 2, sc in

last st; join with sl st in first sc—four 7-dc Cl, 12 sc, and 8 ch-2 sps.

Round 18 (RS) Ch 1, do not turn; sc in same st as joining, sc in each Cl, sc and ch around; join with sl st in first sc—32 sc.

Round 19 Ch 1, starting in same st as joining, [sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] 4 times; join with sl st in first sc—28 sc.

Round 20 Ch 1, starting in same st as joining, [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 4 times; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 21 Ch 1, starting in same st as joining, [sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 22 Ch 1, starting in same st as joining, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 23 Ch 1, starting in same st as joining, [sc2tog] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail. Using yarn needle, weave tail through front loop of remaining 6 sts. Pull tight to close top of Mitten and secure.

Thumb

Round 1 With RS facing, join A with sl st in marked ch on Round 9, sc around post of next marked st; working in unworked sts on Round 8, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; working in Round 9, sc around post of next marked st, sc in same ch as joining—14 sts. Do not join, but work in a spiral. Insert stitch marker in last st and move up to last st in each round as work progresses.

Rounds 2–8 Sc in each st around—14 sc.

Round 9 [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] twice—12 sc. Do not fasten off.

Round 10 Sc in each st around.


Round 11 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc.

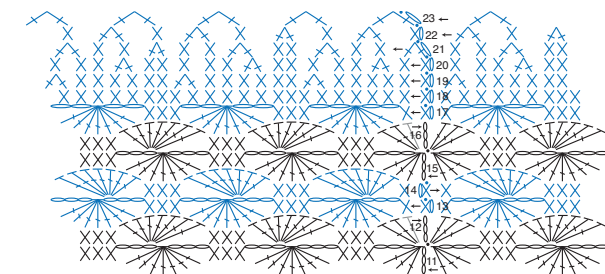
Fasten off, leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail. With yarn needle, weave tail through front loop of remaining 6 sts. Pull tight to close tip of thumb and secure.

String

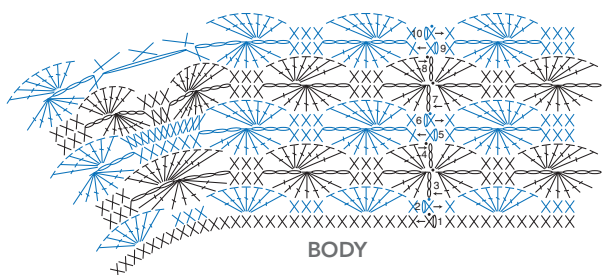
With either Mitten held upside down, join A with sl st in edge of sl st joining on Cuff of Mitten, ch 160, sl st in edge of sl st joining on Cuff of other Mitten. Fasten off.

FINISHING

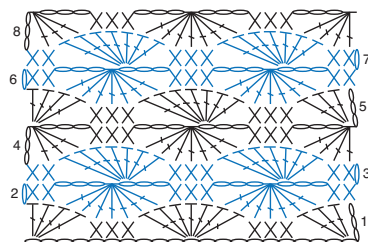
Weave in all ends. Wet block or spray block. 



TOP SHAPING



BODY



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN
IN ROWS FOR GAUGE SWATCH

Home for the Holidays

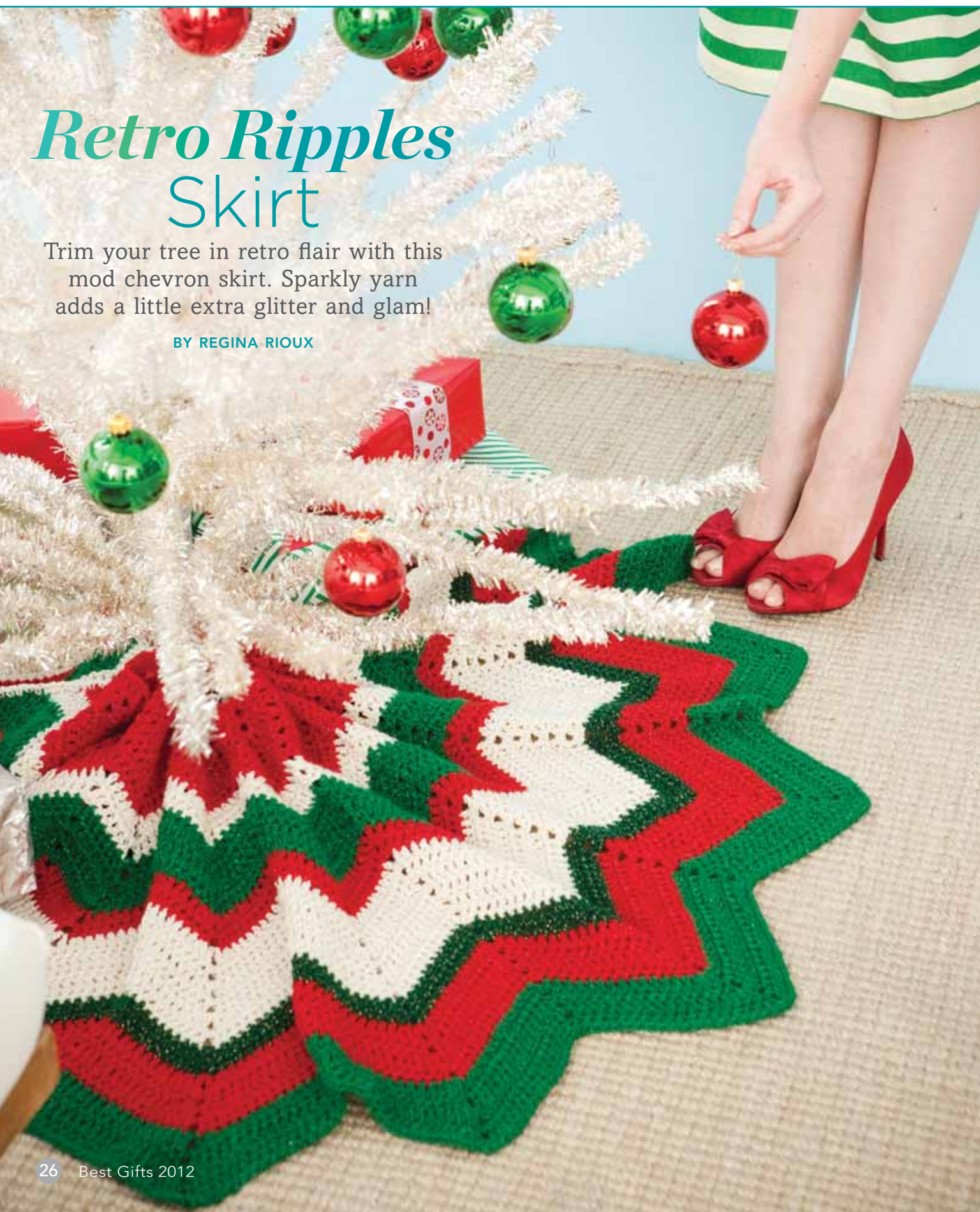
Prepare for holiday guests with a house filled with crocheted love. Hang cheerful stockings, bundle up under cozy blankets, serve colorful doilies, and toss a brightly modern skirt under the tree! ♦♦♦♦



Retro Ripples Skirt

Trim your tree in retro flair with this mod chevron skirt. Sparkly yarn adds a little extra glitter and glam!

BY REGINA RIOUX



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Holiday, 3.5 oz/100g balls, each approx 235yd/215m (acrylic/metallic polyester)

- 2 balls #9090 Red/Red (A)
- 2 balls #1360 Aran/Gold (B)
- 2 balls #6060 Green/Green (C)
- 1 ball #6560 Hunter/Gold (D)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Holiday in Hunter/Gold



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Diameter Approx 54"/137cm

Center opening Approx 12"/30.5cm

GAUGE

12 dc and 7 rows = 4"/10cm.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in each remaining ch across—12 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in first skipped ch.

Rows 3–7 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Work Skirt in the following color pattern: 6 rows with A, 2 rows with B, 4 rows with C, 2 rows with A, 6 rows with B, 2 rows with D, 4 rows with A, 5 rows with C.

2 Change color in last st of last con-

secutive row in specified color as follows: Work last st until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, with new color, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook. Fasten off old color. Continue with new color.

3 To join with a sc, make a slip knot and place on hook. Work sc in indicated st.

TREE SKIRT

With A, ch 153.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in next 3 chs, *sk next 2 chs, dc in next 4 chs, ch 2, dc in next 4 chs; repeat from * across to last 6 chs, sk next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, 2 dc in last ch—122 dc and 14 ch-2 sps.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; dc in first 4 sts, *sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * across to last 6 sts, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in first skipped ch.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts *sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * across to last 6 sts, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—152 dc and 14 ch-2 sps.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; dc in first 5 sts, *sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from * across to last 7 sts, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3.

Rows 5–30 Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 13 more times, increasing underlined numbers by one more st in each repeat—30

Tip To make a smaller tree skirt, work fewer foundation chains in repeats of 10 and work fewer rows.



more dc in each of the 2 rows than in each of the previous 2 rows—182 dc and 14 ch-2 sps at end of Rows 5 and 6—542 dc and 14 ch-2 sps at end of Rows 29 and 30.

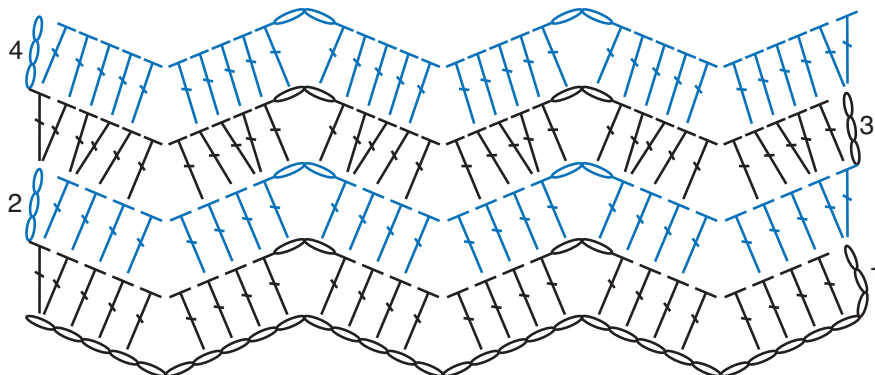
Row 31 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp—570 sc. Fasten off.

Edging

With RS facing, join C with sc in beginning edge of Row 1, sc evenly spaced along edges of rows, ending with sc in edge of Row 31. Fasten off. With RS facing, join C with sc in ending edge of Row 31, sc evenly spaced along edges of rows, ending with sc in edge of Row 1. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. 🧵



Stuffable Stockings

Add some retro flair to your mantel with these punchy granny stockings. Hexagon motifs are easy to stitch in any color combo for a fun, festive look!

BY LAUREN OSBORNE

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
3 balls each:

- #9523 Dark Leaf (A)
- #5142 Cherry Red (B)
- #4601 Off White (C)
- #9522 Leaf (D)

Note One ball of each color is sufficient for making any one of the stockings.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 4

Soft in Leaf



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length Approx 21"/53.5cm (measured from top of cuff straight down to tip of toe)

Width Approx 12"/30.5cm from back of heel straight across to tip of toe

GAUGE

1 hexagon = 4 x 4.5"/10 x 11.5cm.
Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

- 1 Work tightly enough to ensure that small objects won't fall through.
- 2 To reduce the amount of finishing work, crochet over ends as you go.
- 3 Hexagons are worked with RS facing

throughout. Do not turn at end of rounds.

4 You may change colors at the end of each round in any order desired. The models shown were made using the following color sequences:

Color sequence #1: Work Rounds 1–3 with C, Round 4 with D. Join hexagons with B.

Color sequence #2: Work Round 1 with C, Round 2 with D, Round 3 with A, and Round 4 with B. Join hexagons with C.

Color sequence #3: Work Rounds 1 and 2 with B, Rounds 3 and 4 with A. Join hexagons with D.

5 To change color at the end of a round (in join): Insert hook in indicated st, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete join. Work next round with new color, working over old color. Fasten off old color and weave in tail.

6 When assembling the foot of the stocking, it is easiest if you add the hexagon at the top of the toe last.

HEXAGON (MAKE 17)

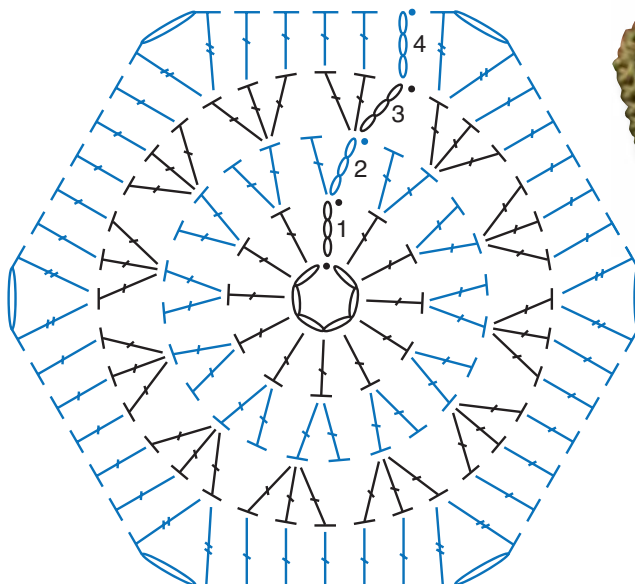
Ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), work 11 more dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as join, sk next st, [3 dc in next st, sk next st] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 dc (consisting of twelve 3-dc groups).

Round 4 Ch 3, dc next 4 dc, (tr, ch 1, tr) in next dc (corner made), *dc in next 5 dc, (tr, ch 1, tr) in next dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—6-(tr, ch 1, tr) corners, and 30 dc (consisting of 5 dc along each of 6 sides). Fasten off and weave in ends.



*Brighten your
home with big,
bold stockings.*



ASSEMBLY

Refer to assembly diagram frequently while assembling stocking. Determine placement of hexagons and join hexagons, one edge at a time, beginning at a corner ch-1 sp, working across the edge, and ending in the next corner ch-1 sp.

Joining One Edge of Two Hexagons

Hold two hexagons with WS together. Join yarn with sc in the first ch-1 sp of both hexagons; working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across edge, sc in last ch-1 sp.

Note To reduce the number of ends to weave in, do not fasten off. Instead, join the next hexagon (refer to assembly diagram) along

the next edge of one of the current hexagons.

FINISHING

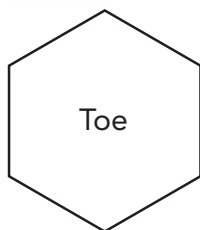
Top Edging With RS facing, join yarn with sc in back of top edge, sc evenly around the top of the stocking, ch 12 (for hanging loop) and join with sl st in first sc. Weave in all ends. Block lightly if desired. 🌀

Tip The assembly diagram provides a suggested order for joining. You may wish to join the hexagons in another order.

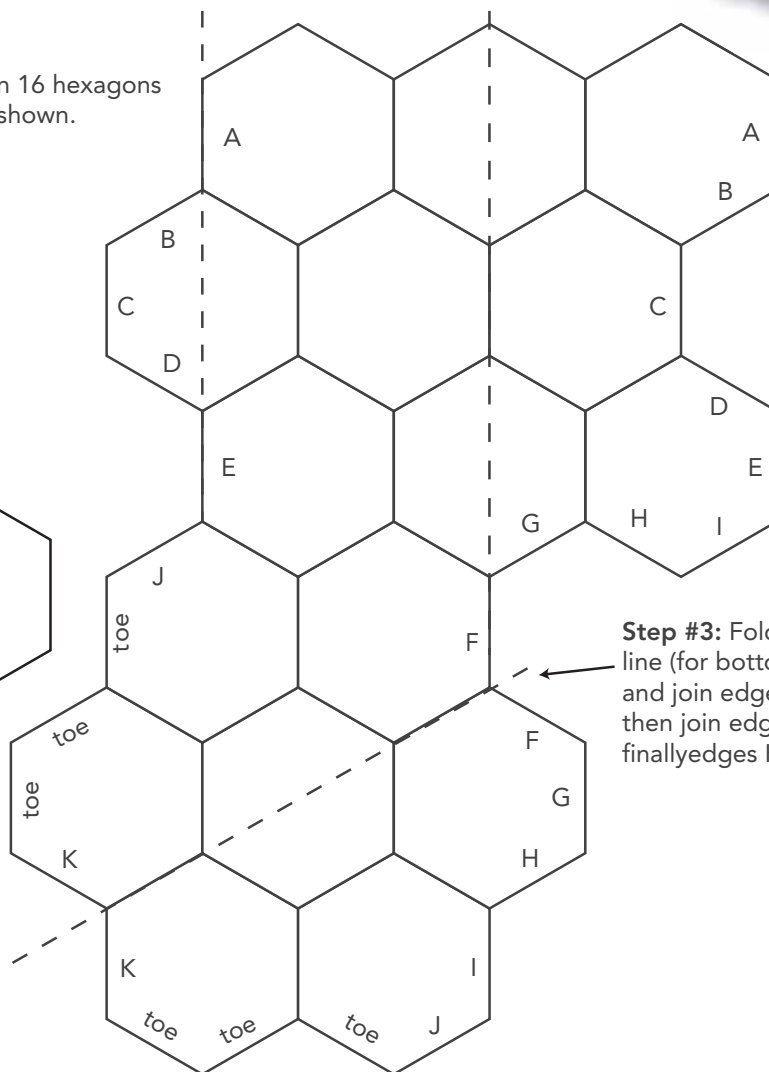
Step #1: Join 16 hexagons arranged as shown.



Step #2: Fold piece along vertical dashed lines and join edges A, B, C, D, and E.



Step #4: At this point, there will be an opening at the toe with exactly six edges. Place last hexagon in opening at toe and join. Curve the toe hexagon to fit into the opening.



Step #3: Fold along dashed line (for bottom of foot) and join edges F, G, and H, then join edges I and J, and finally edges K.



Lazy Daisy Afghan

Warm up any room in the home with colorful daisy squares. Make one for yourself or for someone you love.

BY BOBBI ANDERSON

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 7 skeins #4600 White (A)
- 1 skein #9520 Seafoam (B)
- 1 skein #9518 Teal (C)
- 1 skein #9522 Leaf (D)
- 1 skein #9523 Dark Leaf (E)
- 1 skein #9114 Honey (F)
- 1 skein #4608 Wine (G)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Soft in Teal



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 50"/127cm x 70"/178cm

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of Motif = 6"/15cm square

Full Motif = 10"/25.5cm square.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 The motifs are joined as you go on Round 7, starting with Motif 2. When working corner joins where 4 motifs come together, work first join into corner ch-2 sp of adjacent motif, then work 2nd and 3rd joins (on 3rd and 4th motifs) into sl st of first corner join.

2 The motifs are made with any 3 desired colors of B–G for Rounds 1–4 and A for Rounds 5–7. Make each motif with different color combinations, as desired.

3 To join with sc, make a slip knot and place on hook, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

tr2tog (treble crochet 2 stitches

together) *Yarn over twice; insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

beginning cl (beginning cluster) Ch 3 (counts as dc), [yarn over, insert hook in same st or sp as joining, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

cl (cluster) [Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

THROW

Motif 1

With first desired color, form an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in ring (first tr2tog made), ch 2, [tr2tog in ring, ch 2] 11 times; join with sl st in 4th ch of beginning ch-4—12 tr2tog and 12 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Round 2 With RS facing, join second desired color with sl st in any ch-2 sp, beginning cl in same sp, ch 3; *cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning cl—12 cl and 12 ch-3 sps.

Round 3 Ch 5 (counts as hdc and ch-3 sp); *sk next ch-3 sp, (cl, ch 2, cl, ch 4, cl, ch 2, cl) in next ch-3 sp (corner made); ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp; hdc in top of next cl, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-5—16 cl, 4 hdc, 4 corner ch-4 sps, 8 ch-3 sps and 8 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Round 4 With RS facing, join third desired color with sl st in any corner ch-4 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-4 sp (corner made); *ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-sp, ch 1] 4 times; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp (corner made); repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—24 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps and 20 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 5 With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp (corner made); ch 1; *3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from * across to next corner ch-2 sp; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp (corner made), ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—28 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps and 24 ch-1 sps.

Round 6 Sl st in next 2 dc and in corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1; *3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from * across to next corner ch-2 sp; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp (corner made), ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—32 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps and 28 ch-1 sps.

Round 7 Repeat Round 6—36 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps and 32 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Note Motifs are joined into 7 rows of 5 motifs each, working a one-side joining or a two-side joining, as needed.

Motif with One-Side Joining

Rounds 1–6 Work same as Rounds 1–6 on Motif 1.

Round 7 (Joining round) Continuing with A, sl st in next 2 dc and in corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1; *3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from * to * across to next corner ch-2 sp; with wrong sides of current motif and adjacent motif together; **3 dc in corner ch-2 sp on current motif, ch 1, sl st in corresponding corner ch-2 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp on current motif (corner joined), ch 1; sl st in next ch-1 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1; ***3 dc in next ch-1 sp on

current motif, ch 1, sl st in next ch-1 sp on adjacent motif; repeat from *** across to next corner ch-2 sp on current motif; repeat from ** to ** once; repeat from * to * across to next corner ch-2 sp; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1; repeat from * to * across to last corner; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—36 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps (2 are joined) and 32 ch-1 sps (8 are joined). Fasten off.

Motif with Two-Side Joining

Rounds 1–6 Work same as Rounds 1–6 on Motif 1.

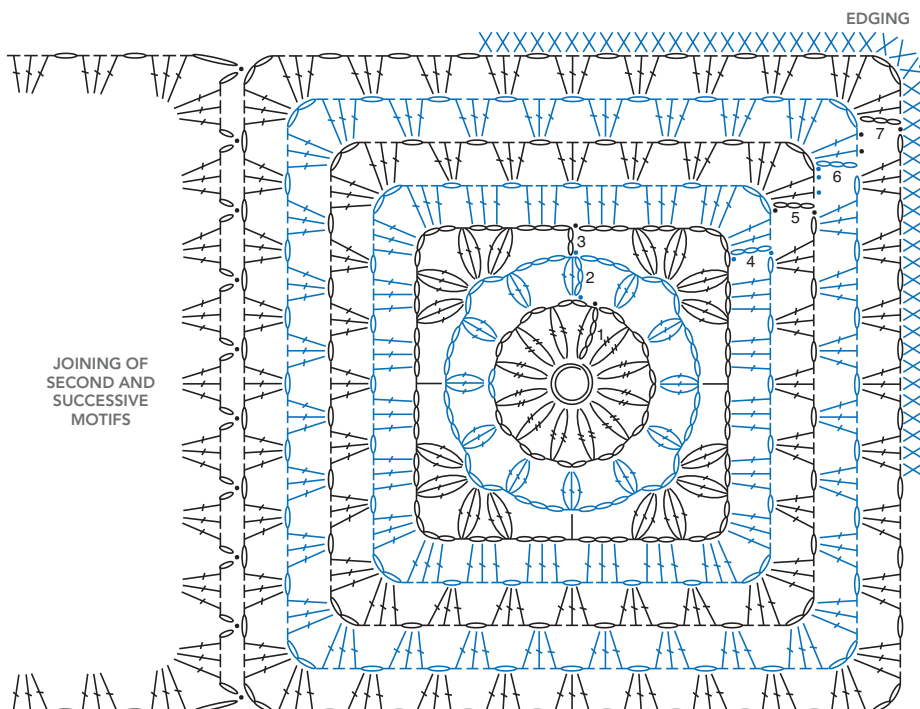
Round 7 (Joining round) Continuing with A, sl st in next 2 dc and in corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-2 sp, ch 1; *3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1*; repeat from * to * across to next corner ch-2 sp; with wrong sides of current and adjacent motif together; [**3 dc in corner ch-2 sp on current motif, ch 1, sl st in corresponding corner ch-2 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp on current motif (corner joined), ch 1*; sl st in next ch-1 sp on adjacent motif, ch 1; ***3 dc in next ch-1 sp on current motif, ch 1, sl st in next ch-1 sp on adjacent motif; repeat from *** across to next corner ch-2 sp on current motif] twice; repeat from ** to ** once; repeat from * to * across to next corner ch-2 sp; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1; repeat from * to * across to last corner; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—36 groups of 3 dc, 4 corner ch-2 sps (3 are joined) and 32 ch-1 sps (16 are joined). Fasten off.

EDGING

With RS facing, join A with sc in any corner ch-2 sp, 2 sc in same ch-2 sp, sc evenly around outer edge of throw, working 3 sc in each corner ch-2 sp and adjusting sts to keep work flat; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 🌀



Your Neighbor Lady's Doilies

No longer reserved for dainty lace, old-fashioned doilies are all new in chunky, colorful yarn. Use them on a modern table to line a charger plate, or give them as fun gifts!

BY ELENA MALO

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

1 skein each:

- #4422 Tangerine (A)
- #9925 Really Red (B)

Note: One skein of yarn will make three doilies.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn



Soft in Really Red



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 9.5"/24cm diameter

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 = 3.75"/9.5cm diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

DOILY

With desired color, ch 6, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 2 Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), *dc in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps.

Round 3 Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same ch-1 sp, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp and in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in next dc and in each dc around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each dc around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—72 dc.

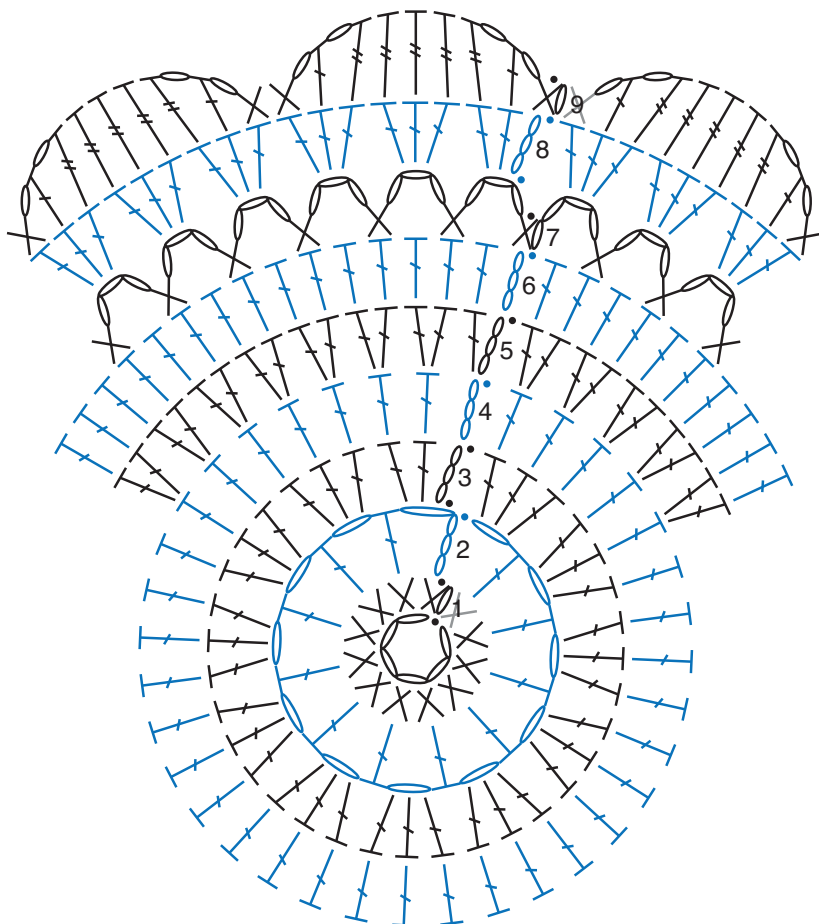
Round 6 Repeat Round 4.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, ch 3, sk next dc, *sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next dc;

repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc and 36 ch-3 sps.

Round 8 Sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp and in each ch-3 sp around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—108 dc.

Round 9 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, *ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, tr in next 5 dc, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1**, sc in next 2 dc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **, sc in next dc; join with sl st in first sc—12 scallops with 5 tr, 2 dc and 2 sc in each scallop. Fasten off.





Tip For petite doilies, omit Rounds 6–8 and work fewer repeats on Round 9 to have 8 scallops instead of 12.



Candy Shop Ornaments

Old-fashioned candies inspired these sweet ornaments—stitch up a whole batch and add the perfect vintage touch to your tree.

BY SUSAN JEFFERS

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, Size 3, each ball approx 150yd/137m (cotton) 1 ball each:

- #201 White (A)
- #6 Scarlett (B)
- #65 Warm Teal (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
- Size 0 (2.55mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Polyester fiberfill
- White satin ribbon, 3 lengths each 10"/25.5cm, 1/8"/.5cm wide
- White chenille stems, 3 lengths each approx 3"/7.5cm
- Invisible thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



the yarn 

Fashion Crochet Thread in Scarlett

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

inv-dec (invisible decrease) Insert hook in front loop of next st, DO NOT YARN OVER, insert hook in front loop of next st, yarn over and draw through 2 front loops, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

Note Work inv-dec in back loops instead of front loops on Round 9 of Peppermint Candy.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the thread a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working thread. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Peppermint Candy Approx 2.75"/7cm diameter x 1.5"/4cm thick

Candy Cane Approx 6"/15cm high x 2"/5cm wide x .75"/2cm diameter when stuffed and bent into final shape

Ribbon Candy Approx 1.5"/4cm wide x 3.25"/8.5cm long

GAUGE

Ribbon candy 5 sc = 1"/2.5cm; 7 rows = 1.5"/4cm.

Gauge is not important for Candy Cane and Peppermint Candy ornaments. Work tightly to prevent holes in your work.

NOTES

- 1 Use size F crochet hook to make Peppermint Candy and Candy Cane ornaments and size 0 crochet hook to make Ribbon Candy ornament.
- 2 All three ornaments are made holding two strands together throughout.
- 3 Peppermint Candy and Candy Cane ornaments are worked in a continuous spiral.
- 4 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Continue with new color until next color change.
- 5 Stuff first 24 rounds of Candy Cane ornament as you work, rolling candy cane between your hands to smooth and round it.
- 6 Ribbon Candy ornament should measure approx 18"/45.5cm long before finishing.

PEPPERMINT CANDY ORNAMENT

With size F hook and 2 strands of A held together, form an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in ring—8 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each st around—16 sc.

Round 3 Work [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 8 times—24 sc.

Round 4 Work [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 8 times—32 sc.

Round 5 [With A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, changing to B; with B, sc in next 2 sts, changing to A in last st] 8 times—40 sc.

Round 6 [With A, sc in next 3 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 2 sts, changing to A in last st] 8 times.

Round 7 Working in back loops, repeat Round 6.

Round 8 Repeat Round 6.

Round 9 Working in back loops, [with A, work inv-dec in back loops, sc in next st, changing to B; with B, sc in next 2 sts, changing to A in last st] 8 times—32 sc. Fasten off B.

Round 10 [With A, work inv-dec, sc in next 2 sts] 8 times—24 sc.

Round 11 [Work inv-dec, sc in next st] 8 times—16 sc. Stuff firmly.

Round 12 [Work inv-dec] 8 times—8 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Finishing

Weave tail in and out through back loop of each stitch on last round. Pull tight to close opening. Weave in ends. Flatten slightly to shape candy. Insert ribbon around any stitch on Round 7 and tie ends in a knot to hang ornament.

CANDY CANE ORNAMENT

With size F hook and 2 strands of A held together, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook—8 sc.

Round 2 With A, sc in next 5 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st.

Round 3 With A, sc in next 6 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 2 sts.

Round 4 With B, sc in next st, changing to A; with A, sc in next 6 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next st.

Round 5 With B, sc in next 2 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next 6 sts, changing to B in last st.

Round 6 With B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next 5 sts.

Round 7 With A, sc in next st, changing to B; with B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next 4 sts.

Round 8 With A, sc in next 2 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next 3 sts.

Round 9 With A, sc in next 3 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next 2 sts.

Round 10 With A, sc in next 4 sts, changing to B in last st; with B, sc in next 3 sts, changing to A in last st; with A, sc in next st.

Rounds 11–34 Repeat Rows 2–10, 2 more times, then repeat Rows 2–7 once more. Fasten off B and stuff tails inside cane.

Round 35 With A, sc in next 8 sts. Fasten off A, leaving a long tail.

Finishing

Twist 2 chenille stems together. Take third chenille stem and twist it around other 2 stems.

Insert twisted stems down center of Candy Cane and cut off excess stems .5"/1.5cm below top of cane. Stuff a small amount of fiberfill over ends of stems. With tapestry needle, weave tails of A through last round, closing end of Cane. Weave in ends. Bend upper 1.5"/4cm of Candy Cane down and shape as desired. Insert ribbon under center stitch at top of Candy Cane and tie ends in a knot to hang ornament.

RIBBON CANDY ORNAMENT

With size 0 hook and 2 strands of A held together, ch 91.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in back bar of 2nd ch from hook and in back bar of each remaining ch across—90 sc. Fasten off.

Row 2 With RS facing, join B with sc in first sc, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Rows 3–7 Repeat Row 2, 5 more times, using C for Rows 3 and 5, A for Row 4; B for Row 6, and A for Row 7. Fasten off.

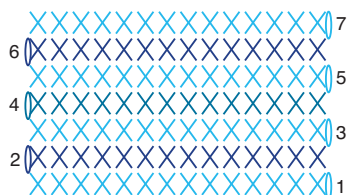
Finishing

Weave in ends. Starting at beginning of piece, place 16 markers in both long edges of piece in the following stitch numbers: 1, 11, 14, 21, 25, 32, 36, 43, 47, 54, 58, 65, 69, 77, 80, and 90. Fold beginning short edges over and tack 1st and 3rd marked stitches together on one long edge with invisible thread. Fold in opposite direction and tack 2nd and 4th marked stitches together. Continue folding piece in opposite directions, tacking 5th and 7th, 6th and 8th, 9th and 11th, 10th and 12th, 13th and 15th, 14th and 16th marked stitches together. Tack short edge across to other long edge. Tack marked stitches together along other long edge in same manner. Tack down other short edge. Remove markers. Insert ribbon around center stitch on either short edge and tie ends in a knot to hang ornament. 🌀

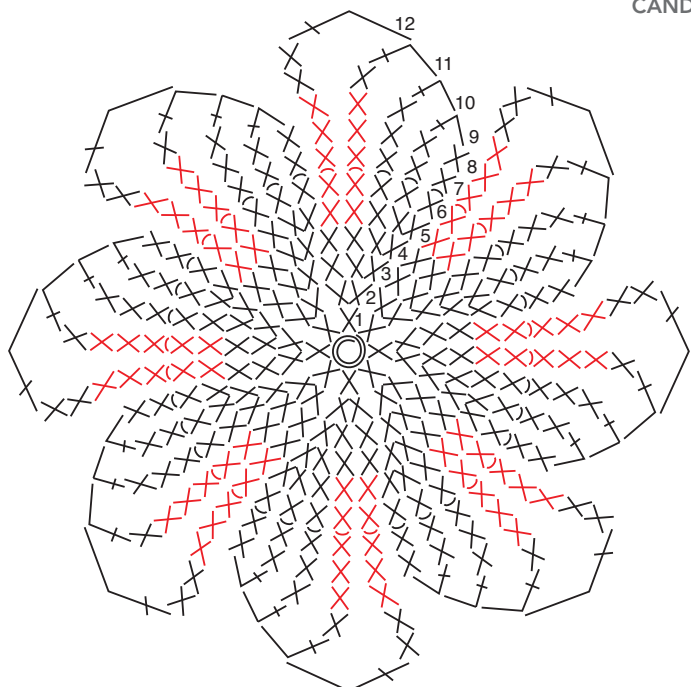
Tip Candy Cane Rounds 2 and up build upon Round 1 as established; work every round in a continuous spiral.



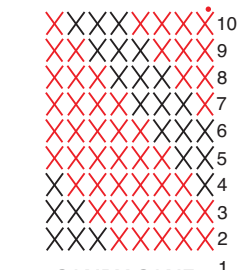
When thread gets twisted, simply twist Candy Cane in opposite direction to untwist threads.



REDUCED SAMPLE OF RIBBON CANDY ORNAMENT PATTERN



PEPPERMINT CANDY ORNAMENT



CANDY CANE ORNAMENT (WORKED IN SPIRAL ROUNDS)

Lancaster Quilt

Inspired by quilts made by Amish women using deep, glowing colors, this blanket is a showstopping gift for a special someone.

BY KATHERINE ENG



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7 oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 2 skeins #656 Real Teal (A)
- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (B)
- 2 skeins #528 Medium Purple (C)
- 1 skein #376 Burgundy (D)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Super Saver in Cherry Red

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

FPtr (Front Post treble crochet) Yarn over twice, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times.

lg-shell (large shell) 5 dc in indicated stitch.

sm-shell (small shell) 3 dc in indicated stitch.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Blanket measures approx 47.5 x 47.5"/120.5 x 120.5cm square.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of Center Square = 4.5"/11.5 diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Blanket is worked in nine sections. First, a Center Square is worked in joined rounds. Then Side Panels are worked in rows across two opposite side edges of the Center Square. Four Corner Squares and a Top and Lower Panel are then worked in a specific order, so that no seaming is needed.

2 Pay careful attention to the instructions at the beginning of each round. Sometimes you will turn at the beginning of a round, but most times, you will not turn.

BLANKET

Center Square

With A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc—16 sc and 8 ch-2 sps.

Round 3 (Sl st, ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc) in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, [(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1] 7 times; join with sl st in first sc—16 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, and 8 ch-1 sps.

Round 4 (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-2 sp, sm-shell in next ch-1 sp, [sc in next ch-2 sp, sm-shell in next ch-1 sp] 7 times; join with sl st in first sc—8 small shells and 8 sc.

Round 5 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 4 dc in same sc as join, sc in center dc of next sm-shell, [lg-shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next sm-shell] 7 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 large shells and 8 sc.

Round 6 (WS) Turn; sl st in first sc, ch 3, 4 dc in same sc, ch 1, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1, [lg-shell in next sc, ch 1, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1] 7 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 large shells, 8 sc, and 16 ch-1 sps.

Round 7 (RS) Turn; sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 3, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next sc (corner made), dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 2, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 2, *dc in next ch-1 sp, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next sc (corner made), dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 2, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sc in center dc of next shell, ch 2; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc, 16 tr, 20 ch-2 sps (4 of these are corner ch-2 sps), and 4 ch-1 sps.

Round 8 Ch 1, beginning in same st as join, sc in each st and ch around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—84 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (21 sc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 9 Ch 3, dc in each sc around, working

(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—100 dc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (25 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 10 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, [*ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 1, sk next dc, **sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—56 sc, 52 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (14 sc and 13 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 11 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, [*working in front of next ch-1 sp, FPtr around dc 2 rows below (in Round 9), sc in next sc; repeat from * to next corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, sc in next sc] 4 times, working in front of next ch-1 sp, FPtr around dc 2 rows below, **sc in next sc, working in front of next ch-1 sp, FPtr around dc 2 rows below; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—52 FPtr, 64 sc, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (13 FPtr and 16 sc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 12 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, [*ch 1, sk next FPtr, sc in next sc; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, ch 1, sk next FPtr, **sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next FPtr; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—64 sc, 60 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (16 sc and 15 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 13 (WS) Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-1 sp, [*ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 1, sk next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—68 sc, 64 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (17 sc and 16 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 14 (RS) Sl st in next ch-1 sp, sl st in next sc, turn; ch 1, sc in same sc, skipping over all ch-1 sps, work, [*sm-shell in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to next corner ch-2 sp, lg-shell in corner ch-2 sp, sc in next sc] 4 times, sm-shell in next sc, **sc in next sc, sm-shell in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—32 small shells, 36 sc, and 4 corner large shells (8 small shells and 9 sc between corner shells).

Round 15 Sl st in each st to center dc of first

sm-shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, [sm-shell in next sc, *sc in center dc of next shell, sm-shell in next sc; repeat from * to next lg-shell corner, sk next dc (first dc of corner), sc in next dc, lg-shell in next dc, sc in next dc, sk next dc (last dc of corner)] 4 times, sm-shell in next sc, **sc in center dc of next shell, sm-shell in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—36 small shells, 40 sc, and 4 corner large shells (9 small shells and 10 sc between corner large shells).

Round 16 (WS) Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), turn; [*sc in center dc of next sm-shell, ch 1, dc in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * to next lg-shell corner, sk next dc, sc in next dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next sc, ch 1] 4 times, sc in center dc of next sm-shell, ch 1, **dc in next sc, ch 1, sc in center dc of next sm-shell, ch 1; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in 3rd ch for beginning ch—52 sc, 40 dc, 80 ch-1 sps and 4 corner ch-2 sps (13 sc, 10 dc and 20 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 17 (RS) Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-1 sp and in each st and ch-1 sp around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—180 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (45 sc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 18 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, [*ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, ch 1, sk next sc, **sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—96 sc, 92 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (24 sc and 23 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

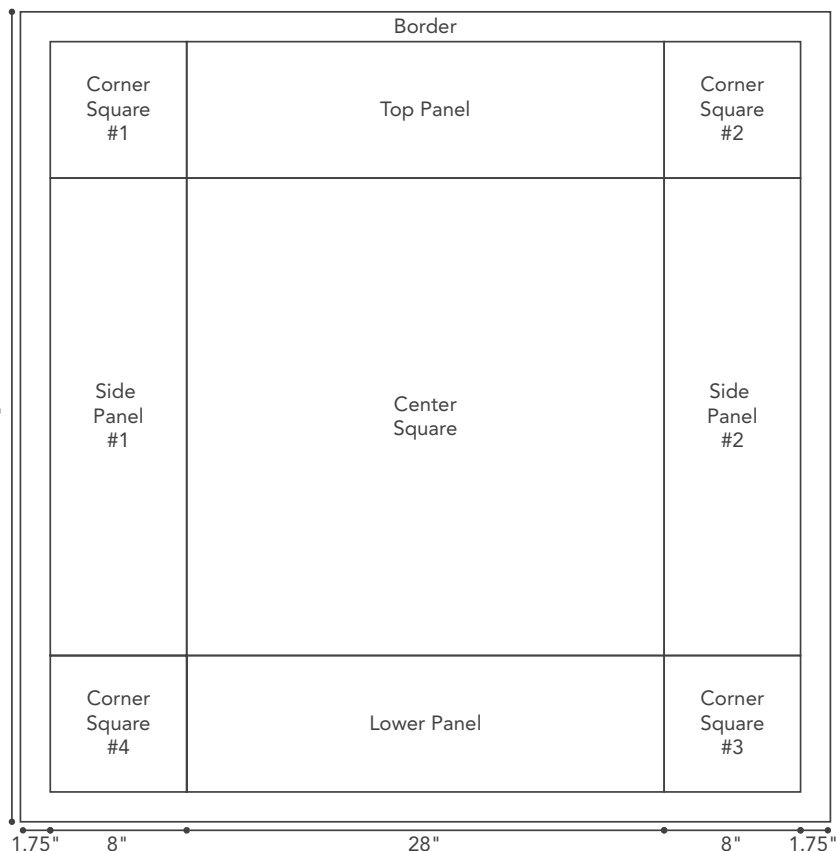
Round 19 Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—196 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (49 sc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 20 Ch 3, dc in each sc around working (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—212 dc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (53 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 21 Ch 1, sc in each dc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—220 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (55 sc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 22 (WS) Turn; sl st in next sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, [*ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc;

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repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, ch 1, sk next sc, **sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—116 sc, 112 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-2 sps (29 sc and 28 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 23 (RS) Repeat Round 17—236 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (59 sc between corner ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

Round 24 With RS facing, draw up a loop of B in 15th sc to the left of any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sc, [*ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to 2 sts before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, **sc in next sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—84 sc and 84 ch-2 sps (4 of these are corner ch-2 sps) (21 sc and 20 ch-2 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 25 Ch 1, skipping all ch-2 sps, sc in first sc, [*lg-shell in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner

ch-2 sp, lg-shell in next sc, sc in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, lg-shell in next sc, **sc in next sc, lg-shell in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—44 large shells and 44 sc (11 large shells and 10 sc between corner sc sts).

Round 26 (WS) Turn; sl st in each st to center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, [*lg-shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next lg-shell; repeat from * to next corner sc, 7 dc in corner sc, sc in center dc of next lg-shell] 4 times, lg-shell in next sc, **sc in center dc of next lg-shell, lg-shell in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—40 large shells, 44 sc and four 7-dc corners (10 large shells and 11 sc between 7-dc corners).

Round 27 (RS) Turn; sl st in each st to center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, [lg-shell in next sc, *sc in center dc of next lg-shell, lg-shell in next sc; repeat from * to next corner 7-dc group, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, lg-shell in next dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc] 4 times, lg-shell in next sc, **sc in center dc of next lg-shell, lg-shell in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—48

large shells (4 of these are corner shells), and 48 sc (11 large shells and 12 sc between corner shells).

Round 28 Ch 3, 2 dc in same sc as join, [ch 1, *sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1, sm-shell in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * to next corner lg-shell, sk next 2 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next dc (center dc of corner), ch 1, sk next 2 dc, sm-shell in next sc] 4 times, ch 1, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1, **sm-shell in next sc, ch 1, sc in center dc of next lg-shell, ch 1; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—48 small shells, 52 sc, 96 ch-1 sps, and 4 corner ch-3 sps (12 small shells, 13 sc, and 24 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 29 Ch 1, sc in each st and ch-1 sp around, working (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in each corner ch-3 sp; join with sl st in first sc—308 sc and 4 corner ch-2 sps (77 sc between corner ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

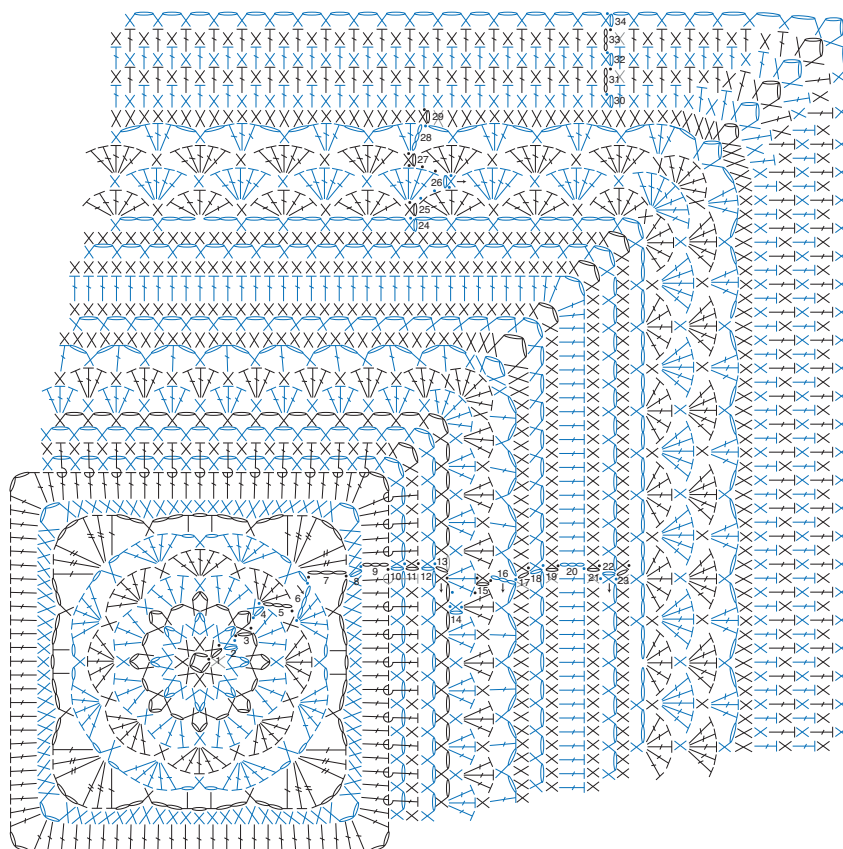
Round 30 With RS facing, draw up a loop of A in 10th sc to the left of any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sc, [*dc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to next corner ch-3 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, dc in next sc, **sc in next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—316 sts and 4 corner ch-2 sps (40 sc and 39 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 31 Ch 3, sc in next dc, [*dc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * to next corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, **dc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—324 sts and 4 corner ch-2 sps (41 sc and 40 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 32 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, *dc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * to next corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, dc in next st, **sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc—332 sts and 4 corner ch-2 sps (42 sc and 41 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 33 Repeat Round 31—340 sts and 4 corner ch-2 sps (43 sc and 42 dc between corner ch-2 sps).

Round 34 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, [*ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 1, sk next st, **sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first



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sc—348 sts and 4 corner ch-2 sps (44 sc and 43 ch-1 sps between corner ch-2 sps). Fasten off.

SIDE PANEL #1

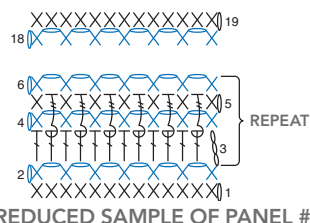
Row 1 With RS facing, draw up a loop of C in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same corner ch-2 sp and in each sc and ch-1 sp across to next corner ch-2 sp, sc in corner ch-2 sp.

Note You should have an odd number of stitches. If you do not have an odd number of stitches, work one additional stitch in the corner ch-2 sp.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, and in each remaining sc and ch-1 sp across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, *ch 1, sk next



dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *working in front of next ch-1 sp, FPtr around dc 2 rows below (in Row 3), sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next FPtr, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Rows 7–18 Repeat Rows 3–6 three times.

Row 19 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across. Fasten off.

SIDE PANEL #2

Working across opposite side edge of blanket, work same as Side Panel #1.

CORNER SQUARE #1

Row 1 With RS facing, and working in the ends of rows across one side edge of Side



Panel #1 (at top of blanket), draw up a loop of A in end of Row 1, ch 1, work 23 sc evenly spaced across side edge of panel—23 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Rows 4–23 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 ten times. Fasten off.

TOP PANEL

Place 10 stitch markers evenly spaced across top, inside edge of Corner Square #1, placing first marker at end of Row 1, last marker at end of Row 23, and 8 remaining markers evenly spaced between the first and last.

To join edge of Top Panel to edge of Corner Square #1, you will sl st at the marked locations on Corner Square #1 at the end of each right side row. Remove the markers as you go.

Row 1 With RS facing, Side Panel #1 and Corner Square #1 on left hand side, draw up a loop of C in corner ch-2 sp to the left of Row 1 of Side Panel #2 (in top right corner of Center Square), ch 1, sc in same corner ch-2 sp and in each sc and ch-1 sp across to next corner ch-2 sp, sc in corner ch-2 sp, sl st in first marked location on edge of Corner Square #1.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, and in

each remaining sc and ch-1 sp across, sl st in next marked location on edge of Corner Square #1.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *working in front of next ch-1 sp, FPtr around dc 2 rows below (in Row 3), sc in next sc; repeat from * across, sl st in next marked location on edge of Corner Square #1.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next FPtr, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Rows 7–18 Repeat Rows 3–6 three times.

Row 19 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across, sl st in end of Row 23 of Corner Square #1. Fasten off.

CORNER SQUARE #2

Place 12 stitch markers evenly spaced across top, inside edge of Top Panel, placing first marker at end of Row 1, last marker at end of Row 19, and 10 remaining markers evenly spaced between the first and last. To join edge of Corner Square #2 to edge of Top Panel, you will sl st at the marked locations on the Top Panel at the end of each right side row. Remove the markers as you go.

Row 1 With RS facing, Side Panel #2 on right hand side, and working across edge of Side Panel #2 (at top of blanket), draw up a loop of A in end of Row 19, ch 1, work 23 sc evenly

spaced across edge of panel, sl st in first marked location on edge of Top Panel—23 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across, sl st in next marked location on edge of Top Panel.

Rows 4–23 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 ten times. Fasten off.

CORNER SQUARE #3

Work same as Corner Square #1, working across lower edge of Side Panel #2.

LOWER PANEL

Work same as Top Panel, working across lower edge of Center Square and sl stitching edge to Corner Square #3.

CORNER SQUARE #4

Work same as Corner Square #2, working across lower edge of Side Panel #1 and sl stitching edge to Lower Panel.

FINISHING

Border

Round 1 With RS facing, draw up a loop of B in first sc in last row of any Panel, ch 1, sc evenly spaced around entire blanket, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner sc, and ensuring that there are 135 sc across each side, between ch-2 corner spaces; join with sl st in first sc—540 sc and 4 ch-2 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in first sc, [*ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to 1 st before next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] 4 times, ch 1, sk next sc, **sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 4 With RS facing, draw up a loop of D in last sc, ch 1, sc in same sc, [*sk next 2 sc, 6 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to next corner ch-2 sp, 6 dc in corner ch-2 sp, sc in next sc] 4 times, sk next 2 sc, 6 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, **sc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, 6 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Block lightly, if desired. 🌀

Santa Baby (and Kids)

All of these gifts deserve some milk and cookies in return! Keep little ones snug in crocheted blankets, sweaters, hats, and muff! Plus, make sure they stock their penguin backpack for their first trip to the North Pole. ❖❖❖❖





Kaleidoscope Afghan

Inspired by the whimsical patterns of the classic toy, this blanket's motifs start out as circles and end up as hexagons to create a color explosion.

BY MARTY MILLER

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #3729 Grape (A)
- 2 balls #9440 Light Grey Heather (B)
- 2 balls #9518 Teal (C)
- 2 balls #9275 Paprika (D)
- 2 balls #9522 Leaf (E)
- 1 ball #9770 Rose Blush (F)
- 2 balls #4604 Navy (G)
- 2 balls #9925 Really Red (H)
- 2 balls #9520 Seafoam (I)

Note For those colors requiring 2 balls, only a small amount of the 2nd ball is used.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Soft Yarn in Leaf



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Afghan measures approx. 43 x 56"/109 x 142cm

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of motif = 5.5"/14cm diameter.

One motif = 7.5"/19cm from corner to opposite corner.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Motifs are worked with right side facing at all times. Join, but do not turn, at the ends of rounds. Ensure that right side is facing when joining new color.

2 Leave at least a 6"/15cm tail at the beginning and end of rounds, to weave in later.

3 A join-as-you-go technique is used, when working Round 6, to join the motifs together. If preferred, the motifs can be sewn together as follows: After completing the motifs, arrange them according to the assembly diagram. Hold motifs together with wrong sides facing each other. With matching yarn, and working through both thicknesses, sew through back loops across the edge to be joined. Join the motifs into strips then sew the strips together.

FIRST MOTIF

With A, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), [dc in ring, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off A.

Round 2 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off B.

Round 3 With RS facing, join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off C.

Round 4 With RS facing, join D with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [4 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off D.

Round 5 With RS facing, join E with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same ch-1 sp, ch 4, [2 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 4] 11 times; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc and 12 ch-4 sps. Do not fasten off E.

Round 6 Continue with E, sl st in next sc, (sl st, ch 3, 4 dc, ch

1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp (first corner made), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, [(5 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp (corner made), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—90 dc and 18 ch-1 sps. Fasten off E.

MOTIFS 2–52

Work Rounds 1–5 of First Motif, using colors as indicated in the following color sequences.

Color Sequence 1 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with A, B, C, D, E.

Note The first motif counts as the first of these 3 motifs.

Color Sequence 2 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with F, G, H, I, A.

Color Sequence 3 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with B, C, D, E, F.

Color Sequence 4 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with G, H, I, A, B.

Color Sequence 5 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with C, D, E, F, G.

Color Sequence 6 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with H, I, A, B, C.

Color Sequence 7 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with D, E, F, G, H.

Color Sequence 8 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with I, A, B, C, D.

Color Sequence 9 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with E, F, G, H, I.

Color Sequence 10 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with I, H, G, F, E.

Color Sequence 11 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with D, C, B, A, I.

Color Sequence 12 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with H, G, F, E, D.

Color Sequence 13 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with C, B, A, I, H.

Color Sequence 14 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with G, F, E, D, C.

Color Sequence 15 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with B, A, I, H, G.

Color Sequence 16 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with F, E, D, C, B.

Color Sequence 17 (Make 2) Work 1 round each with A, I, H, G, F.

Tip The hexagons are attached as you work them, so no sewing is required.

Color Sequence 18 (Make 2) Work 1

round each with E, D, C, B, A.

Before working Round 6, refer to assembly diagram for placement of motif. Note the neighboring motifs to which the current motif is to be joined. You may wish to place a stitch marker in each side of the current motif that needs to be joined to a neighboring motif. If motifs are joined in the same order as shown in assembly diagram, at most three sides will need to be joined. The first side of the current motif is not joined to a neighboring motif. Then the 2nd side is worked and joined to the first neighbor. If there are more neighboring motifs, the 3rd and 4th sides are joined to these neighbors, one at a time. Finally, the remaining sides are worked, without being joined, to complete the current motif.

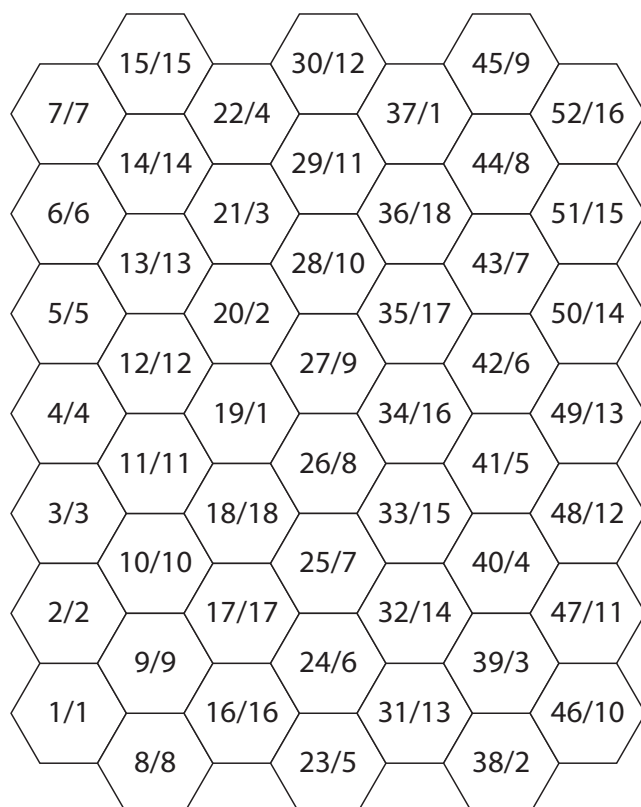
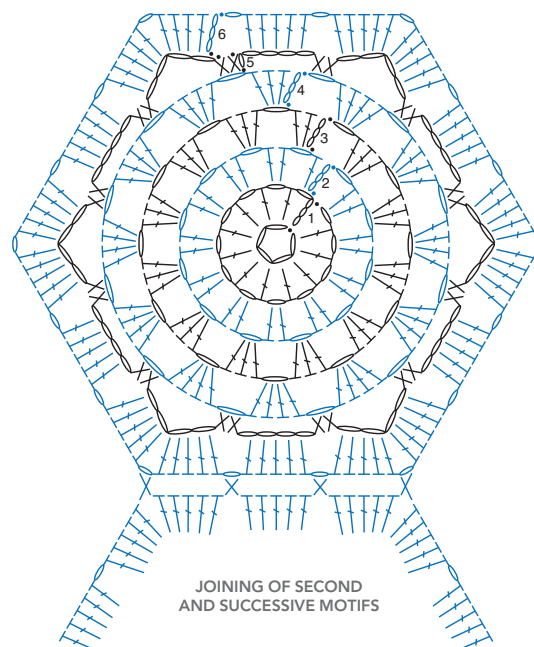
Note When working in a corner where two neighbors are already joined, work the joining sc into the body of the sc that

is joining the two neighbors.

Round 6 (joining round) Continue with 5th color, sl st in next sc, (sl st, ch 3, 4 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, sc in corresponding corner ch-1 sp of first neighboring motif, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp of current motif, *sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of neighboring motif, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp of current motif, sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of neighboring motif, (5 dc, sc in corresponding corner ch-1 sp of neighboring motif, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp of current motif; repeat from * until current motif has been joined to all neighboring motifs (at most 3), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, *(5 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in any remaining ends. 



The first number indicates the order in which the motifs should be worked and joined. The second number indicates the color sequence to be used for the motif.



Little Bo Sheep Hat

This Little Bo Peep won't lose her sheep when it's on top of her head! Make one in soft, fluffy yarn for girls and boys.

BY NOREEN CRONE-FINDLAY

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Clouds, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 140yd/128m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #9311 Cloud (A)
- 1 ball #9724 Pink Lemonade (B)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #311 White (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size N/15 (10mm) crochet hook, or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE



the yarn

Baby Clouds in Pink Lemonade



the yarn

Super Saver in White



SIZE

Hat Fits 12-36 months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18"/45.5cm circumference

GAUGE

With larger hook and A or B, 7 hdc and 5 hdc rows = 4"/10cm.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Row 1 With larger hook and A or B, ch 9, hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs do not count as a st), hdc in each remaining ch across—7 hdc.

Rows 2–5 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; hdc in first st and in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

HAT

Crown

With larger hook and A, ch 3, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc—8 hdc.

Round 2 Ch 2, 2 hdc in first hdc and in each hdc around; join with sl st in first hdc—16 hdc.

Round 3 Ch 2, 2 hdc in first hdc, hdc in next hdc, [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc] 7 times; join with sl st in first hdc—24 hdc.

Round 4 Ch 2, 2 hdc in first hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc, [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc] 7 times; join with sl st in first hdc—32 hdc.

Rounds 5 and 6 Ch 2, hdc in first hdc and in each hdc around; join with sl st in first hdc.

Back

Note Work now progresses in rows.

Row 7 Ch 2, hdc in first hdc and in next 20 hdc, leave remaining hdc unworked—21 hdc.

Rows 8 and 9 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first hdc and in each hdc across. Do not fasten off.

EDGING AND TIES

Round 1 Pivot piece, ch 1, sc in edge of Rows 9–7; working along front of hat, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in

next hdc, 3 tr in next hdc, 2 dc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts; sc in other edge of Rows 7–9; working along back of hat, ch 1, [sk next hdc, sc in next 2 hdc] 7 times; join with sl st in first sc—35 sts. Fasten off.

Round 2 With RS facing and smaller hook, join 2 strands of C with sl st in same st as joining, ch 36, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across (tie made), sc in same st as joining, sc in next 20 sts, ch 36, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across (tie made), sc in last 14 sts; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Outer Ear

With larger hook and A, ch 4.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—3 sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each remaining st—5 hdc at end of Row 3.

Rows 4 and 5 Ch 2, turn; sk first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc—3 hdc at end of Row 5. At end of Row 5, fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Inner Ear

With larger hook and B, ch 3.

Rows 1–5 Work same as Rows 1–5 on Outer Ear—1 less st in each row than in Outer Ear. Do not leave a long tail after fastening off.

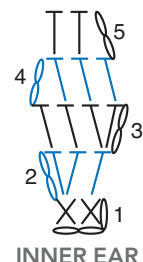
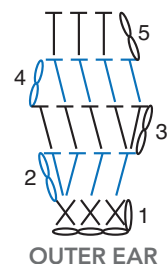
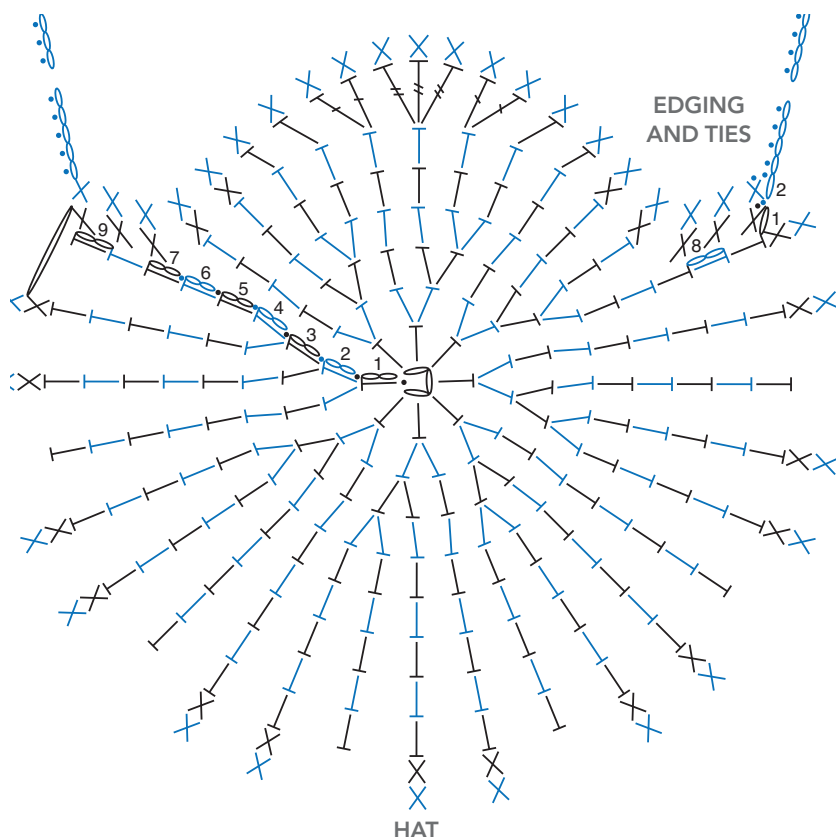
ASSEMBLY

With tails, stitch edges of Inner Ear and Outer Ears together. Stitch ears to sides of hat as shown in photograph.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 🌟





Tip To make a hat 16"/40.5cm in circumference, work same as 18"/45.5cm hat using M/13 (9mm) hook and gauge of 8 hdc=4"/10cm.



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A baby with blue eyes and a joyful expression is shown from the back, sitting on a white, fluffy rug. The baby is wearing a grey, textured crocheted sweater that features large, matching crocheted wings on the back. The baby's right hand is resting on a gift box wrapped in white paper with a red and green swirl pattern. The background is softly blurred, showing light-colored curtains and a warm, indoor setting.

Cherub Sweater & Booties

Dress a little angel in a sweet heirloom sweater with wings and matching booties for extra-cute holiday photos.

BY ELENA MALO

What You'll Need

YARN

SMC Catania, 1.75oz/50g balls, each approx 137yd/125m (cotton)

- 5 (5) balls #0172 Silver

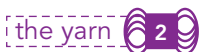
CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook, or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook, or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- 2 buttons (for booties)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



Catania in Silver



SIZES

0–6 (6–12) months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 18.5 (20)"/47 (51)cm

Length 10.5 (11.5)"/26.5 (29)cm

GAUGE

19 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over sc FL with larger hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 20.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—19 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn, sc FL in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SWEATER

Back

With larger hook, ch 45 (49).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—44 (48) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 7

(7.5)"/18 (19)cm from beginning.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sl st in next sc, sc FL in each sc across to last 2 sc; leave last 2 sc unworked—40 (44) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 10 (11)"/25.5 (28)cm from beginning.

Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each of first 13 (15) sc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for back neck and second shoulder)—13 (15) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sl st in next 4 sc, sc FL in last 8 (10) sc—8 (10) sc. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

Sk next 14 unworked sc following first shoulder; with larger hook, join yarn with sl st in next sc.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc FL in same sc as join, sc in each remaining sc across—13 (15) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in first 8 (10) sc; leave remaining 5 sc unworked—8 (10) sc. Fasten off.

Front

Work same as Back until piece measures 8.5 (9.5)"/21.5 (24)cm from beginning.

Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each of first 15 (17) sc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for front neck and second shoulder)—15 (17) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc2tog, sc FL in each remaining sc across—13 (15) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across to last st; leave last st unworked—12 (14) sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in each remaining sc across—11 (13) sc.

Rows 5 and 6 Repeat Rows 3 and 4—9 (11) sc.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3—8 (10) sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn, sc FL in each sc across. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

Sk next 10 unworked sc following first shoulder; with larger hook, join yarn with sl st in next sc.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc FL in same sc as join, sc in each remaining sc across—15 (17) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across to last 3 sc, sc2tog; leave last sc unworked—13 (15) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in each

remaining sc across—12 (14) sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across to last sc; leave last sc unworked—11 (13) sc.

Rows 5 and 6 Repeat Rows 3 and 4—9 (11) sc.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3—8 (10) sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across. Fasten off.

Sleeves (Make 2)

With larger hook, ch 29 (31).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—28 (30) sc.

Rows 2–6 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across.

Row 7 (Increase) Ch 1, turn; sc FL in first st, 2 sc FL in next st, sc FL in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 sc FL in next st, sc FL in next st—30 (32) sc.

Rows 8–19 (25) Repeat last 6 rows 2 (3) more times—34 (38) sc.

Row 20 (26) Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 6 (7)"/15 (18)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

Wings (Make 4—2 front wings and 2 back wings)

With larger hook, ch 13.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—12 sc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across to last 2 sc, 2 sc FL in each of last 2 sc—16 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across to last 2 sc, 2 sc FL in each of last 2 sc—19 sc.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc FL in last sc—22 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc FL in last sc—24 sc.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across—26 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc FL in last sc—27 sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc FL in first sc, sc FL in each sc across—28 sc.

Rows 9 and 10 Repeat Rows 7 and 8—30 sc.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in each sc to last sc, 2 sc FL in last sc.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each sc across.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in next 17 sc; leave remaining sts unworked for tip of wing—17 sc.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sl st in next sc, sc FL in each sc across to last sc; leave last sc unworked—14 sc.



Simple stitches add interest without a lot of fuss.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in each sc across to last sc; leave last sc unworked—12 sc. Fasten off.

Tip of Wing

Row 13 With RS facing, sk next 7 unworked sts of Row 12; join yarn with sc FL in next sc, sc FL in each sc across—5 sc.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in next 4 sc; leave remaining sc unworked—4 sc.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc FL in remaining 3 sc—3 sc. Fasten off.

Front Wing Edging (Work around 2 wings)

With RS facing and smaller hook, join yarn with sl st anywhere in edge of wing.

Round 1 Sl st evenly spaced all the way around edge; join with sl st in first st.

Note For best results, work a multiple of 4 sl sts.

Round 2 Ch 1, *sc BL in next 3 sl sts, insert hook in BL of next sl st and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), ch 3, yarn over and draw

through both loops on hook (picot made); repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Back Wing Edging (Work around other 2 wings)

With wrong side facing and smaller hook, work same as front wing edging.

Wing Center Ring

With smaller hook, ch 11.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 sc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Sew short edges of strip together to form a ring.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Side Edging

With RS facing and larger hook, join yarn with

sl st in lower edge of front at corner, to work across side edge.

Row 1 (RS) Sl st in each st all the way across side edge of front and back to lower back corner. Fasten off.

Row 2 With RS facing and larger hook, join yarn with sc BL in first sl st of Row 1, sc BL in each st across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With RS facing and larger hook, join yarn with sl st in lower edge of back at corner, to work across side edge. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 to edge other side.

Seam Sides

Fold across shoulders, bringing RS of front and back together. With yarn needle and using tails, working from WS, whipstitch side edges together (leaving armholes open), sewing through one loop only of each sc.

Seam Sleeves

Repeat Side Edging across side edges of both Sleeves. Whipstitch Sleeve seams in same manner as side seams. Sew Sleeves into armholes.

Best Gifts 2012

Comfy Cozy Hat & Muff

Little girls will love this cozy set—pompom yarn makes it super soft and cuddly!

BY LINDA CYR



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Moon & Stars, 1.75 oz/50g balls, each approx 110yd/100m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 balls #3001 Snow (A)

RED HEART Pomp-a-Doodle, 3.5 oz/100g balls, each approx 54yd/50m (polyester)

- 1 ball #9955 Berries & Cream (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**

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Moon & Stars in Snow



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Pomp-a-Doodle in Berries & Cream



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Hat Approx 21"/53.5cm circumference

Muff Approx 13"/33cm circumference (at widest) and 8.5"/21.5cm long

GAUGE

11 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm over half

double crochet using A.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With A, ch 13.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—11 hdc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Hat and Muff are worked in continuous spiral. Do not join rounds and do not turn at beginning of rounds. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

HAT

With A, ch 3.

Round 1 (WS) 5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; do not join—5 hdc.

Round 2 Work 2 hdc in each hdc around—10 hdc.

Round 3 [Hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 5 times—15 hdc.

Round 4 [Hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 5 times—20 hdc.

Round 5 [Hdc in next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, place a marker in hdc just made] 5 times—25 hdc.

Note The markers placed in Round 5 indicate where increases are to be made. Move the markers up as each round is worked. In the following rounds work 2 hdc in each of the marked sts (except the marked st for the beginning of the round).

Rounds 6–11 [Hdc in each hdc to next marker, 2 hdc in marked hdc] 5 times—55 hdc.

Rounds 12–16 Hdc in each hdc around.

Round 17 Drop A (do not cut), join B with sc in next hdc; keeping all pompoms on the back side (RS), sc in each remaining hdc around.

Note The back side, where the pompoms appear, will serve as the outside (RS) of the Hat.

Round 18 Drop B (do not cut), pick up A and sc in each sc around.

Round 19 Drop A and pick up B; keeping all pompoms on the back side, sc in each sc around.

Rounds 20–23 Repeat Rounds 18 and 19 twice. Fasten off B.

Round 24 With A, dc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Fold last dc round to the inside (WS).

With sewing needle and matching thread, sew in place. Turn hat RS out (pompoms to the outside).

Earflaps

With RS facing, join A with sl st anywhere along edge of hat.

Row 1 Sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next 2 sts; leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 2 Turn; sk the sl sts, 2 dc in first dc, dc in next dc, 5 dc in next dc (center dc of 5-dc group), dc in next dc, 2 dc in last dc, sk next sl st, sl st in next 2 sts of edge of hat.

Row 3 Turn; sk the sl sts, 2 dc in first dc, dc in next 4 dc, 5 dc in next dc (center dc of 5-dc group), dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in last dc, sl st in next 2 sts of edge of hat. Fasten off. Sk next 16 unworked sts along edge of hat and join A in next st; repeat Rows 1–3 for other earflap.

Ties (Make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—20 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 5 times—10 sc.

Round 8 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sc.

Round 9 [Insert hook in next sc and draw up a loop] 5 times, yarn over and draw through all 6 loops on hook, work 14"/35.5cm of ch sts. Fasten off.

Sew the end of one tie to the point of each earflap.

Tip When working with *Pomp-a-Doodle*, take care to crochet with the thin sections of the strand only. Do not pull the pompoms through the stitches. Leave the pompoms on the back side of the work.

Pompom

Work as for tie, but do not work the 14"/35.5cm ch. Fasten off.

Finishing

Sew pompom to top of Hat. Weave in ends.

MUFF

With A, ch 38; taking care not to twist ch, join with sl st in first ch.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in same ch as join, dc in each remaining ch around, do not join.

Rounds 2–5 Dc in each st around.

Round 6 Drop A (do not cut), join B with sc in next st; keeping all pompoms on the back side (right side), sc in each remaining st around.

Round 7 Drop B (do not cut), pick up A and sc in each sc around.

Round 8 Drop A and pick up B; keeping all pompoms on the back side, sc in each sc around.

Rounds 9–12 Repeat Rounds 7 and 8 twice. Fasten off B.

Rounds 13–23 With A, hdc in each st around.

Rounds 24–30 Repeat Rounds 6–12.

Rounds 31–36 With A, dc in each st around. Fasten off.

Neck Tie

With 2 strands of A held together, work 44"/112cm of ch sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Keep pompoms on the outside, and with sewing needle and thread sew beginning round to last round. Arrange Muff so seam is on the inside. Thread neck tie through Muff and tie ends together. Weave in ends. 🌀

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Give kids this adorable bag to tote school supplies and sleepover essentials this fall.

BY ANA PAULA RIMOLI

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #312 Black (A)
- 1 skein #347 Light Periwinkle (B)
- 1 skein #321 Gold (C)
- 1 skein #332 Ranch Red (D)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Zipper, 7"/18cm in light blue or color of choice
- Craft felt, small pieces of black and white
- Polyester fiberfill
- White and black sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

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Super Saver in Light Periwinkle

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 9"/23cm

Height Approx 13"/33cm

Bottom diameter Approx 6.5"/16.5cm

GAUGE

16 sc and 18 sc rows = 4"/10cm.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE

Pieces that are worked in rounds are worked in a continuous spiral without joining. To help keep place, insert stitch marker in last st of round and move marker up to last st in each round as work progresses.

PENGUIN HEAD AND FACE

Beak

With C, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc. Do not join.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 Sc in each sc around.

Round 4 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Rounds 5 and 6 Sc in each sc around. At end of Round 6, join with sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff a little and set beak aside.

Head

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.



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Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8 [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 9 [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 10 [Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—60 sc.

Round 11 [Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—66 sc.

Round 12 [Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—72 sc.

Rounds 13–28 Sc in each sc around.

Round 29 [Sc in next 10 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—66 sc.

Round 30 Sc in each sc around.

Round 31 [Sc in next 9 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—60 sc.

Round 32 Sc in each sc around. Do not fasten off.

Round 33 [Sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 34 [Sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 35 [Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 36 [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 37 [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 38 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc. Stuff head.

Round 39 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 40 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 41 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail. Weave tail through sts on last round to close up head.

Eyes (Make 2)

Cut a 2"/5cm diameter circle from white felt and a 1"/2.5cm diameter circle from black felt. Using matching sewing thread, sew black circle on top of white circle and assembled circles to Head, as shown in photograph, or as desired. Using tail, sew Beak in place, as shown in photograph.

Ear Muffs (Make 2)

With D, ch 2.

Rounds 1–5 Work same as Rounds 1–5 on Head—30 sc at end of Round 5.

Rounds 6–8 Sc in each sc around; join with sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff Ear Muffs and sew to sides of Head.

Ear Muff Strap

With D, loosely ch 35.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—34 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off. Sew ends of Strap to sides of Head between Ear Muffs, with Strap going across top of Head.

POCKET INSERT

With C, loosely ch 19.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—18 sc.

Rows 2–17 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

At end of Row 17, fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Set Pocket Insert aside.

BAG/BODY

Starting at bottom with B, ch 2.

Rounds 1–12 Work same as Rounds 1–12 on Head—72 sc at end of Round 12.

Rounds 13 and 14 Sc in each sc around.

Round 15 Sc in BL of each sc around.

Rounds 16–40 Sc in each sc around.

Round 41 Sc in next 29 sc, ch 14, sk next 14 sc, sc in next 29 sc—58 sc and 1 ch-14 sp. Pocket opening started.

Round 42 Sc in next 29 sc, 14 sc in next ch-14 sp, sc in next 29 sc—72 sc. Pocket opening finished.

Rounds 43–46 Sc in each sc around.

Turn Bag inside out. Center and align top edge of Pocket Insert with top edge of pocket opening of Bag (14 chs covered with 14 sc on Round 42), with Pocket Insert overlapping Rounds 25–41. Using tail on Pocket Insert, sew all around perimeter of Pocket Insert (inserting needle only through front of stitches so yarn is not visible on right side of Bag) to form pocket.

Note Do not sew Pocket Insert to top edge of pocket opening on Round 40.

Round 47 [Sc in next 10 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—66 sc.

Round 48 Sc in each sc around.

Round 49 [Sc in next 9 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—60 sc.

Round 50 Sc in each sc around.

Round 51 [Sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 52 Sc in next 44 sc, ch 10, sk next 10 sc—44 sc and 10 chs.

Zipper Opening

Round 53 Ch 10 (added to previous ch 10, counts as ch-20 sp), sk next 10 sc, sc in next 34 sc, 10 sc in next ch-20 sp—44 sc and 10 chs.

Round 54 Work 10 more sc in same ch-20

sp, sc in next 44 sc—54 sc. Zipper opening made.

Rounds 55 and 56 Sc in each sc around. At end of Round 56, join with sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. With tail, sew zipper in place in ch-20 opening formed on Rounds 52–54. Sew top of Body to bottom of Head.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Starting at bottom with A, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 Sc in each sc around.

Round 4 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Rounds 7–19 Sc in each sc around.

Round 20 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Rounds 21–23 Sc in each sc around. At end of Round 23, join with sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Sew open end together and sew top of Wings to sides of Body as shown in photograph. **Note** Wings are not stuffed.

FEET (MAKE 2)

With C, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side) Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Rounds 4–9 Sc in each sc around. At end of Round 9, join with sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Flatten Feet and sew end of Feet to front, bottom edge of Body, as shown in photo.

BACKPACK STRAPS (MAKE 2)

With D, loosely ch 76.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—75 sc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 5 Turn; sl st in each sc across.

Fasten off. Sew ends of Straps to back of Head and to back, bottom edge of Body, as shown in photo.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 🌟

Let It Snow Sweaters

Cross-stitch embellishment makes these basic sweaters extra fun. Stitch one or both for siblings or cousins—the blue and white palette suits both girls and boys.

BY ELENA MALO

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
- 2 (2, 2, 3) balls #9800 Baby Blue (A)
 - 1 ball #9600 White (B)

Note Reverse colors for white sweater.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook (for edging only)

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY



the yarn



Soft Baby Steps in Baby Blue



SIZES

2 (4, 6, 8) years

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 24 (26, 28, 30)"/61 (66, 71, 76)cm

Length 12.5 (13.5, 14.5, 16.5)"/32 (34.5, 37, 42)cm, including edging

GAUGE

12 sts and 14 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With larger hook, ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each

remaining ch across—12 sc.

Rows 2–14 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BACK

With larger hook and A, ch 38 (40, 44, 46).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—37 (39, 43, 45) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 6 (6.5, 7.5, 9)"/15 (16.5, 19, 23)cm from beginning.

Shape Armholes

Next Row Ch 1, turn; sl st over first 2 (2, 3, 3) sc, sc in each remaining sc across to last 2 (2, 3, 3) sc; leave remaining sts unworked—33 (35, 37, 39) sc.

Next Row Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 10.5 (11.5, 12.5, 14.5)"/26.5 (29, 32, 37)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as Back until piece measures 8.5 (9.5, 10.5, 12.5)"/21.5 (24, 26.5, 32)cm from beginning.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 11 (12, 13, 14) sc; leave remaining sts unworked for neck and second shoulder—11 (12, 13, 14) sc.

Row 2 (Decrease row) Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in each remaining sc across—10 (11, 12, 13) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 4–7 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—8 (9, 10, 11) sc.

Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Sk 11 unworked sts following first shoulder, with larger hook, join A with sl st in next st.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each remaining st across—11 (12, 13, 14) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 (decrease row) Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in each remaining sc across—10 (11, 12, 13) sc.

Rows 4–7 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—8 (9, 10, 11) sc.

Fasten off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

With larger hook and A, ch 21 (24, 24, 27)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 (23, 23, 26) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 (Increase row) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—22 (25, 25, 28) sc.

Rows 4–10 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 11 (Increase row) Repeat Row 3—24 (27, 27, 30) sc.

Rows 12–27 Repeat Rows 4–11 twice—28 (31, 31, 34) sc.

Row 28 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 9 (10, 10.5, 11.5)"/23 (25.5, 26.5, 29)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With B and beginning on center stitch 2 rows below neckline, embroider cross stitch snowflake from chart onto front of sweater. Sew shoulder and side seams. Sew sleeve seams and set in sleeves.

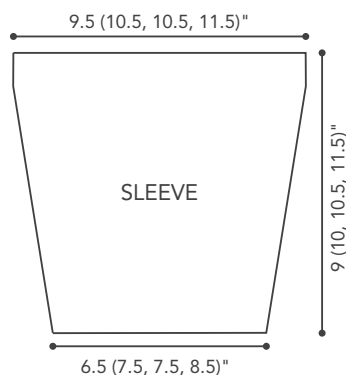
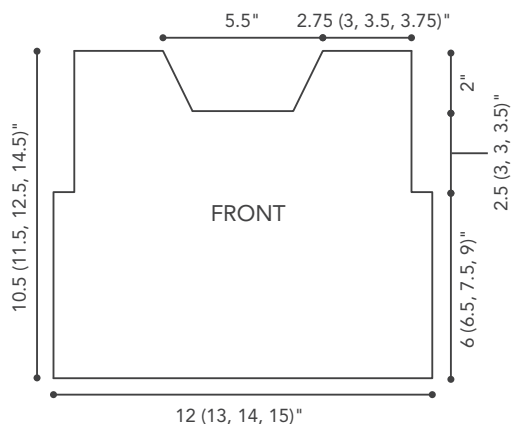
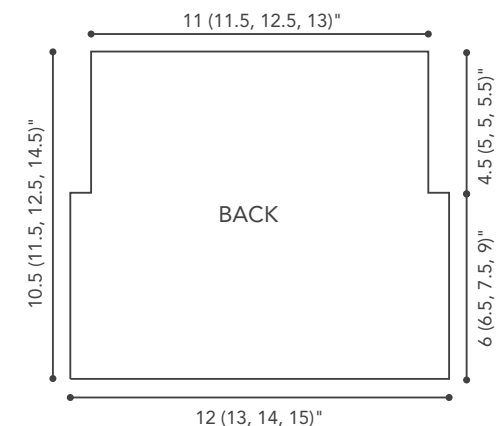
Neck Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join B with



*Nothing beats
a handmade sweater
on a cold winter day!*

Tip Create a blizzard on this design by embroidering smaller cross-stitch snowflakes over the sleeves and back of the sweater.



sc in neck edge at one shoulder seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around neck edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in lower edge of sleeve at seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around sleeve edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off. Repeat around other sleeve edge.

Lower Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in lower edge at one side seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around lower edge; join with sl st in first sc.

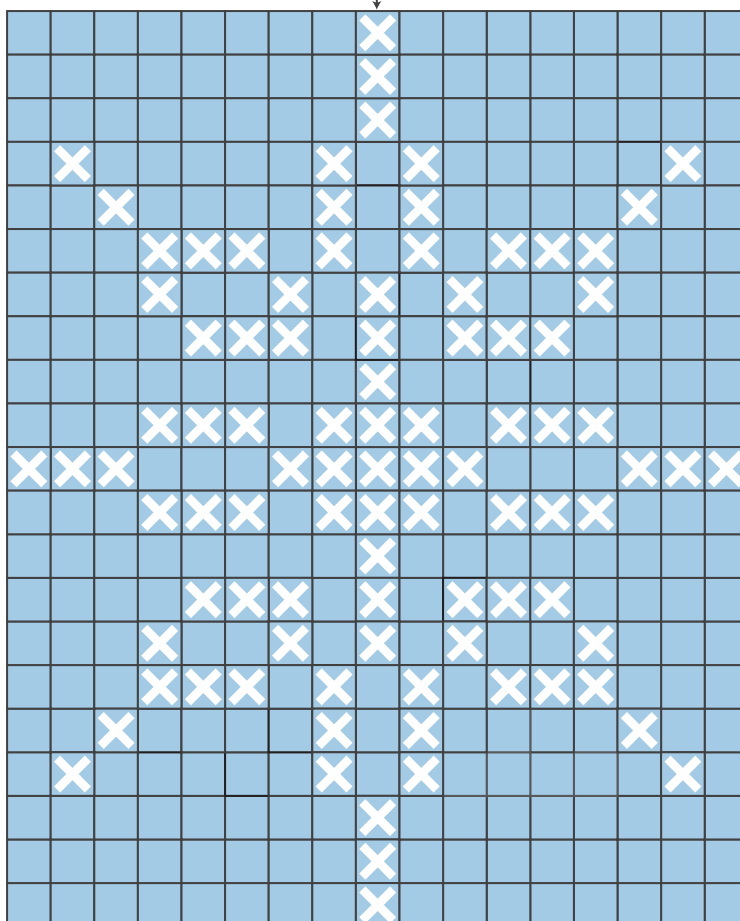
Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sl st loosely in each sc around; join with sl st in first sl st.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. ❄️

Center stitch
2 rows below neck edge





Stocking Cap

Get your kids in the holiday spirit with this colorful striped cap, topped off with a festive tassel.

BY LINDA PERMANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Kids, 5oz/141g skeins, each approx 290yds/265m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #2652 Lime (A)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Tassel maker or 3"/7.5cm x 5"/12.5cm piece of thick cardboard
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



the yarn

Kids in Lime



SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FPdc (front post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (back post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference Approx 18.5"/47cm (stretches to fit 20"/51cm head)

Length Approx 21"/53.5cm (excluding tassel)

GAUGE

12 sts and 8 rows in pattern (3 rows dc, 1 row

sc) = 4"/10cm square.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—12 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in first skipped ch.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st and in each st across, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—12 sc.

Row 5 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across—12 dc.

Rows 6 and 7 Repeat Row 3, 2 times.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color until needed again, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Continue with new color until next color change.

CAP

Starting at bottom with A, ch 56; join with sl st to form a ring, being careful not to twist chs.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next ch and in each remaining ch around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—56 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 3 Repeat Round 2, changing to B in joining sl st.

Round 4 With B, ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc, changing to A—56 sc.

Rounds 5–7 With A, repeat Round 2, 3 times, changing to B in joining sl st on last round.

Round 8 Repeat Round 4.

Rounds 9 and 10 With A, repeat Round 2, 2 times.

Round 11 Ch 3, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—52 dc.

Round 12 Repeat Round 4—52 sc.

Round 13 With A, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—48 dc.

Round 14 Repeat Round 2.

Round 15 Ch 3, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—44 dc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 4—44 sc.

Round 17 With A, ch 3, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—40 dc.

Round 18 Repeat Round 2.

Round 19 Ch 3, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—36 dc.

Round 20 Repeat Round 4—36 sc.

Round 21 With A, ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—32 dc.

Round 22 Repeat Round 2.

Round 23 Ch 3, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—28 dc.

Round 24 Repeat Round 4—28 sc.

Round 25 With A, ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—24 dc.

Round 26 Repeat Round 2.

Round 27 Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—20 dc.

Round 28 Repeat Round 4—20 sc.

Round 29 With A, ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—16 dc.

Rounds 30 and 31 Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Round 32 Repeat Round 4—16 sc.

Round 33 With A, ch 3, dc in next st, dc2tog, [dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc.

Rounds 34 and 35 Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Round 36 Repeat Round 4—12 sc. Fasten off B, leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail to secure tassel.

Round 37 With A, ch 3, dc2tog, [dc in next st,

dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—8 dc.

Round 38 Ch 2, dc in next st (counts as first dc2tog), [dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—4 dc.

Round 39 Repeat Round 2. Fasten off, leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail to secure tassel.

Edging

Round 1 With RS facing and cap turned upside down, join B with sl st in ch at base of first dc on Round 1, ch 2 (does not count as a st), FPdc around first dc, BPdc around next dc, *FPdc around next dc, BPdc around next dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc—28 FPdc and 28 BPdc.

Rounds 2 and 3 Ch 2 (does not count as

a st), *FPdc around FPdc, BPdc around BPdc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc.

Fasten off.

TASSEL

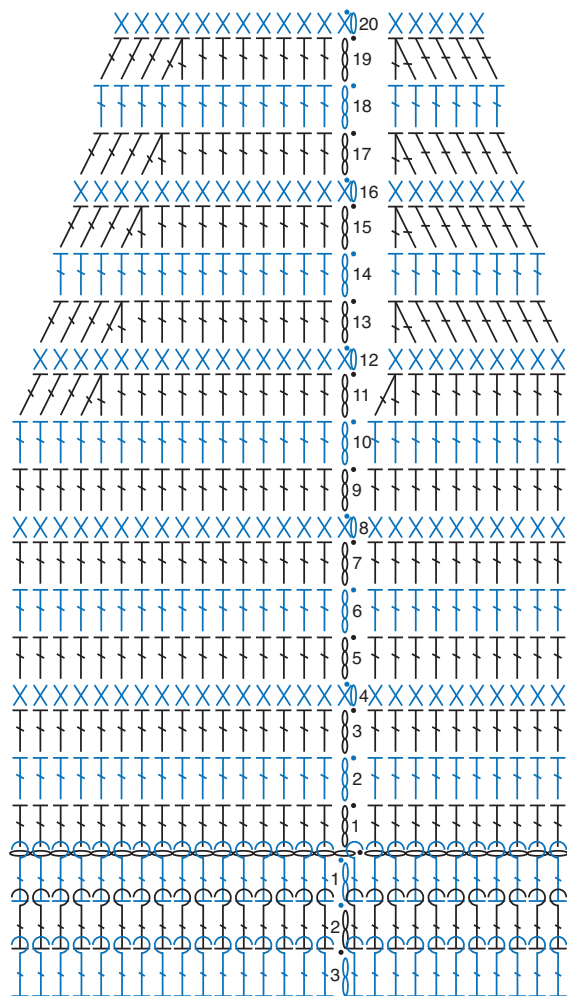
Follow instructions on tassel maker package to make a tassel, or cut a 3"/7.5cm x 5"/12.5cm piece of cardboard. About 1 1/2" away from one short edge of cardboard, cut a 1.5"/4cm long x .25"/.5cm wide notch parallel to short edge of cardboard. Wrap B around long edges of cardboard approx 30 times, then slide yarn over cut notch. Cut a 12"/30.5cm piece of B. Thread piece of B through notch and around wrapped yarn twice. Tie yarn ends in a tight knot to secure tassel strands. Tuck

ends into long end of tassel. Thread yarn needle with tails of A and B at top of cap. Thread tails through loops at top end of tassel (end closest to tied yarn around tassel), then back through cap twice. Tie tails in a knot on WS of cap. Cut wrapped long ends of tassel open and remove tassel from cardboard. Trim long ends, as desired.

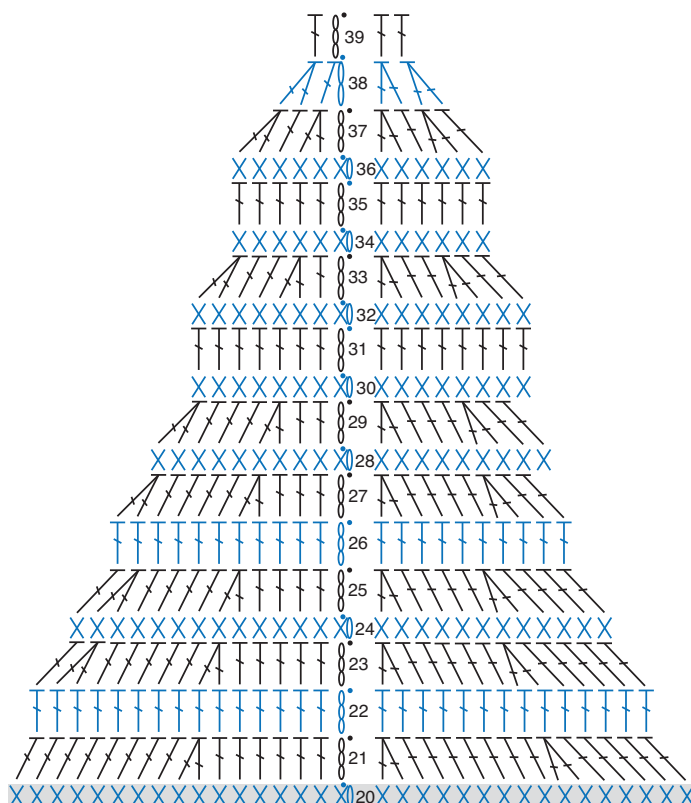
FINISHING

Weave in ends. 🌀

Tip For a multicolored tassel, wrap both A and B (at the same time) around cardboard approximately 15 times and finish tassel as directed.



ROUNDS 1-20 AND EDGING

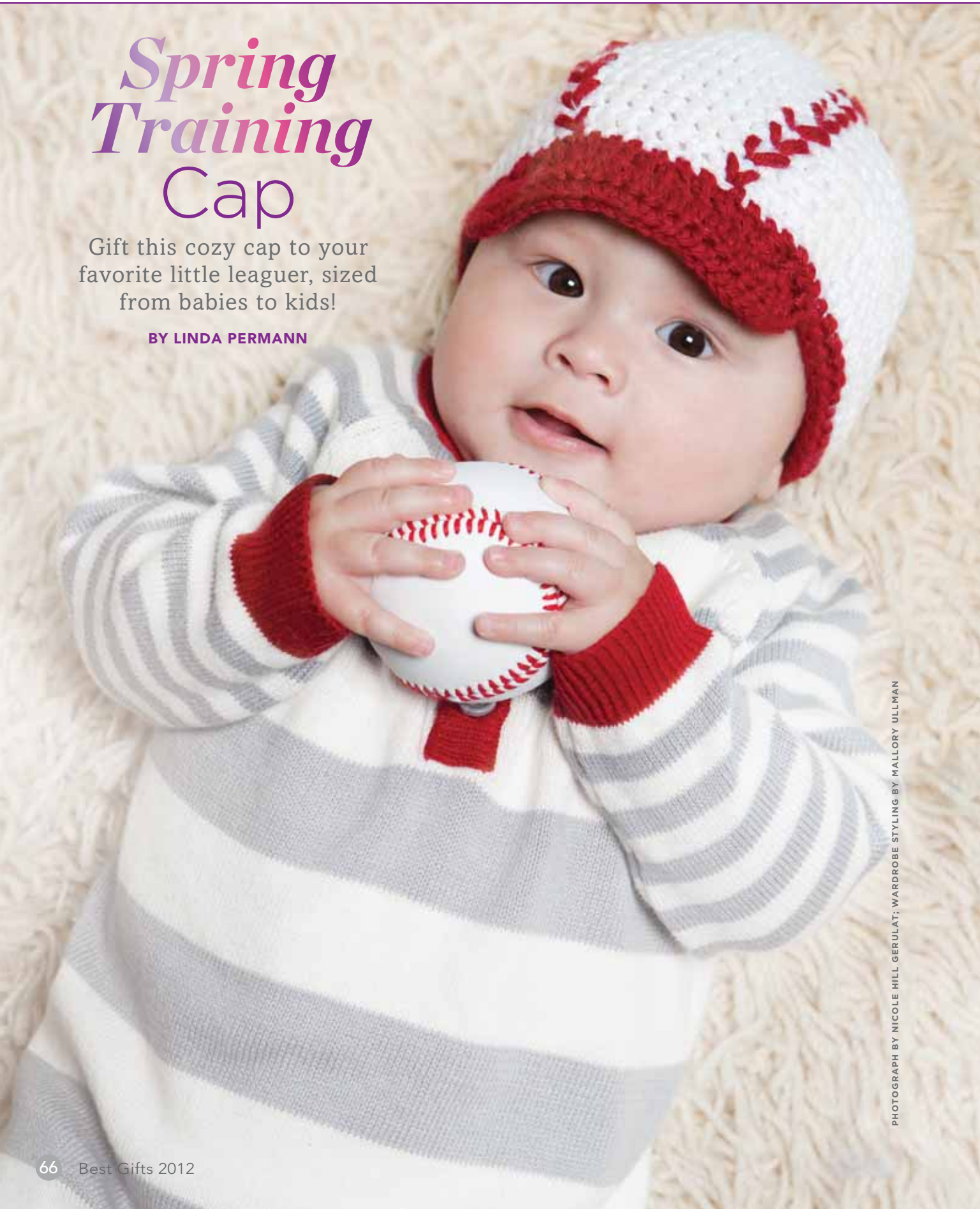


ROUNDS 20-39

Spring Training Cap

Gift this cozy cap to your favorite little leaguer, sized from babies to kids!

BY LINDA PERMANN



PHOTOGRAPH BY NICOLE HILL GERULAT; WARDROBE STYLING BY MALLORY ULLMAN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/141g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #4600 White (A)
- 1 ball #4608 Wine (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (4.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Tailor's chalk
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Soft in Wine



SIZES

Fits Baby/Toddler (Child)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference Approx 15"/38cm (18/45.5cm), unstretched

Height Approx 5.5"/14cm (6"/15)cm from crown to bottom

GAUGE

Rounds 1–5 = 5"/12.5cm diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Ch 1 to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work sts of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

CAP

Starting at crown with A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2

Tip To make the sides even, embroider the first half of the Vs on one side of the drawn line, then embroider other half of the Vs.



dc in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—48 dc.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—60 dc.

Child Size Only

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—72 dc.

All Sizes

Rounds 6–12 (7–14) Ch 3, dc in next dc and in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—60 (72) dc.

At end of last round, fasten off.

Note Try on Cap to check size before fastening off. Add rounds now if Cap is not long enough.

Round 13 (15) With RS facing, join B with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—60 (72) sc. Fasten off.

Brim

Row 1 With RS facing, join B with sl st in 22nd (26th) st after joining, sk next st, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 (5) sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 (5) sts, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next

st—18 (22) dc.

Row 2 Sl st in next 2 sts, turn; 2 dc in each of first 3 dc of Brim, dc in next 4 (6) sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 (6) sts, 2 dc in each of last 3 sts, sk next st on bottom edge, sl st in next st—26 (30) dc.

Round 3 Turn; working in sts of Brim, [sc in next dc, 2 sc in next dc] 3 times, sc in next 14 (18) sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each remaining st around bottom edge; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

EMBROIDERY

Flatten Cap so bottom edge lines up and brim is folded in half. With tailor's chalk, draw a semi-circular curve line along left side of Cap (see photo). Repeat on right side of Cap. These lines indicate where baseball sts are embroidered.

Thread yarn needle with double strand of B. Starting at end of line above brim, insert needle from inside to outside of Cap, through bottom-most dc that is closest to drawn line. Reinsert needle from outside to inside of Cap, one row up and one st to the right of the original dc, then insert needle from inside to outside through the st that is located two sts to the left on the same row. Reinsert needle from outside to inside in original dc one row below and pull taut—this creates a V-shaped st. Continue embroidering Vs in same manner all along drawn line. Repeat on other side of Cap.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 

Ballpark Blankie

Get an early start on baseball season with a sporty throw for budding fans. To score extra points this holiday, make it in your team's colors.

BY ELLEN GORMLEY

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
- 3 skeins #311 White (A)
 - 1 skein #381 Light Blue (A)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers or safety pins
- Straight pins
- Parchment paper
- Pencil, ruler, and paper scissors

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Super Saver in White



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

surface sl st Make a slip knot, but do not place it on hook. Hold slip knot on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric through to the wrong side. Place slip knot on hook, draw loop to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through next desired st or sp, yarn over, draw loop to right side and through loop on hook (surface sl st made). To end a line of surface sl sts, draw up a loop on the right side of fabric. Remove hook from loop and take hook to wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from wrong side to right side, place loop on hook, draw loop through to wrong side of fabric. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Draw tail through final loop and pull tight.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 36"/91.5cm diameter

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 = 4"/10cm diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

THROW

With A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 2 (counts as dc now and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 2, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each dc around; join—24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 2, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 2, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—48 dc.

Round 5 Ch 2, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—60 dc.

Round 6 Ch 2, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—72 dc.

Round 7 Ch 2, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—84 dc.

Round 8 Ch 2, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—96 dc.

Round 9 Ch 2, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—108 dc.

Round 10 Ch 2, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—120 dc.

Round 11 Ch 2, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from

* around; join—132 dc.

Round 12 Ch 2, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—144 dc.

Round 13 Ch 2, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—156 dc.

Round 14 Ch 2, dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—168 dc.

Round 15 Ch 2, dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—180 dc.

Round 16 Ch 2, dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—192 dc.

Round 17 Ch 2, dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—204 dc.

Round 18 Ch 2, dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 16 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—216 dc.

Round 19 Ch 2, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc; [dc in next 17 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 9 dc; join—228 dc.

Round 20 Ch 2, dc in next 17 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 18 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—240 dc.

Round 21 Ch 2, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc; [dc in next 19 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 10 dc; join—252 dc.

Round 22 Ch 2, dc in next 19 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 20 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—264 dc.

Round 23 Ch 2, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc; [dc in next 21 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 11 dc; join—276 dc.

Round 24 Ch 2, dc in next 21 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 22 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—288 dc.

Round 25 Ch 2, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next



dc; [dc in next 23 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 12 dc; join—300 dc.

Round 26 Ch 2, dc in next 23 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 24 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—312 dc.

Round 27 Ch 2, dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next dc; [dc in next 25 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 13 dc; join—324 dc.

Round 28 Ch 2, dc in next 25 dc, 2 dc in next dc; *dc in next 26 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—336 dc.

Round 29 Ch 2, dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc; [dc in next 27 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; dc in last 14 dc; join—348 dc.

Round 30 (Ch 1, sl st) in next st and in each st around; ch 1, join with sl st in first sl st—348 chs, 348 sl sts. Fasten off.

MAKING TEMPLATE

To make template for working curved stitch lines on throw, draw and cut a large, curved half circle template approx 12"/30.5cm radius (24"/61cm diameter) from parchment paper.

STITCHING ON BASEBALL

Referring to photo for placement, work long, curved stitch lines and short, angled stitch lines on RS of throw using B and surface slip stitches with template pinned in place. Center of curved edge of semi-circle template should be lined up on round 8 of throw. Space angled stitch lines approx 2.25"/5.5cm apart along curved stitch lines.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 🌀

Pair with our Spring Training Cap on page 66!

HOME RUN GIFT!



Cotton Candy Blanket

Give baby a taste of the sweet life with this snuggly, warm blanket. Stitched in soft, lofty yarn, it's fluffy as a cloud and warm as can be!

BY ELLEN K. GORMLEY

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Clouds, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 140yd/128m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #9025 Blue Sky (A)
- 1 skein #9311 Cloud (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size N/15 (10mm) crochet hook, or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



Baby Clouds in Blue Sky



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

FPtr (Front Post treble crochet) Yarn over twice, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 38"/96.5cm x 38"/96.5cm

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 = 7"/18cm square. *Remember to check gauge for best results!* If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKET

With A, ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp here and throughout), [dc in ring, ch 1] 7

times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—8 dc and 8 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

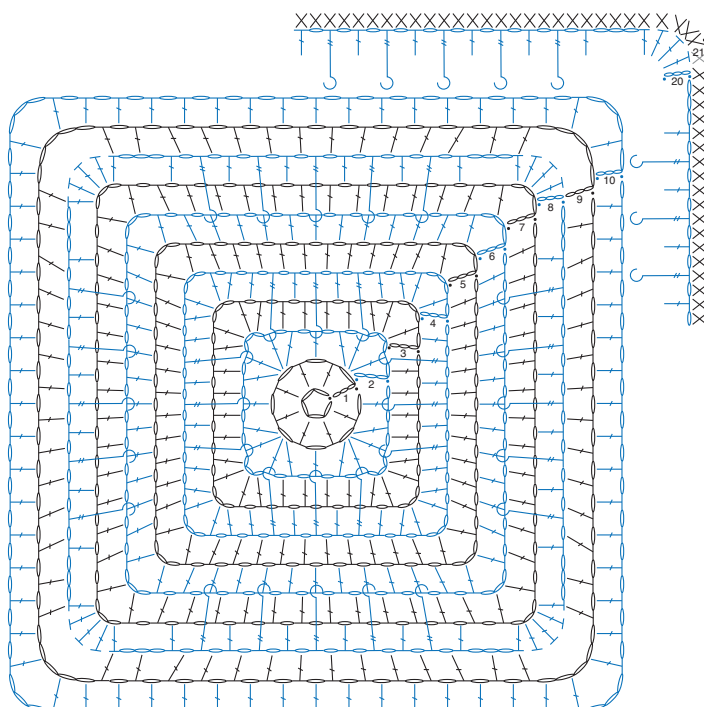
Round 2 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 4, (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in same ch-1 sp as joining, *ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—20 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps and 16 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 3 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 4, (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in same ch-3 sp as joining, *[ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp] 4 times, ch 1**, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—32 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps,

and 28 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 4 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 4, (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in same ch-3 sp as joining, *ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, FPtr around dc 1 row directly below next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—32 dc, 12 FPtr, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 40 ch-1sps. Fasten off.

Round 5 With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3 sp here and throughout), dc in same ch-3 sp as joining, *ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to next corner ch-3 sp, ch 1**, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last



repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-6—48 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 44 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 6 With B, repeat Round 5—52 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 48 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 7 With B, repeat Round 5—56 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 52 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 8 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 4 dc in same ch-3 sp as joining, *ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, **dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, FPtr around dc 1 row directly below next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from ** across to last 2 ch-1 sps before next corner ch-3 sp, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp***, 5 dc in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at ***; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—44 dc, 20 FPtr, 8 ch-3 sps, and 40 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 9 With RS facing, join A with sl st in first dc of 5 dc in any corner, ch 8 (counts as dc and ch-5 sp here and throughout), sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, *ch 1, dc in next ch-3 sp, **ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from ** across to next ch-3 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1***, dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at ***; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-8—56 dc, 4 corner ch-5 sps, and 52 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 10 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any corner ch-5 sp, ch 4, (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in same ch-5 sp as joining, *ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to next corner ch-5 sp, ch 1**, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in next corner ch-5 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at ** join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—68 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 64 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 11 Repeat Round 7—72 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 68 ch-1 sps.

Round 12 Repeat Round 8—52 dc, 28 FPtr, 8 ch-3 sps, and 56 ch-1 sps.

Round 13 Repeat Round 9—72 dc, 4 corner ch-5 sps, and 68 ch-1 sps.



Tip To help differentiate the right and wrong sides, insert a stitch marker or safety pin in any stitch on the right side.

Round 14 Repeat Round 10—84 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 80 ch-1 sps.

Round 15 Repeat Round 7—88 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 84 ch-1 sps.

Round 16 With B, repeat Round 8—60 dc, 36 FPtr, 8 ch-3 sps, and 72 ch-1 sps.

Round 17 Repeat Round 9—88 dc, 4 corner ch-5 sps, and 84 ch-1 sps.

Round 18 With B, repeat Round 10—100 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 96 ch-1 sps.

Round 19 Repeat Round 5—104 dc, 4 corner ch-3 sps, and 100 ch-1 sps.

Round 20 With A, repeat Round 8—68 dc, 44 FPtr, 8 ch-3 sps, and 88 ch-1 sps.

Round 21 With RS facing, join B with sc in 3rd dc of 5 dc in any corner, 2 sc in same st as joining, *sc in each st, sc in each ch-1 sp and 3 sc in each ch-3 sp across to middle dc of 5 dc in next corner**, 3 sc in middle dc; repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in first sc—232 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 🌟

Game Day Scarf

Make every man in your life something he'll actually wear, like this simple, stylish scarf for game days and chilly, winter nights.

BY SARA GRAHAM

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Collage, 3.5 oz/100g skeins, each approx 218 yd/200m (acrylic)

- 3 skeins #2940 Wood Trail (A)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7 oz/198g skeins, each approx 364 yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #376 Burgundy (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size M/13 (9mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **BEGINNER**

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the yarn 

Collage in Wood Trail



the yarn 

Super Saver in Burgundy



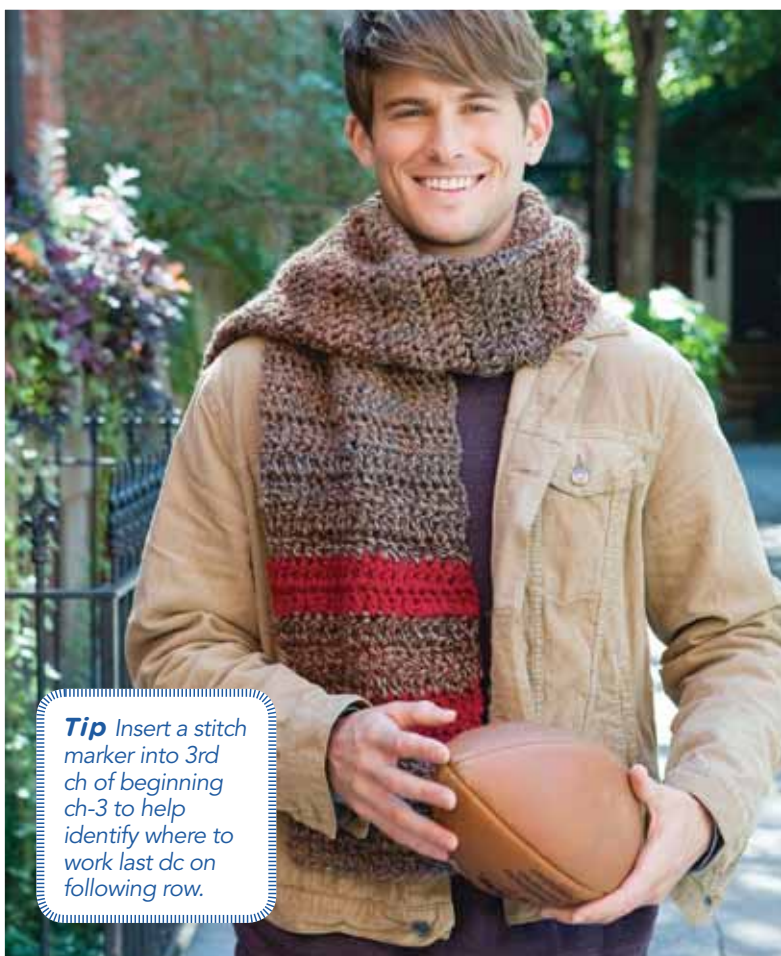
FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 10"/25.5cm

Length Approx 66"/167.5cm

GAUGE

8 dc = 4"/10cm; 13 rows = 12"/30.5cm.



Tip Insert a stitch marker into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to help identify where to work last dc on following row.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Work same as Rows 1–13 on scarf. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 10"/25.5cm wide x 12"/30.5cm high. Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

- 1 Scarf is made with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.
- 2 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Fasten off old color. Continue with new color until next color change.

SCARF

With 2 strands of A held together, ch 22.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in each remaining ch across—20 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; sk first dc, dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in first skipped ch at beginning of Row 1.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; sk first dc, dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Rows 4–5 Repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 5, change to B in last dc.

Rows 6–7 With 2 strands of B, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 7, change to A in last dc.

Rows 8–10 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 10, change to B in last dc.

Rows 11–12 With 2 strands of B, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 12, change to A in last dc.

Rows 13–60 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 48 more times. At end of Row 60, change to B in last dc.

Rows 61–67 Repeat Rows 6–12.

Rows 68–72 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 5 more times. At end of Row 72, fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 

Puppy Pullover

Don't forget man's best friend! Prove your dog's the baddest on the block with this plucky sweater.

BY REGINA RIOUX

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 (1, 2, 2) skeins #385 Royal Blue (A)
- 1 skein #316 Soft White (B)
- 1 skein #320 Cornmeal (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY



Super Saver in Royal Blue



SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

sc3tog (sc 3 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook.

SIZES

XS (S, M, L)



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length 13 (16, 19, 25)"/33 (40.5, 48.5, 63.5)cm

Neck circumference 12 (15, 18, 24)"/30.5 (38, 45.5, 61)cm

Body girth 17 (21, 25, 33)"/43 (53.5, 63.5, 84)cm

GAUGE

13 sc and 16 rows = 4"/10cm over sc in body using larger hook; 13 sc and 15 rows = 4"/10cm over sc worked in back loops (neckband) using larger hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With I/9 (5.5mm) hook, ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—13 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm.

NECKBAND

Note Neckband is worked lengthwise. With A and larger hook, ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—13 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back lps only, sc in each sc across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 5–48 (60, 72, 96) Repeat last 2 rows,

22 (28, 34, 46) times. Do not fasten off. Fold Neckband in half lengthwise (WS tog), bringing last row up to meet first row. Sc first and last rows tog creating a ring. Do not fasten off.

Fold ring in half widthwise (WS tog, seam on WS), bringing ends of rows tog. Making sure that the ribs are straight, secure the seam with pins.

Joining Round Ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in the end of each row around; join with sl st in first sc—48 (60, 72, 96) sc. Do not fasten off.

BODY

Round 1 Ch 1, turn; [sc in next 7 (6, 6, 7) sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 (8, 10, 12) times, sc in next 0 (4, 2, 0); join with sl st in first sc—54 (68, 82, 108) sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Repeat last round until piece (including neckband) measures 4.5 (5.5, 7, 9)"/11.5 (14, 18, 23)cm. Do not fasten off.

Shape Armhole

Note The armhole shaping is worked in

short rows in two distinct sections; on the underside and on the back.

Shape Underside of Armhole

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 7 (8, 9, 11) sc; leave rem sc unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 7 (8, 9, 11) sc, work next 6 (8, 8, 11) unworked sc of previous row; leave rem sc unworked—13 (16, 17, 22) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—11 (14, 15, 20) sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3—9 (12, 13, 18) sc.

Rows 6–8 (8, 9, 10) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 9 (9, 10, 11) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—11 (14, 15, 20) sc.

Row 10 (10, 11, 12) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 11 (11, 12, 13) Repeat Row 9 (9, 10, 11)—13 (16, 17, 22) sc.

Row 12 (12, 13, 14) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Shape Backside of Armhole

With underside armhole shaping facing you and larger hook, join A with sl st in the 6th (8th, 11th, 15th) sc to the left of the completed underside rows of the body of the sweater.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next 30 (37, 44, 57) sc—31 (38, 45, 58) sc.

Rows 2–12 (12, 13, 14) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Body (continued)

Flip sweater so that armholes are facing toward you.

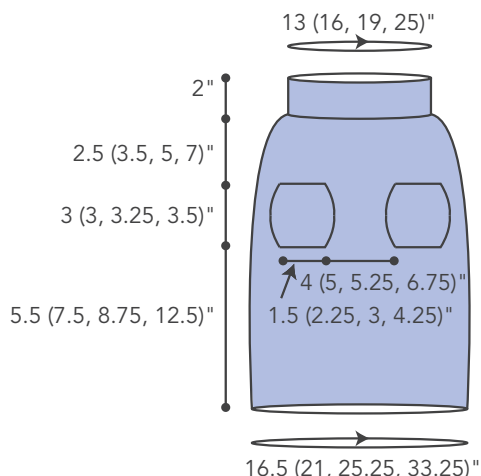
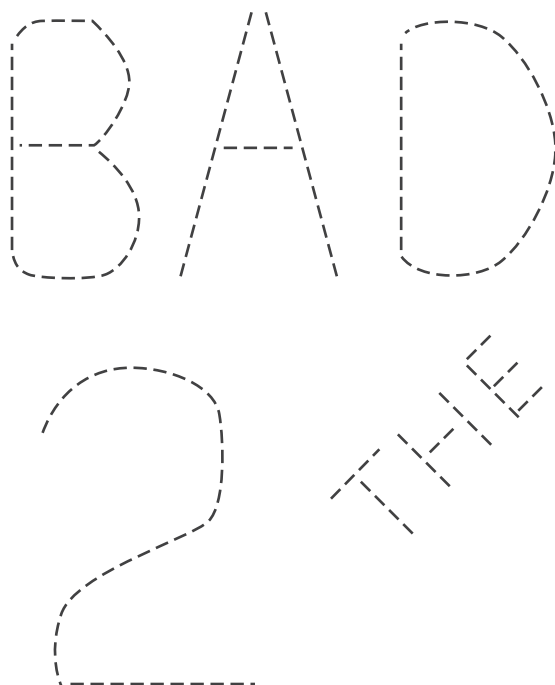
Join Armhole Sections

With larger hook, join A with sl st in the 7th (9th, 9th, 12th) sc of underside section.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next 6 (7, 8, 10) sc, ch 5 (7, 10, 14); working in backside section, sc in each sc across; ch 5 (7, 10, 14); working in rem sc of underside section, sc in last 6 (8, 8, 11) sc; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch around; join with sl st in first sc—54 (68, 82, 108) sc.

Tip The rounds of this sweater are joined with slip stitches; always skip the joining slip stitch when working the next round.



Round 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Repeat last round until piece (from neckband to outer edge) measures 13 (16, 19, 25)"/33 (40.5, 48.5, 63.5)cm (or desired length) ending with a right side row. Fasten off.

BONE APPLIQUE

Lower End Knobs (Make 2)

With B and smaller hook, ch 2.

Row 1 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc—5 sc.

Row 3 (WS) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Join Knobs

With RS of one Bone Knob facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in first sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, sc2tog over first 2 sc, sc in last 3 sc, ch 1; with right side of other Bone End facing, sc in first 3 sc, sc2tog—8 sc and 1 ch-1.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, sc in next ch, sc in last 4 sc—9 sc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog—7 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog—5 sc. Do not fasten off.

BONE BODY

Rows 1–20 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off at end of Row 20.

Begin Upper Bone End

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc—7 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc—9 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 4 (Begin first Knob of Bone End) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc; leave rem sc unworked—5 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog—3 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc3tog—1 sc. Fasten off.

Next Knob of Bone End

Turn work and skip next unworked sc of Row 3. With smaller hook, join B with sl st in next unworked sc of Row 3, ch 1, sc in same sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc—5 sc.



Last 3 Rows Repeat Rows 5–7 of first half of Bone End.

Bone Trim

With smaller hook, join B with sl st in edge of bone, ch 1, sc in same sp. Work sc evenly spaced around outer edge of Bone, working sc2tog at the cleft in the center of each Bone End, and working extra sc around the outer curves of the Bone Ends. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing Bone to backside of Sweater.

FINISHING

Armhole Trim

Join A with sl st in edge of armhole.

Ch 1, sc in same st, work sc evenly spaced around armhole opening working sc2tog at each corner. Repeat on other armhole.

Using photo as a guide, sew Bone to back of Sweater. With C, and referring to stitch diagram, embroider letters on Sweater using chain stitch.

Weave in ends. 🌀

Festive Wine Tags

Whip up a batch of beverage tags for your holiday parties! They also make charming ornaments, gift decorations, earrings, and more!

BY MARINA SALUME

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, size 5, each ball approx 100yd/91m (mercerized cotton/metallic filament)

- 1 ball #201P White/Pearl (A)

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, size 3, each ball approx 150yd/137m (mercerized cotton)

- 1 ball #6 Scarlet (B)
- 1 ball #12 Black (C)
- 1 ball #625 Sage (D)
- 1 ball #423 Maize (E)
- 1 ball #775 Warm Rose (F)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 4 (1.75mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Wire paperclip, 1.25"/3cm long for Ice Skate
- Round wire earring hoops, .75"/2cm diameter
- Red seed beads (6 for Christmas Tree, 1 each for Santa and Snowman)
- Blue seed beads (2 each for Santa and Snowman)
- Sewing needle and sewing thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Fashion Crochet Thread in White/Pearl

Fashion Crochet Thread in Sage

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Ice Skate Approx 1"/2.5cm wide x 1"/2.5cm high (plus paperclip)

Tree Approx 1"/2.5cm wide x 1.5"/4cm high

Snowman Approx .75"/2cm wide x 1.5"/4cm high

Santa Approx 1"/2.5cm wide x 1.25"/3cm high

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for these projects.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Ch 1 to secure the loop and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

WINE TAGS

Ice Skate

Note End of paperclip with double loop is "toe" end of Skate. Begin crocheting at "heel" end of paperclip, working loosely over doubled wire section of paperclip only, inserting hook inside inner loop for each stitch.

Row 1 (WS) Starting at bottom, join A with sl st in side of paperclip (see Note), ch 1, work 7 sc in same side of paperclip—7 sc.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 5 sc, leaving remaining 2 sc unworked—5 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in next 4 sc—4 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, leaving remaining sc unworked—3 sc. Change to B in last sc, leaving a long tail. Fasten off A.

Row 6 With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off B.

FINISHING

With yarn needle and long tail of B, work 3 cross stitches down front of Skate to make

laces, as shown in photo. Cut 2 strands of B and tie into a small bow. Sew bow to top front of Skate. Weave in ends.

TREE

Trunk

Row 1 (WS) Starting at bottom with C, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each sc across—3 sc.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off C.

Branches

Row 3 With RS facing and D, ch 3, sc in each sc across Row 2—3 sc and 3 chs.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next 2 chs, leaving last ch unworked—7 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 6 sc, leaving last sc unworked—6 sc.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in first 5 sc, leaving last sc unworked—6 sc.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn; sk 2 chs, sc in first 4 sc, leaving last 2 sc unworked—4 sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, leaving last sc unworked—3 sc.

Row 9 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in next sc, leaving last sc unworked—1 sc. Fasten off.

Star (For top of Tree)

With E, ch 5, sl st in 4th ch from hook (star point made); *ch 3, sl st in same ch as last sl st made (star point made); repeat from * 3 more times; sl st in first ch of beginning ch-5—5 star points. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Use ends to sew Star to top of Tree. Use sewing needle and matching thread to sew beads to center of Star and to Tree, as shown in photo. Weave in ends.



*Perk up your next
get-together with these
festive cuties!*

SNOWMAN

Head

With A, make an adjustable ring, work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc. Fasten off.

Body

Round 1 (RS) Work same as Head. Do not fasten off.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc. Fasten off.

Scarf

With B, ch 20, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—19 sl sts. Fasten off.

Hat

Row 1 Starting at top with C, ch 3, sc in

2nd ch from hook and in next ch—2 sc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each sc—3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, leaving 3 sc unworked—1 sl st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With sewing needle and matching thread, sew Head to Body. Sew Hat to top of Head. Wrap Scarf around neck (between Head and Body) and sew in place. Sew beads onto Head for eyes and nose, as shown in photo. Weave in ends.

SANTA

Face

Row 1 (WS) With F, make an adjustable ring, work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Do not join.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, 2 sc in each of next 4 sc, sc in last sc—10 sc. Fasten off F.

Hat Trim and Beard

With RS facing, join A with sc in ending edge of Row 2, sc in edge of Row 1, sc in ring, sc in other edge of Rows 1 and 2, sl st in 2nd sc on Row 2, sc in next sc, 2 dc in each of next 4 sc, sc in next sc, sl st in next sc; join with sl st in first sc—17 sts (including sl sts). Fasten off.

Hat


Row 1 With RS facing, join B with sc in first sc on Hat Trim, sc in next 4 sc—5 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in next 3 sc, leaving last sc unworked—3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in next 2 sc—2 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in next sc—1 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using sewing needle and matching thread, sew beads on Face for Santa's eyes and nose. 



Pattern Basics

Use this handy reference to help you through this issue's projects.

Master Abbreviations

BL Back Loop(s)	RS right side
BP Back Post	sc single crochet
BPdc Back Post double crochet	sc2tog single crochet 2 stitches together
ch(s) chain(s)	sk skip
Cl cluster	sl slip
dc double crochet	sl st slip stitch
dc2tog double crochet 2 stitches together	sp(s) space(s)
dec decrease(ing)	st(s) stitch(es)
FL Front Loop(s)	tog together
FPdc Front Post double crochet	tr treble crochet
FPsc Front Post single crochet	WS wrong side
FPtr Front Post treble crochet	* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
hdc half double crochet	() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.
inc increase(ing)	[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
pat pattern	
rev sc reverse single crochet	

Skill Levels Explained

Skill Level: **BEGINNER**

1 2 3 4

Perfect for new crocheters, these items use basic stitches and minimal shaping.

Skill Level: **EASY**

1 2 3 4

These projects use simple stitches, stitch patterns, color changes, shaping, and finishing.

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

These projects use a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns and mid-level shaping.

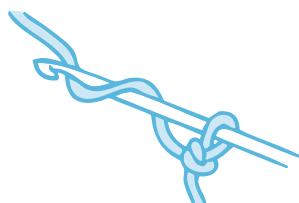
Skill Level: **EXPERIENCED**

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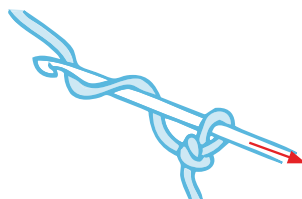
These projects feature intricate stitch patterns, more advanced techniques, or detailed shaping.

Learn to Crochet

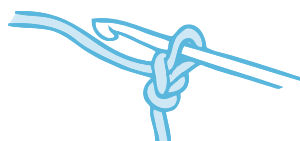
Making a Foundation Chain



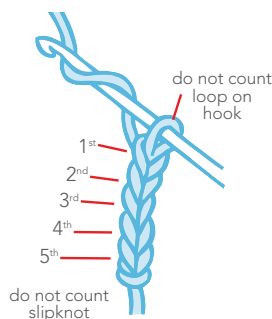
1 Start by making a slipknot and positioning it near the end of the hook. Wrap the working yarn (the yarn attached to the ball or skein) around the hook as shown. Wrapping the yarn in this way is called a yarn over.



2 Draw the yarn through the loop on the hook by catching it with the hook and pulling toward you.

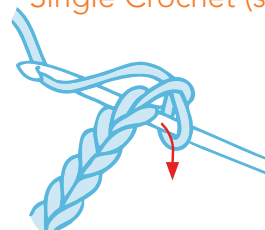


3 One chain stitch is complete. Lightly tug on the yarn to tighten the loop if it is very loose, or wiggle the hook to loosen the loop if it is tight. Repeat from step 1 to make as many chains as required for your pattern.

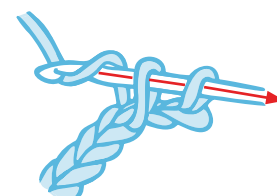


4 To count the number of chain stitches made, hold the chain so that the "V"s are all lined up. Do not count the loop on the hook or the slipknot you made when beginning the chain. Each V counts as one chain made.

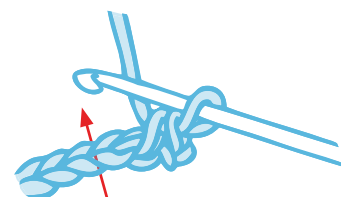
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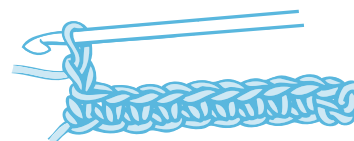
1 Insert the hook under both the front and back loops (i.e., under the complete "V") of the 2nd chain from the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front (this is called a yarn over) and catch it with the hook. Draw the yarn through the V.



2 You now have two loops on the hook. Yarn over and draw the yarn through both loops on the hook.



3 One single crochet stitch is complete. Continue to repeat steps 1 and 2, inserting the hook into each V across the row.



4 When you reach the end of the row, make one chain stitch (this is called a turning chain), then turn the piece from right to left. To begin the next row, insert the hook under the V of the first stitch (skipping the one chain stitch you just made) and repeat the steps.

Recommended Yarn Substitutions

To use a yarn that is different than the one listed in a pattern, just check the yarn weight symbol for the recommended yarn and choose another with the same weight. Here are *Crochet Today's* suggestions for appropriate substitutes.

1 SUPER FINE

- Red Heart Heart & Sole
- Red Heart Stardust
- SMC Baby Wool
- SMC On Your Toes Bamboo

2 FINE

- Red Heart Baby Sheen
- Red Heart Luster Sheen
- SMC Catania
- SMC Down to Earth Cotton

3 LIGHT

- Red Heart Baby TLC
- Red Heart Designer Sport
- Red Heart Sport
- SMC Bravo
- SMC Juvel

4 MEDIUM

- Aunt Lydia's Creme de la Creme
- Red Heart Boutique Eclipse
- Red Heart Boutique Magical
- Red Heart Boutique Midnight
- Red Heart Boutique Treasure
- Red Heart Boutique Unforgettable
- Red Heart Baby Econo
- Red Heart Classic
- Red Heart Collage
- Red Heart Fiesta
- Red Heart Holiday
- Red Heart Kids
- Red Heart Plush Baby
- Red Heart Shimmer
- Red Heart Smoothie
- Red Heart Soft Baby Steps
- Red Heart Soft
- Red Heart Super Tweed
- Red Heart Super Saver

- Red Heart Team Spirit
- Red Heart With Love
- Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller Bamboo Ewe
- SMC Aventica
- SMC Colorful
- SMC Cotton Time
- SMC Micro Grande
- SMC Northern Worsted
- SMC Punto
- SMC Soft Tweed
- SMC Soft Wool
- SMC Ragge Yarn

5 BULKY

- Red Heart Boutique Changes
- Red Heart Boutique Swirl
- Red Heart Buttercup
- Red Heart Super Saver Chunky
- SMC Divari
- SMC Dream
- SMC Northern Chunky
- SMC Silenzio
- SMC Tweed Montage
- SMC Viva Color

6 SUPER BULKY

- Red Heart Baby Clouds
- Red Heart Boutique Swerve
- Red Heart Curly Q
- Red Heart Light & Lofty
- SMC Bravo Big

CROCHET THREAD

Size 3

- Aunt Lydia's Fashion Crochet
- Aunt Lydia's Bamboo Crochet Thread

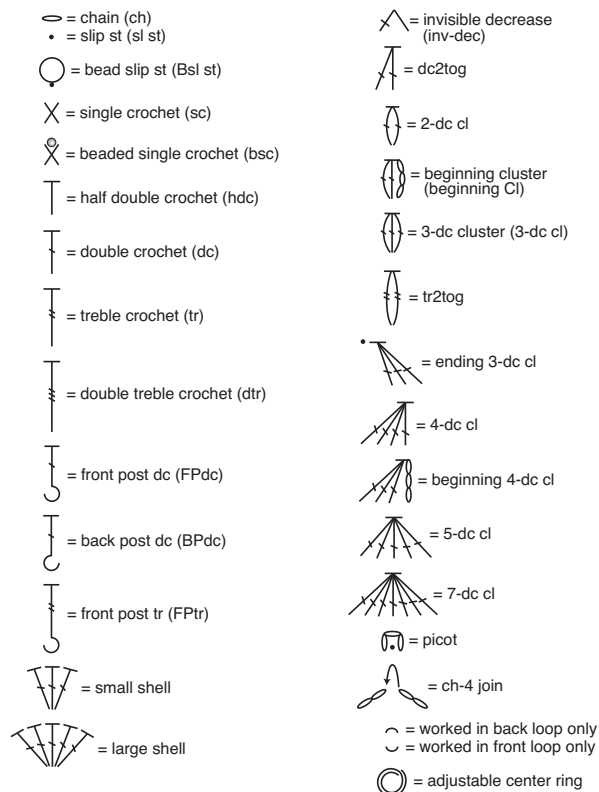
Size 10

- Classic Crochet
- Bamboo Crochet Thread

NOTE: When switching yarns, always do a gauge swatch with the new yarn and adjust your needle size if necessary.

Diagram Key

Use this key to translate the symbols found in this issue's diagrams.



Standard Yarn Weight System

Categories of yarn, gauge ranges, and recommended needle sizes*

Yarn Weight Symbol & Category Names	0 LACE	1 SUPER FINE	2 FINE	3 LIGHT	4 MEDIUM	5 BULKY	6 SUPER BULKY
Type of Yarns in Category	Fingering 10 count crochet thread	Sock, Finger- ing, Baby	Sport, Baby	DK, Light Worsted	Worsted, Afghan, Aran	Chunky, Craft, Rug	Bulky, Roving
Crochet Gauge* Ranges in Single Crochet to 4"	32–42 double crochets	21–32 sts	16–20 sts	12–17 sts	11–14 sts	8–11 sts	5–9 sts
Recommended Hook Metric Size Range U.S. Size Range	Steel** 1.6–1.4mm Regular Hook 2.25mm	2.25–3.5 mm	3.5–4.5 mm	4.5–5.5 mm	5.5–6.5 mm	6.5–9 mm	9mm & larger
Recommended Hook U.S. Size Range	Steel** 6, 7, 8 Regular Hook B-1	B-1 to E-4	E-4 to 7	7 to I-9	I-9 to K-10½	K-10½ to M-13	M-13 & larger

*Guidelines Only: The above reflect the most commonly used gauges and needle or hook sizes for specific yarn categories.

**Steel crochet hooks are sized differently from regular hooks—the higher the number, the smaller the hook, which is the reverse of regular hook sizing.

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