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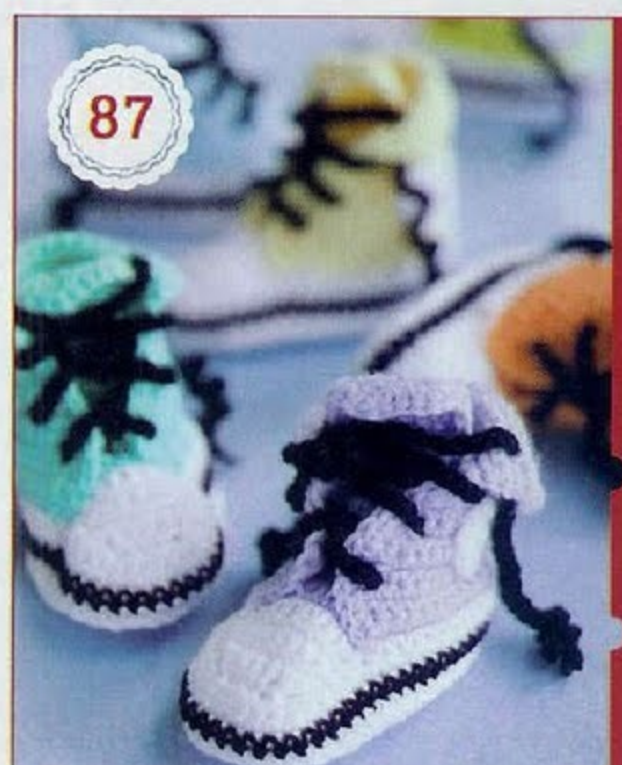
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When it comes to giving wearable gifts, nothing beats projects that are quick to stitch and guaranteed to fit! Scarves, hats, wraps and even jewelry are always the right size—and they're just the thing when you need a perfect handmade present in a pinch. Turn the page for loads of fashionable inspiration for every gift on your list.

Stitch this necklace P08

Flowering Necklace

Dainty floral motifs, stitched in thread, make a head-turning crochet necklace. Pair this beauty with everything from evening wear to jeans.

By Linda Permann

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, each ball approx 400yd/366m (cotton)

- 1 ball #419 Ecru (A)

AUNT LYDIA'S Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, each ball approx 350yd/320m (cotton)

- 1 ball #12 Black (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 9 (1.4mm) steel crochet hook

NOTIONS

- 2 snap closures, 6mm
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- ch chain
- dc double crochet
- hdc half double crochet
- sc single crochet
- [] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
- * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
- sk skip
- sl st(s) slip stitch(es)
- sp(s) space(s)
- st(s) stitch(es)

the yarn

Crochet Thread,
Size 10, in Black

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 10"/25.5cm long x 3 1/4"/8.5cm wide, at longest and widest points

GAUGE

1 Flower = 1 3/4"/4.5cm diameter using size 9 (1.4mm) steel crochet hook.

Gauge is not critical for this project!

NOTE

Leave long yarn tails to sew shapes together.

FLOWER (MAKE 7)

Note Make 3 flowers using A for centers and B for petals. Make 4 flowers using B for centers and A for petals.

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

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 7, *3 dc in ring, ch 7; repeat from * 3 more times—15 dc and 5 ch-7 sp. Fasten off.

With right side facing, join petal color with sl st in center dc of any 3-dc group.

Round 2 (right side) Ch 3, 15 dc in next ch-7 sp, *sk next dc, dc in next dc, sk next dc, 15 dc in next ch-7 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—80 dc. Fasten off.

CIRCLE (MAKE 3)

Note Make 2 circles with A and 1 with B. Ch 9; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3, 17 dc in ring—18 dc. Fasten off.

MEDALLION (MAKE 3)

Note Make 2 medallions with A and 1 with B. Ch 9; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3, 17 dc in ring—18 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in first st, ch 1, sk next st,

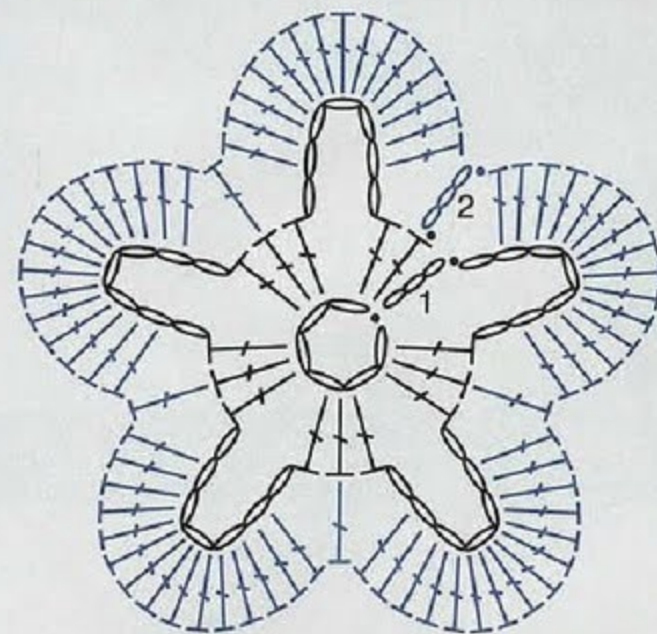
*2 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—18 dc and 9 ch-1 sp. Fasten off.

SMALL LEAF (MAKE 3)

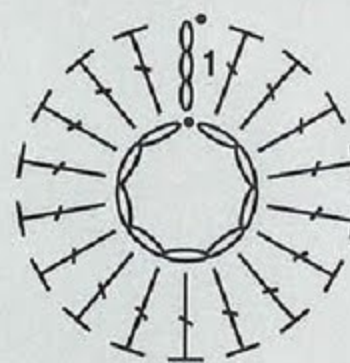
Note Make 1 leaf with A and 2 with B. Ch 9.

Round 1 Sc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, 8 dc in last ch; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc—20 sts.

FLOWER DIAGRAM



CIRCLE DIAGRAM





Tip

When crocheting the first round of stitches, work over the beginning yarn tail; after completing the piece, gently pull on the covered yarn tail to tighten the center hole.



LARGE LEAF (MAKE 2)

Note Make 1 leaf with A and 1 with B.
Ch 9.

Round 1 Sc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, 8 dc in last ch; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation chain, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc—20 sts. Do not fasten off or turn work.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, [sc in next st, ch 1] around; join with sl st in first sc—20 sc and 20 ch-1 sp. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Arrange pieces according to diagram. Using yarn needle, sew shapes together with yarn tails. Weave in any remaining ends.

Neck Cord

Cord chain 1 Join yarn with sl st in left side of piece at joining location as shown in diagram, ch 110. Leave a long yarn tail at end of chain and do not knot.

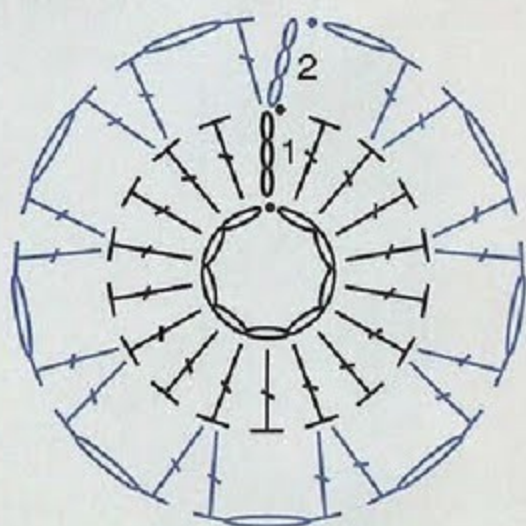
Work two more cords as for cord chain 1. Loosely braid the three cord chains and measure against your neck for a comfort-

able length. Knot the three chains together at this length. Pull out last few chains of each strand, if necessary, to achieve desired length, leaving only 3–4 chains on each strand after knot. With yarn needle, sew ends into knot.

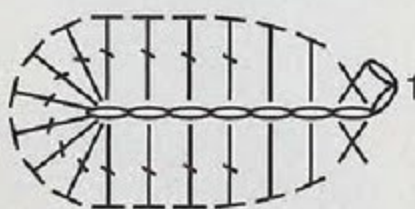
Sew snap socket onto knot and corresponding stud onto flower petal as shown in diagram. Sew second snap socket onto braided strand approx 1"/2.5cm from first snap. Sew corresponding stud to tip of leaf as shown in diagram.

Weave in all ends.

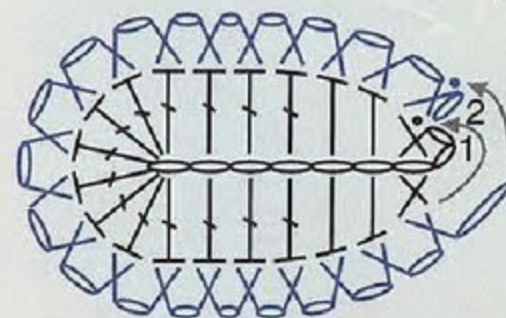
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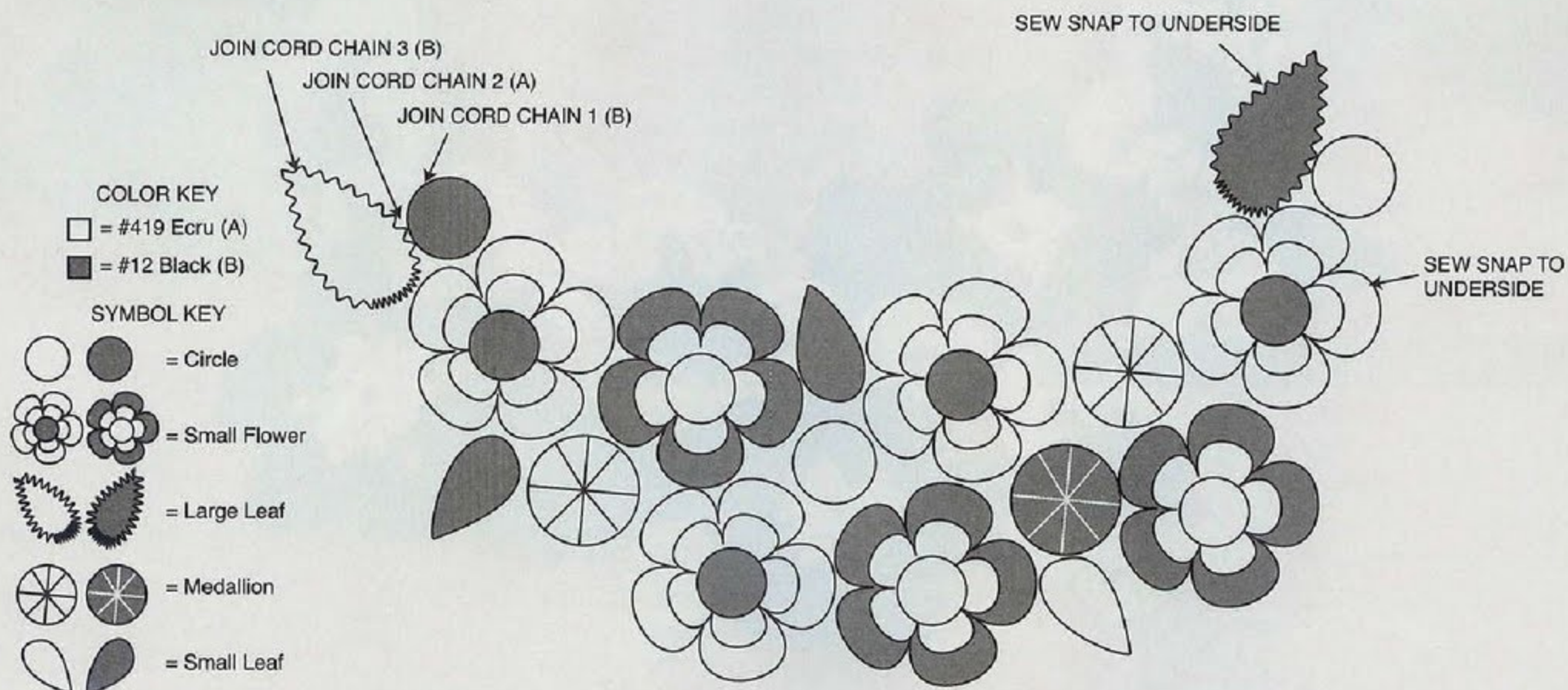
SMALL LEAF DIAGRAM



LARGE LEAF DIAGRAM



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM





The One-Afternoon Gift

Color It Beautiful!



Stitch up one of our easy rainbow-colored scarves (or hats) in no time for a perfect handmade present. Start it and finish it today!

By Candi Jensen

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)
1 skein each of any color for scarf or hat, plus small amount for trim:

- #3215 Lemon Zest (A)
- #3650 Pistachio (B)
- #3570 Iced Violet (C)
- #3805 Sky (D)
- #3251 Melon (E)
- #3801 Aqua Ice (F)
- #3261 Terra Cotta (G)
- #3620 Celadon (H)
- #3901 Heart Red (I)
- #3825 Pool (J)

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

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- hdc half double crochet
- [] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
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- sc single crochet
- sl st slip stitch
- st(s) stitch(es)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

scarf Approx 6½"/16.5cm wide x 52"/132cm long (or desired length)

hat Approx 19½"/49.5cm circumference

GAUGE

scarf 14 sts and 11 rows in pattern = 4"/10cm

hat Rounds 1–5 = 4"/10cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH FOR SCARF

Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] 6 times—14 sts.

Rows 2–11 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 6 times. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

note

Scarves are made with colors A/B, B/C, C/I, D/E, E/D, F/A, G/H, H/J, I/F, and J/B. The letter BEFORE the / indicates the color to be used in

the body of the scarf. The letter AFTER the / indicates the color to be used in the edging of the scarf.

SCARF

With appropriate color (or color of choice), ch 23.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] 10 times—22 sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 10 times.

Repeat Row 2 until you have used up one ball of yarn and scarf is approx 52"/132cm long, or to desired length. Fasten off.

Edging

With right side facing, join appropriate color (or color of choice) with sl st in first st on last row, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each st and row around, working 2 sc in edge of each dc and 1 sc in edge of each sc on side edges and 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

HAT

With F for blue hat or I for red hat or choice of color, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.



the yarn



Designer Sport in
#3901 Heart Red



Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc—8 hdc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 hdc in same hdc as joining and in each hdc around; join—16 hdc.

Round 3 Ch 1, *hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; join—24 hdc.

Round 4 Ch 1, *hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; join—32 hdc.

Round 5 Ch 1, *hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; join—40 hdc.

Round 6 Ch 1, *hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2

hdc in joining sl st; join—48 hdc.

Round 7 Ch 1, *hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; join—56 hdc.

Round 8 Ch 1, *hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; join—64 hdc.

Round 9 Ch 1, *hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around, working last 2 hdc in joining sl st; do not join—68 hdc.

Round 10 Hdc in next st and in each st around. Do not join. Place a marker in last st and move up to last st in each round as work progresses.

Rounds 11–32 Repeat Round 10, 22 more

times, or to desired length.

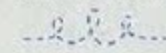
Round 33 Sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Edging (Optional)

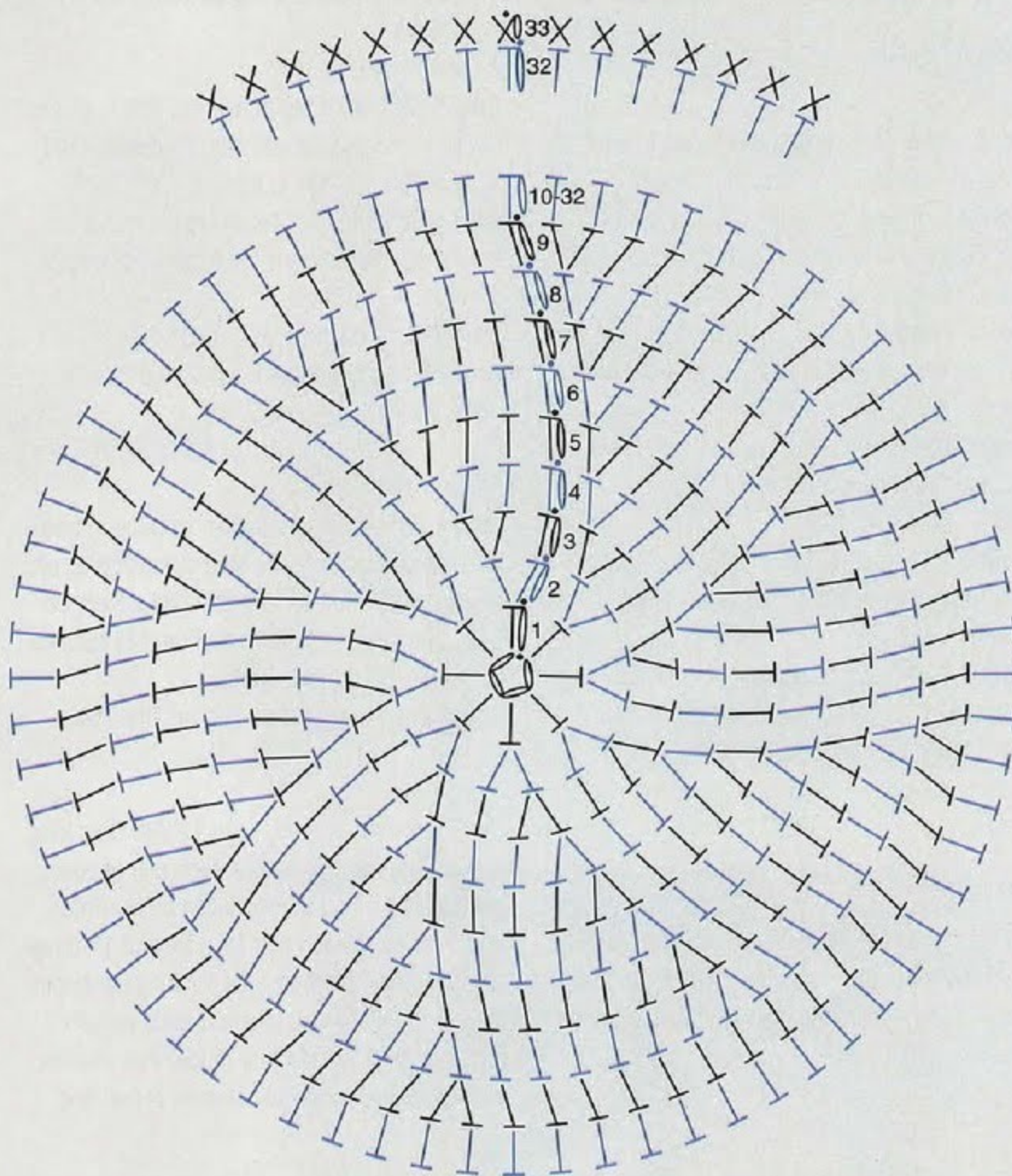
With wrong side facing, join I with sl st in any sc on Round 33, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Turn up bottom edge for brim.



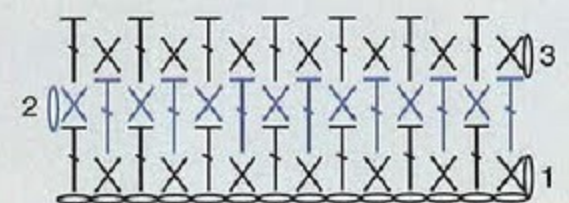
HAT STITCH DIAGRAM



Tip

There's no limit to the color combos you can choose for this set. Have fun experimenting to find the one you like best!

SCARF STITCH DIAGRAM





Cozy Combo

Keep warm in style with this soft, sophisticated hat and scarf. It makes a great gift!

By Katherine Eng

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 265yd/242m (acrylic)
- 2 skeins #9518 Teal

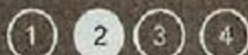
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| ch(s) chain(s) | sl st(s) slip stitch(es) |
| dc double crochet | sp(s) space(s) |
| sc single crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| sk skip | |

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

the yarn



Soft Yarn in Teal

Tip

Make a matching set, or choose a coordinating color for the hat!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Scarf Approx 5½"/14cm wide x 61"/155cm long (plus fringe)

Hat Approx 20"/51cm circumference (adult medium)

GAUGE

Scarf 13 sts and 13 rows = 4"/10cm

Hat Rounds 1–6 = 4"/10cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH (SCARF)

Ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—13 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Work (sc, dc) in first sc, *sk next sc, (sc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across—14 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3 and 4 Sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5 Sk first dc, sc in next sc, *ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—7 sc and 6 chs. Ch 1, turn.

Row 6 Sc in first sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—13 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 7 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 8–13 Repeat Rows 2–7 once.

Swatch should measure 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm.

If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Work on one side of beginning ch and then on the other side as specified. Leave 6"/15cm ends of yarn when beginning and fastening off to tie into final fringe.

SCARF

First Half

Beginning at center of scarf, ch 202.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—201 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Work (sc, dc) in first sc, *sk next sc, (sc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across—202 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc, *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4 Repeat Row 3.

Row 5 Sk first dc, sc in next sc, *ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—101 sc and 100 chs. Ch 1, turn.

Row 6 Sc in first sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—201 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 7 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 8 and 9 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 once more. Fasten off.

Second Half

Row 1 With right side facing, working in free loops of chs on opposite side of foundation ch, insert hook in first ch and draw up a loop, ch 1, sc in same ch, sc in next ch and in each ch across—201 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–9 Repeat Rows 2–9 on First Half.

Fringe

Cut 65 strands of yarn, each 12"/30.5cm long. Space fringe evenly across each end of scarf, making one fringe in foundation ch in center and 5 fringe in each half for a total of 11 fringe on each end. Use 2 strands for fringe at beginning of foundation ch where 2 ends remain and 3 strands for all other fringe. Pull strands through end of row. Fold strands in half and





tie in an overhand knot, including end from row in knot where appropriate. Trim fringe to 4"/10cm.

HAT

Note Use size G or H hook to make a smaller hat or size J hook to make a larger hat. Do not join Rounds 1–11, but work in continuous rounds. Mark last sc on Rounds 1–11, moving marker up as you work.

Beginning at top of hat, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 8 sc in ring—8 sc.

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

Round 3 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—24 sc.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—32 sc.

Round 5 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around—40 sc.

Round 6 *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—48 sc.

Rounds 7 and 8 Sc in each sc around.

Round 9 *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—56 sc.

Round 10 Sc in each sc around.

Round 11 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; repeat from * around—64 sc.

Round 12 Sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Ch 1, turn.

Round 13 (wrong side) Work (sc, dc) in first sc, sk next sc; *(sc, dc) in next sc, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join as before—64 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Round 14 (right side) Sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * around; join as before. Ch 1, turn.

Round 15 Repeat Round 14.

Round 16 Sc in first sc, ch 1, sk next dc, *sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next dc; repeat from * around, sk last sc; join as before—32 sc and 32 ch-1 sps. Ch 1, turn.

Round 17 *Sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join as before—64 sc. Ch 1, turn.

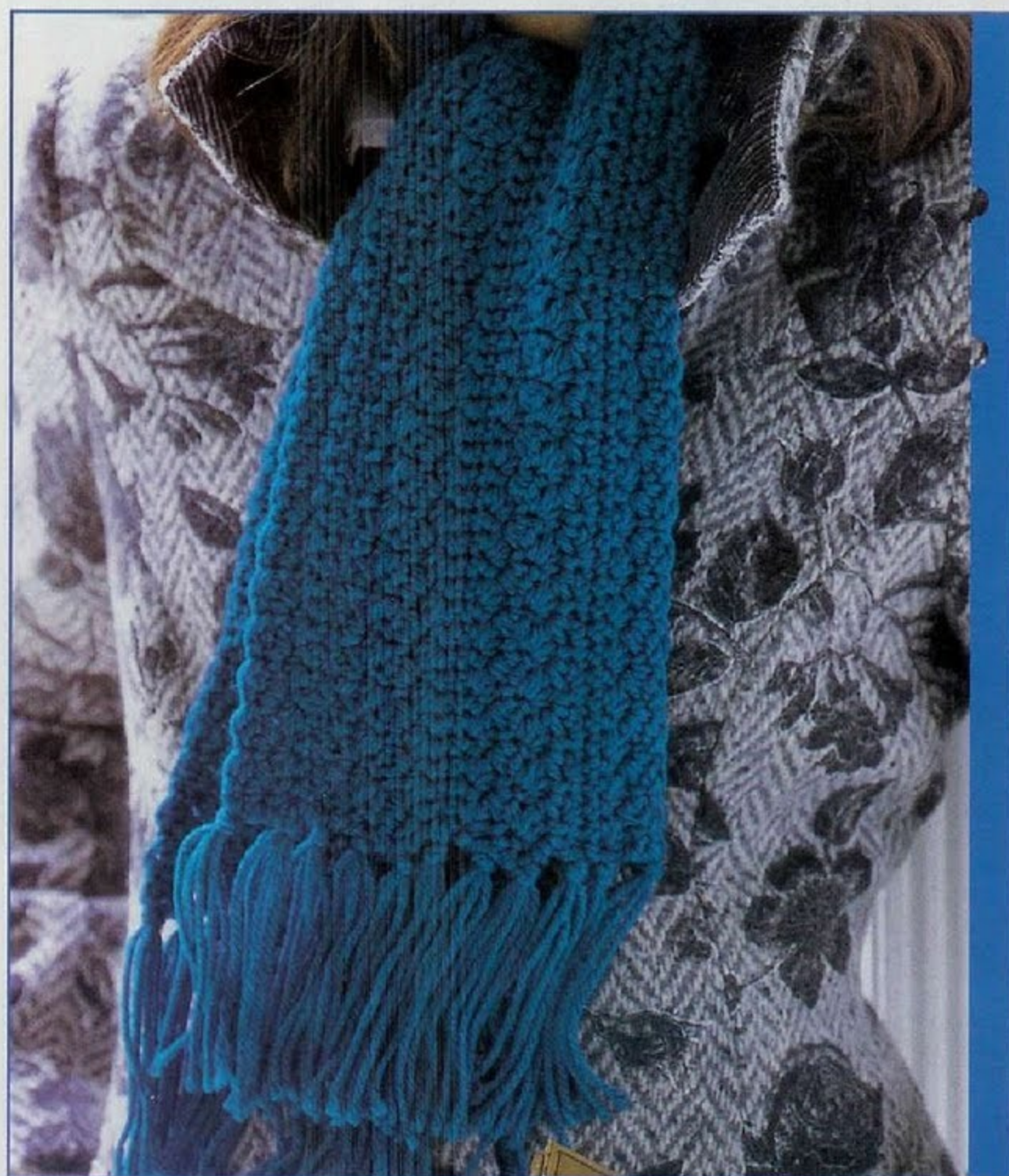
Round 18 Sc in each sc around; join as before. Ch 1, turn.

Rounds 19–30 Repeat Rounds 13–18 two times more.

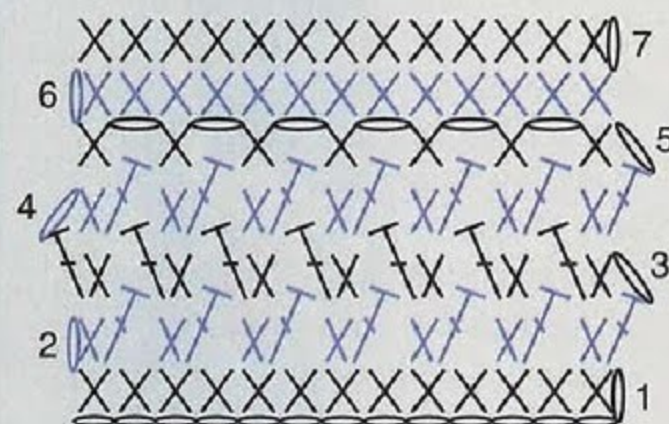
Rounds 31–33 Repeat rounds 13–15 once more. At end of Round 33, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Turn up last 7 rows to form cuff.



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN





Goodnight Mask



Catch a little beauty sleep with this cute and kitschy mask. Stitch it up quick for a fun stocking stuffer!

By Regina Rioux Gonzalez

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #3750 Girlie Pink (A)
- 1 ball #3805 Sky (B)

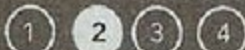
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Size 5 black pearl cotton
- Two safety pins or stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 7¼"/18.5cm wide x 3½"/9cm high

GAUGE

11 sc and 12 sc rows = 2"/5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 12.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—11 sc.

Rows 2–12 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 2"/5cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

SLEEP MASK

Mask Panel (Make 2)

With A, ch 6.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—5 sc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in next 5 sc—7 sc.

Row 3 Ch 4, turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in last sc—11 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—13 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 6–9 Repeat Rows 4 and 5, 2 more times. At end of Row 6—15 sc. At end of Row 8—17 sc.

Row 10 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc across—16 sc.

Rows 12 and 13 Repeat Row 11 twice. At end of Row 12—15 sc. At end of Row 13—14 sc.

Rows 14–17 Repeat Rows 10 and 11 twice. At end of Row 15—13 sc. At end of Row 17—12 sc.

Rows 18–25 Repeat Row 10, 8 more times.

Tip

Personalize this mask with any embellishment. Instead of eyes, why not embroider a message? We love "do not disturb"!

Row 26 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—13 sc.

Row 27 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 28 and 29 Repeat Rows 26 and 27—14 sc.

Rows 30–32 Repeat Row 26, 3 more times. At end of Row 30—15 sc. At end of Row 31—16 sc. At end of Row 32—17 sc.

Rows 33 and 34 Repeat Row 27 twice.

Row 35 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—15 sc.

Row 36 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 37 and 38 Repeat Rows 35 and 36—13 sc.

Row 39 Repeat Row 35—11 sc.

Row 40 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc, leaving remaining 3 sc unworked—7 sc.

Row 41 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc, leaving remaining sc unworked—5 sc. Fasten off.

Edging

With right side facing, join A with sc in edge of any row, work 91 more sc evenly spaced around edges of mask; join with sl st in first sc—92 sc. Fasten off.

Eyelid (Make 2)

Starting at top of lid with B, ch 5.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—4 sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc. At end of Row 2—6 sc. At end of Row 3—8 sc.

Row 4 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, hdc in next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc, ch 2, work 9 sc evenly spaced around side edges and top edge of eyelid, ch 2; join with sl st in first sc—4 hdc, 13 sc, and 2 ch-2 sps. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing.

the yarn



Angel Baby in Fuchsia



Embroidery

Referring to photograph for placement, sew eyelids to right side of one mask panel. With 2 strands of pearl cotton and a needle, embroider a lash line and eyelashes along bottom of each lid.

Assembly

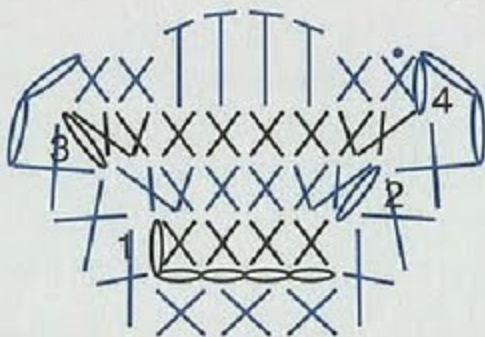
Place pins or stitch markers on left and right sides of mask to mark placement for mask ties. Align mask panels with wrong sides together. With front mask panel facing and working through both thicknesses, join B with sc in back loops of either marked sc on edging of mask panels; *ch 101, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch to form tie*; sc in back loops of each sc on edging across to 2nd marked st; repeat from * to * once; sc in back loops of each sc on edging across to beginning; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

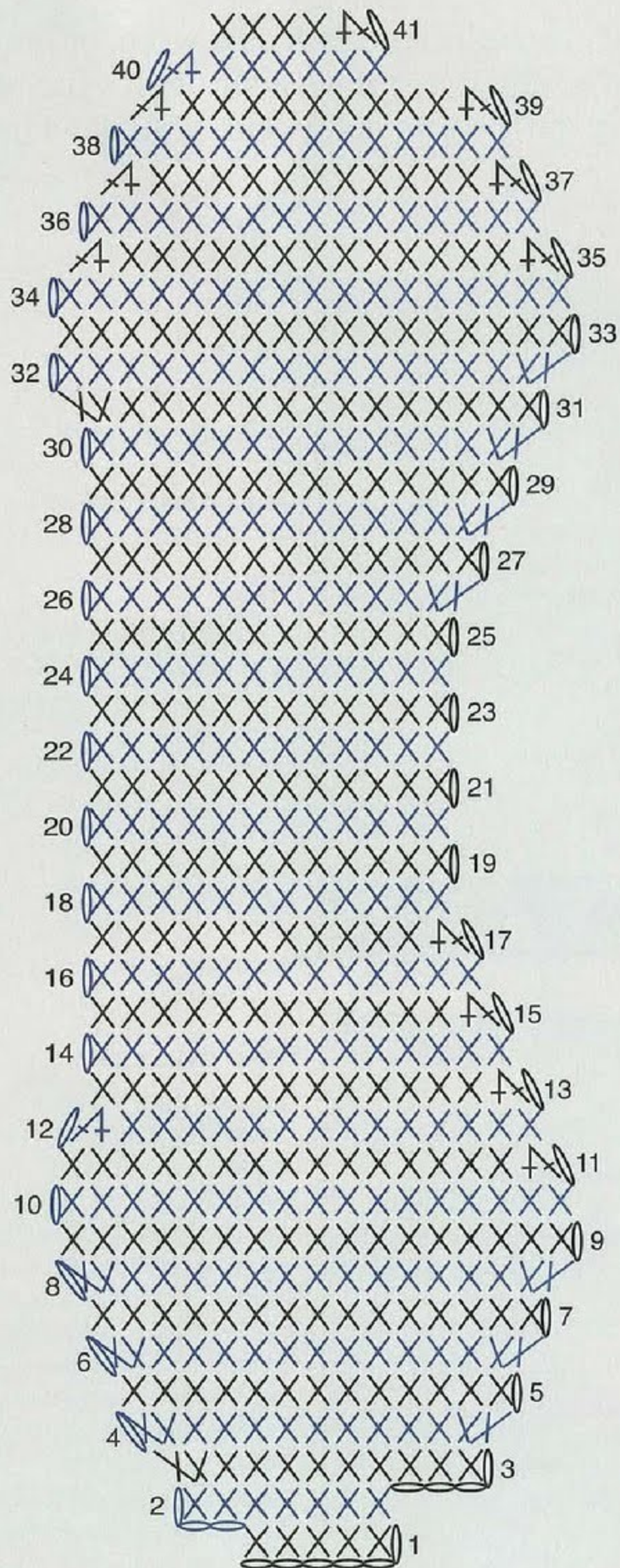
Weave in all ends.



EYELID DIAGRAM



GOODNIGHT MASK DIAGRAM





Convertible Crochet

Wear this clever piece open as a wrap, or button up the sleeves and it becomes a shrug! It's the ultimate stay-cozy garment to carry with you all winter.

By Robyn Chachula



the yarn

Fashionista in Berry Red

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Ways Bamboo Wool,
1½oz/50g balls, each approx 87yd/80m
(bamboo/wool)

- 9 (12, 14, 16) balls #3920 Cayenne

CROCHET HOOK

- For sizes S and L: Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- For sizes M and 1X: Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 12 (12, 16, 16) leather buttons, ¾"/19mm diameter
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ch(s) chain(s) | sk skip |
| dc double crochet | sl st(s) slip stitch(es) |
| dtr double treble crochet | sp space |
| hdc half double crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| sc single crochet | yo yarn over |
- [] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Popcorn (popcorn) Work 5 hdc in indicated stitch; drop loop from hook; insert hook, from front to back, into top of first hdc of popcorn and into dropped loop, yo and draw through both loops on hook.

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

finished length (wrist to wrist) 51½ (57, 56, 62)"/131 (145, 142, 157.5)cm

finished height (neck to lower edge) 15½ (17, 20, 22)"/39.5 (43, 51, 56)cm

GAUGE

Granny Square measures 4½ x 4½"/11.5 x 11.5cm worked with H/8 (5mm) crochet hook OR 5 x 5"/12.5 x 12.5cm worked with I/9 (5.5mm) hook.

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

NOTE

Use smaller hook for S and L size. Use larger hook for M and 1X size.

FIRST GRANNY SQUARE

Ch 7; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 16 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 2, 4 hdc in first sc, drop loop from hook; insert hook, from front to back, into top of beginning ch-2 and into dropped loop, yo and draw through both loops on hook (beginning Popcorn made), *ch 5, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 2, sk next sc, Popcorn in next sc; repeat from * around to last sc, ch 5, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 2, sk last sc; do not join—8 Popcorn.

Round 3 Ch1, sc in top of beginning Popcorn, *ch 9, sc in top of next Popcorn; repeat from * around, ch 4; join with dtr in first sc (last ch-4 and dtr form ch-9 sp)—8 ch-9 sp.

Round 4 Ch 3, 4 dc in first ch-9 sp (formed by joining dtr—first corner started), *ch 4, sc in next ch-9 sp, ch 4, [5 dc, ch 5, 5 dc] in next ch-9 sp (corner made); repeat from * 2 more times, ch 4, sc in next ch-9 sp, ch 4, 5 dc in last ch-sp (same sp in which first 4 dc were worked), ch 5; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 (first corner completed)—4 corners.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in ch-5 sp of corner just completed (before beginning ch-3 of Round 4), ch 4, sk next 4 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc, *[5 sc, ch 3, 5 sc] in next corner ch-5 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc; repeat from * around to last corner ch-5 sp, [5 sc, ch 3, 4 sc] in last corner ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

NEXT GRANNY SQUARE

Work First Granny Square through Round 4.

Round 5 (joining round) Ch 1, sc in ch-5 sp of corner just completed (before beginning ch-3 of Round 4), ch 4, sk next 4 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc, 5 sc in next corner ch-5 sp, ch 1; with right sides facing, place First Granny Square beside current Granny Square with corners aligned, sl st in ch-3 sp at corner of First Granny Square, ch 1, 5 sc in same corner ch-5 sp, sl st in next ch-4 sp of First Granny Square, ch 4, sk next 5 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sl st in next ch-5 sp of First Granny Square, sk next sc, ch 2, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sl st in next ch-4 sp of First Granny Square, sk next 5 dc, 5 sc in next corner ch-5 sp, ch 1, sl st in ch-3 sp at corner of First Granny Square, ch 1, 5 sc in same corner ch-5 sp (edges joined); ch 4, sk next 5 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next 5





dc, *[5 sc, ch 3, 5 sc] in next corner ch-5 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next 5 dc; repeat from * around to last corner ch-5 sp, [5 sc, ch 3, 4 sc] in last corner ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

FIRST GRANNY SQUARE ROW

Repeat instructions for Next Granny Square, joining each new Granny Square to edge of row of Granny Squares already joined. Make a row of 11 (11, 12, 12) Granny Squares.

NEXT GRANNY SQUARE ROW

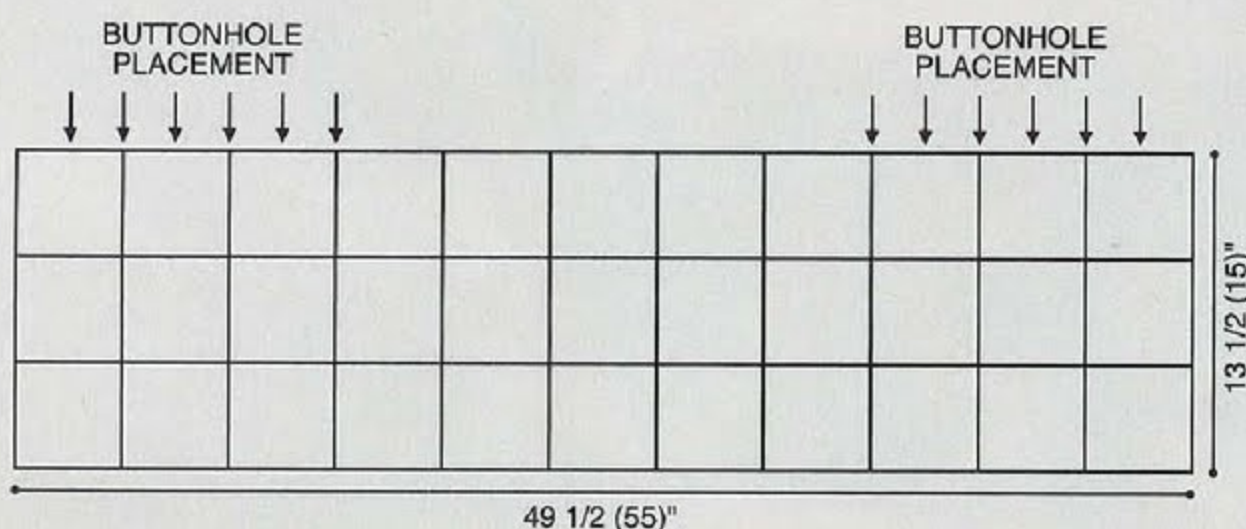
1 Work Next Granny Square through Round 4. With right sides facing, place current Granny Square beneath First Granny Square Row with corners of top edge of current Granny Square

aligned with corners of lower edge of First Granny Square in previous row. Work Round 5 of Next Granny Square, joining aligned edges and corners.

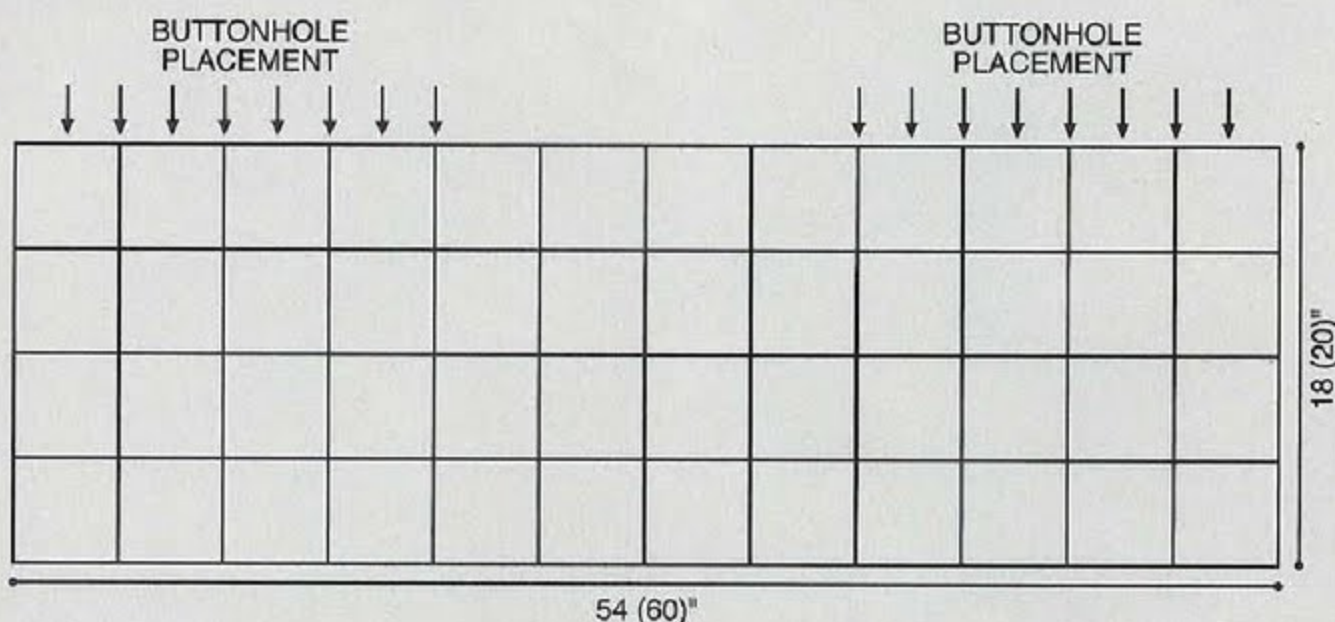
2 Work Next Granny Square through Round 4. With right sides facing, place current Granny Square beneath First Granny Square Row and beside previous Granny Square of current row with corners aligned. Work as for Round 5 of Next Granny Square, joining aligned edges and corners of current Granny Square to side edge of previous Granny Square of the current row and lower edge of next Granny Square in First Granny Square Row.

3 Continue making and joining rows of Granny squares until there are 3 (3, 4, 4) rows of 11 (11, 12, 12) Granny Squares.

CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM (SIZES S & M)



CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM (SIZES L & 1X)



FINISHING

Blocking

Wet block before continuing as follows: Lay garment on a flat surface, stretch to finished measurements, and pin in place. Spritz with water and allow to dry.

Edging

With wrong side facing, join yarn with sl st in corner ch-3 sp preceding a short side.

Round 1: Working along short side, ch 1, 3 sc in same ch-3 sp, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, 3 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, 2 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 5 sc, *work 3 sc in each corner (where motifs are joined or at corner of garment), sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, 3 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, 2 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 5 sc; repeat from * around all edges, pivoting work at each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Refer to assembly diagram for buttonhole placement. Turn piece and place 12 (12, 16, 16) stitch markers along the top long edge for buttonhole placement as follows:

Place one stitch marker above the join, following the first 3 (3, 4, 4) Granny Squares.

Place one stitch marker at the center of the edge of each of the first 3 (3, 4, 4) Granny Squares.

Repeat on the other end of top long edge.

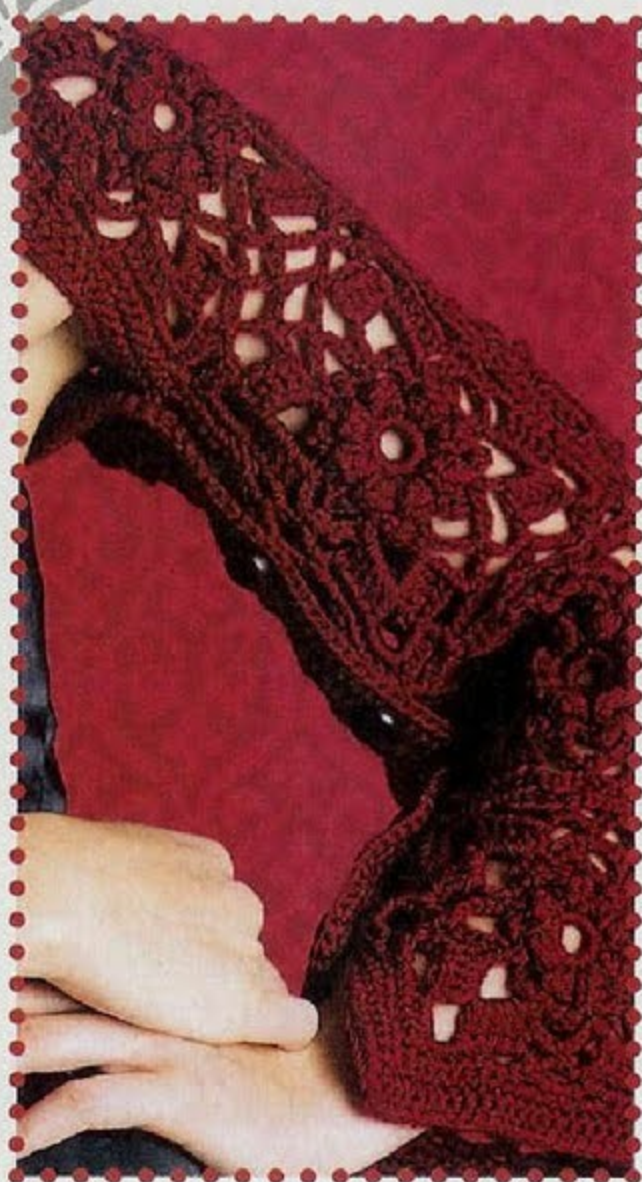
Round 2: Ch 1, turn, *[sc in each sc, 2 sc in each ch-2 sp] to next marked st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts (buttonhole made); repeat from * across long edge to corner sc, work 3 sc in corner sc, **pivot to work along next edge, [sc in each sc, 2 sc in each ch-2 sp] to corner sc, 3 sc in corner sc; repeat from ** around remaining edges of Shawl; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 3 and 4 Ch 1, turn; working 3 sc in each corner sc, sc in each sc and ch around; join with sl st in first sc.

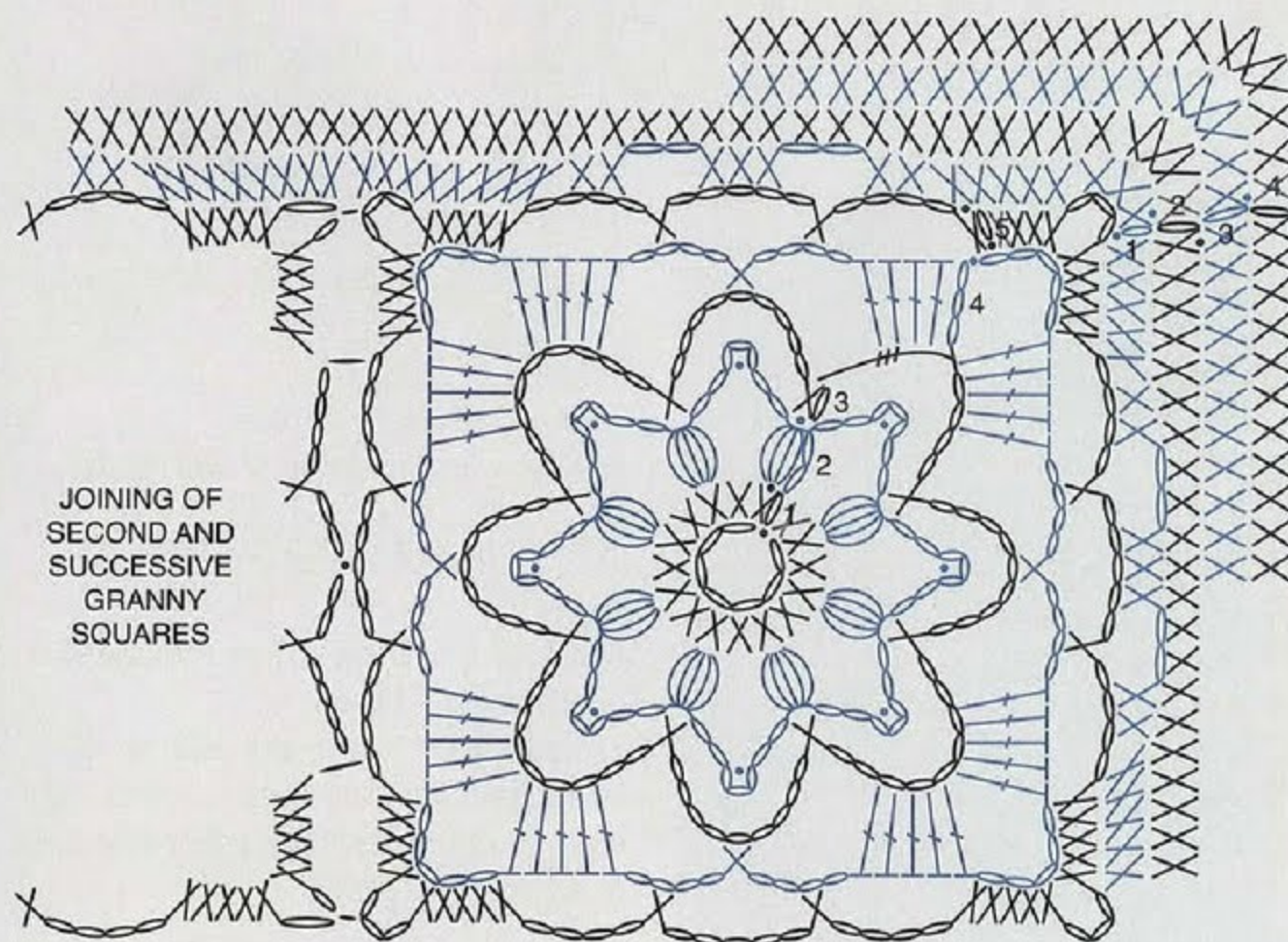
Sew buttons along long edge opposite buttonholes. Weave in all ends.

Tip

This wrap becomes a shrug with just a few buttons!



FIRST GRANNY SQUARE



JOINING OF
SECOND AND
SUCCESSIVE
GRANNY
SQUARES

Shawls for Friends

Wrap someone special in comfort, care and love

As a crocheter, you know the feeling. You hear some news about a friend: It could be news of a birth, an upcoming wedding, or even a hardship, and you get the urge to pick up hook and yarn to make something—a gift to commemorate or comfort. The Craft Yarn Council of America has taken notice of crocheters' incredible generosity toward friends and family and, in response, has developed a Friendship Shawl program to encourage and bring people together.

Debbie Macomber, author of the popular Blossom Street series of

novels about knitters and crocheters, says Friendship Shawls—any wrap or shawl that you make and give to a friend to let her know she's in your thoughts—are all about "an attitude of gratitude." Macomber says it's natural for stitchers to use their craft to "let the people in our lives know that they are important to us."

To learn more about the Friendship Shawl movement, visit friendshipshawl.org. There, you'll find free shawl patterns as well as interactive features where visitors to the site share their stories and projects. Then, start crocheting! You

can give a Friendship Shawl to anyone for any purpose. What's most important is that your thoughts go into each stitch, which will surely be felt by the recipient each time she wraps herself in your handiwork.

—Amy O'Neill Houck

---A handmade gift stitched for friends and loved ones beats anything bought in a store!

Colorful Carryall!

By Kj Hay

Ribbons
of color are
tote-ally
cute!

What You'll Need

YARN

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

- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (A)
- 1 skein #886 Blue (B)
- 1 skein #885 Delft Blue (C)
- 1 skein #512 Turqua (D)
- 1 skein #672 Spring Green (E)
- 1 skein #321 Gold (F)
- 1 skein #722 Pretty 'n Pink (G)
- 1 skein #774 Light Raspberry (H)

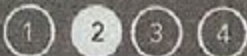
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Two 5"/12.5cm high x 6½"/16.5cm-wide plastic horseshoe-shaped purse handles
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)
sl st(s) slip stitch(es) yo yarn over

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

rev sc (reverse single crochet) Working from left to right, insert hook in next st to right of last st, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through both loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 17"/43cm wide at top x 13"/33cm high

GAUGE

14 sc and 15 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 15.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each rem ch across—14 sc.

Rows 2–15 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10 square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

NOTE

Unless otherwise specified, each color is used for one round, then fastened off. Next color in sequence is used for following round. When all 8 colors have been used, start color sequence (A–H) over again.

TOTE

With A, ch 31.

Beginning Half Round Sl st in 2nd ch from hook (skipped ch counts as ch-1 sp) and in each remaining ch across, ch 1—30 sl sts and 2 ch-1 sps. Do not fasten off.

Round 1 (right side) Do not turn, pivot piece to work along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across, pivot piece to work in sts of beginning half round, 3 sc in beginning ch-1 sp, sc in next 30 sl sts, 3 sc in next ch-1 sp—66 sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2 With right side facing, join B with sc in first st, sc in next 29 sts, *3 sc in next st (corner made), place a marker in first sc of corner just made, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st (corner made), place a marker in last sc of corner just made*, sc in next 30 sts; repeat from * to * once more—74 sc. Join. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join C with sc in first st, [sc in each st to next marked st, 3 sc in marked st, move marker up to first sc of 3 sc just made, sc in each st to next marked st, 3 sc in marked st, move marker up to last sc of 3 sc just made] 2 times—82 sc. Join. Fasten off.

Rounds 4 and 5 Repeat Round 3, 2 more times, using D for Round 4 and E for Round 5. At end of Round 5—98 sc. Remove markers.

Round 6 With right side facing, join F with sc in any st, sc in each st around. Join. Fasten off.

Rounds 7–12 Repeat Round 6, 6 more times, using appropriate color in each round (Use G for Round 7 and H for Round 8. Start color sequence over again with A for Round 9).

Round 13 Flatten piece and place 2 stitch markers on front and back, approx 1½"/4cm from each side edge.

With right side facing, join E with sc in any st, [sc in each st to next marked st, 2 sc in marked st] 4 times; sc in each remaining st—102 sc. Join. Fasten off. Remove markers.

Rounds 14–45 Repeat Rounds 6–13, 4

the yarn



Super Saver in
Cherry Red







more times, using appropriate color in each round. At end of Round 45—118 sc.

Rounds 46 and 47 Repeat Round 6, 2 more times, using appropriate color in each round.

Round 48 With right side facing, join H with sc in any st, working from left to right, work rev sc in each st around—118 rev sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

TABS (MAKE 4—OPTIONAL)

With F, ch 8.

Row 1 Sc in back bar of 2nd ch from hook and in back bar of each remaining ch across—7 sc. Fasten off, leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail for sewing.

JOINING HANDLES

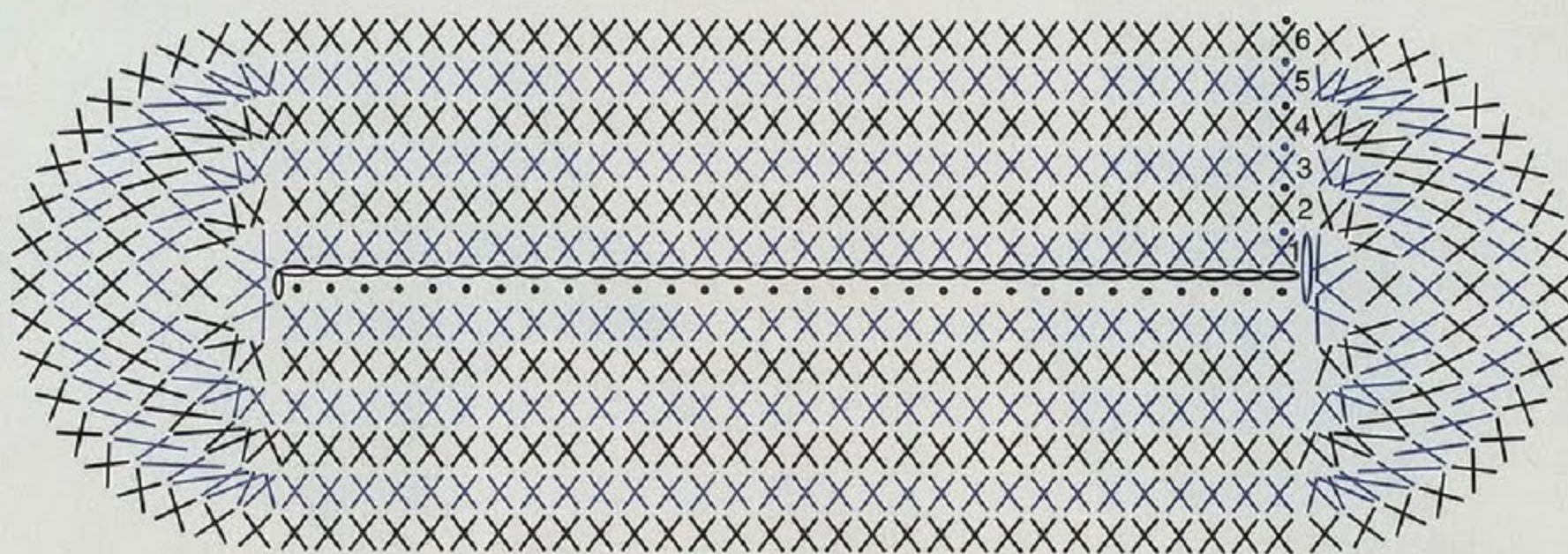
Thread tabs through openings on ends of

handles. Using yarn tails and yarn needle, sew ends of tabs in place on Round 46 on inside of tote. Optional: Instead of making tabs, stitch handles directly to tote.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

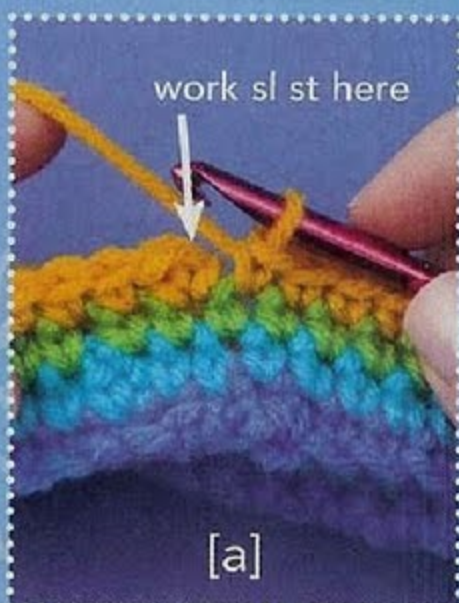
STITCH DIAGRAM (ROUNDS 1–6)



JOINING ROUNDS

Here's how to get a neat join and color change on each round of this bag.

- [a] To join each round, work a slip stitch in the first stitch of the round.
- [b] Here, the slip stitch has been worked and the round is joined.
- [c] Next, fasten off by cutting the yarn and pulling the yarn end through the last loop. To hide the yarn tail, crochet over it on the next round.
- [d] To start the next round, join the next color with a slip stitch in any single crochet of the previous round. Staggering the beginning point of each round will avoid creating a visible seam on the bag.





Step- by-Step Socks



This light and lacy sock is worked from the toe up—try it on as you stitch for a perfect fit! Our pattern tells you how to customize the sizing at every step.

By Amy O'Neill Houck



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st(s)** slip stitch(es)
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sk skip **yo** yarn over

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

v-st (v-stitch) 2 dc in indicated st or sp.

ldc (linked double crochet) Insert hook in the center (horizontal) bar of the last st (or the 2nd ch of beginning ch-3) and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook); insert hook in next st and draw up a loop (3 loops on hook), [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

fsc (foundation single crochet)

step 1 Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made), yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (fsc made).

step 2 Insert hook in base-ch of last fsc made (be sure to insert hook under 2 loops of the base-ch; the loop at the front or face of the base-ch and the loop on the bottom side of the base-ch), yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made), yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (fsc made).

Repeat Step 2 for desired number of fsc.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Heart & Sole, 1¼oz/50g balls, each approx 213yd/195m (wool/nylon)

- 2 balls #3935 Tequila Sunrise

CROCHET HOOK

- Size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



SIZES

Women's 7–9 (with customization instructions for different sizes)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

sole length (from toe to heel) approx 9"/23cm

cuff height approx 4"/10cm

circumference at instep approx 9"/23cm

circumference at cuff approx 8"/20.5cm

circumference at arch approx 8"/20.5cm

GAUGE

30 sts and 17 rows = 4"/10cm over linked double crochet (ldc).

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 32.

Row 1 Ldc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), ldc in each remaining ch across—30 ldc.

Rows 2–17 Ch 3 (counts as first ldc), turn; ldc

in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Crocheted socks are less stretchy than standard socks, so they have little negative ease. Don't be surprised if the sock looks big while you're making it. Just be sure to try it on frequently as you go.

2 The toe is worked in continuous rounds; do not join or turn at the end of rounds. You may wish to use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

3 The foot is worked in joined rounds without turning.

4 The toe, foot and ankle are worked in one piece, and an opening is created for the heel. After the rest of the sock is complete, the heel is worked into the opening.

SOCK (MAKE 2)

Toe

Ch 10.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 7 ch, 3 sc in last ch, place stitch marker in center sc of 3-sc group just made; pivot to work long opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 7 ch, 2 sc in last ch, place stitch marker in the 2nd sc of 2-sc group just made; do not join—20 sc.

Move markers up as work progresses.

Round 2 [Sc in each st to next marker, 3 sc in marked st] twice—24 sc.

Rounds 3–8 Repeat Round 2—48 sc. Do not fasten off.

Try on your toe. It should be almost wide enough to fit around the widest part of your foot. Work an extra round or two if needed.

the yarn



Heart & Sole in Tequila Sunrise



A little snugness is good at this point because the change in stitch pattern for the foot adds a little bit of ease.

Foot

Round 1 Ch 3 (does not count as a st here and throughout), ldc in next 24 sts (or one half of the total number of toe sts), *sk next st, v-st in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of turning ch—24 ldc and 12 v-sts.

Note The linked sts form the sole of the foot. The v-st lace forms the top of the foot.

Round 2 Ch 3, ldc in next 24 sts, dc in sp before next v-st, *ch 1, sk next v-st, dc in sp before next v-st; repeat from * around, ending with ch 1, dc in sp before turning ch; join with sl st in top of turning ch.

Round 3 Ch 3, ldc in next 24 sts, v-st in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in top of turning ch.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for approx 6½"/16.5cm, or until top of foot reaches beginning of ankle. End with a Round 2. Do not fasten off.

Create Opening for Heel

Fsc 28; sk the sole sts; join the final fsc in first dc of lace section.

Ankle

Round 1 Ch 3, v-st in each ch-1 sp across top of foot, *v-st in next fsc, sk next fsc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of turning ch—26 v-sts.

Round 2 Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk first v-st, *dc in sp before next v-st, ch 1, sk next v-st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3 Ch 3, v-st in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for 4"/10cm (or for desired ankle length). End with a Round 2. Do not fasten off.

Ribbed Cuff

Ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; sl st in next 2 sts of last round of ankle.

Row 2 Turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st of previous row.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st of previous row; sl st in next 2 sts of last round of ankle.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 around the ankle.

Joining Row Hold first and last row of cuff together, and working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Heel

Place a stitch marker in each corner of the heel opening. Move markers up as work progresses.

With right side facing, join yarn with sc anywhere along edge of heel opening. The first round is worked in the skipped sole sts and along opposite side of fsc sts.

Round 1 [Sc in each st to 1 st before next marker, sc2tog] twice, sc in each remaining st around; do not join—50 sts.

Rounds 2–16 [Sc in each st to 1 st before

next marker, sc2tog] twice, sc in each remaining st around—20 sts. Fasten off.

Joining Row With inside of sock facing, flatten remaining heel opening, aligning sts; working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sl st in first st, sl st in each remaining st across to close opening. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Tip

Socks make the perfect gift! You can stitch them up in a weekend, the materials are affordable, and everyone loves cozy, warm feet. Make a pair for everyone on your list!





Featherweight Wrap

A graphic thread motif is simply stunning in this light-as-air shawl. Perfect for a dressy or casual look, this updated classic will never go out of style.

By Susan Lowman

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Bamboo Crochet Thread, each ball approx 300yd/274m (cotton)

- 3 balls #226 Natural

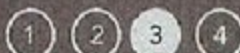
CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (1.65mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 5" x 12.5cm square piece of cardboard
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st(s)** slip stitch(es)
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sk skip **tr** treble crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

edc (extended double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop (three loops on hook), yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (two loops on hook), [yarn over and draw through two loops on hook] twice.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 54"/137cm wide x 20"/51cm high, excluding fringe

GAUGE

Rows 1–18 = 4"/10cm high x 9½"/24cm wide using size 7 (1.65mm) steel crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 5.

Work Rows 1–18 of Shawl instructions (below). Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm high x 9½"/24cm wide. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

SHAWL

Starting at lower tip, ch 5.

Row 1 (wrong side) (2 dc, tr) in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as tr)—2 tr and 2 dc.

Row 2 Ch 4 (counts as tr here and throughout), turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 9, sk next 2 dc, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of beginning ch—4 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, and 1 ch-9 sp.

Row 3 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 5, sc in 5th ch of ch-9 sp, ch 5, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—4 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 1 sc, and 2 ch-5 sps.

Row 4 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 7, sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 7, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—4 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 3 sc, and 2 ch-7 sps.

Row 5 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 8, sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 8, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—4 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 5 sc, and 2 ch-8 sps.

Row 6 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 9, sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in next 5 sc, sc in

next ch-8 sp, ch 9, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—4 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 7 sc, and 2 ch-9 sps.

Row 7 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, dc in next 3 chs, ch 8, sk next sc, sc in next 5 sc, ch 8, sk next 6 chs, dc in next 3 chs, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—12 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 5 sc, 2 ch-8 sps, and 2 ch-2 sps.

Row 8 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 3 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 7, sk next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 7, sk next 5 chs, dc in next 3 chs, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts] 3 times, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—16 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 3 sc, 2 ch-7 sps, and 6 ch-2 sps.

Row 9 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 5 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 7, sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 7, sk next 4 chs, dc in next 3 chs, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts] 5 times, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—20 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 1 sc, 2 ch-7 sps, and 10 ch-2 sp.

Row 10 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 7 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 2, sk first 4 chs of next ch-7 sp, dc in next 3 chs, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts] 7 times, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—24 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, and 15 ch-2 sps.

Row 11 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 9 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts] 9 times, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—24 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, and 18 ch-2 sps.

Row 12 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 9, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 7 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * once more, ch 9, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—32

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dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 3 ch-9 sps, and 14 ch-2 sps.

Row 13 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 5, sc in 5th ch of ch-9 sp, ch 5; sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 5 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * once more, ch 5, sc in 5th ch of ch-9 sp, ch 5, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—28 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 3 sc, 6 ch-5 sps, and 10 ch-2 sps.

Row 14 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 7, sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 7, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * once more, ch 7, sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 7, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—24 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 9 sc, 6 ch-7 sps, and 6 ch-2 sps.

Row 15 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 8, sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 8, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * once more, ch 8, sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 8, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—20 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 15 sc,

6 ch-8 sps, and 2 ch-2 sps.

Row 16 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 9, sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in next 5 sc, sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 9, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * once more, ch 9, sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in next 5 sc, sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 9, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—12 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 21 sc, and 6 ch-9 sps.

Row 17 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc, dc in next 3 chs, ch 8, sk next sc, sc in next 5 sc, ch 8, sk next 6 chs, dc in next 3 chs, dc in next dc; repeat from * 2 more times, ch 2, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—28 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 15 sc, 6 ch-8 sps, and 4 ch-2 sps.

Row 18 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 3 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 7, sk next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 7, sk next 5 chs, dc in next 3 chs, dc in next dc; repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 2 times, ch 2, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—36 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 9 sc, 6 ch-7 sps, and 12 ch-2 sps.

Row 19 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 5 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 7, sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 7, sk next 4 chs, dc in next 3 chs, dc in next dc; repeat from * 2 more times, [ch

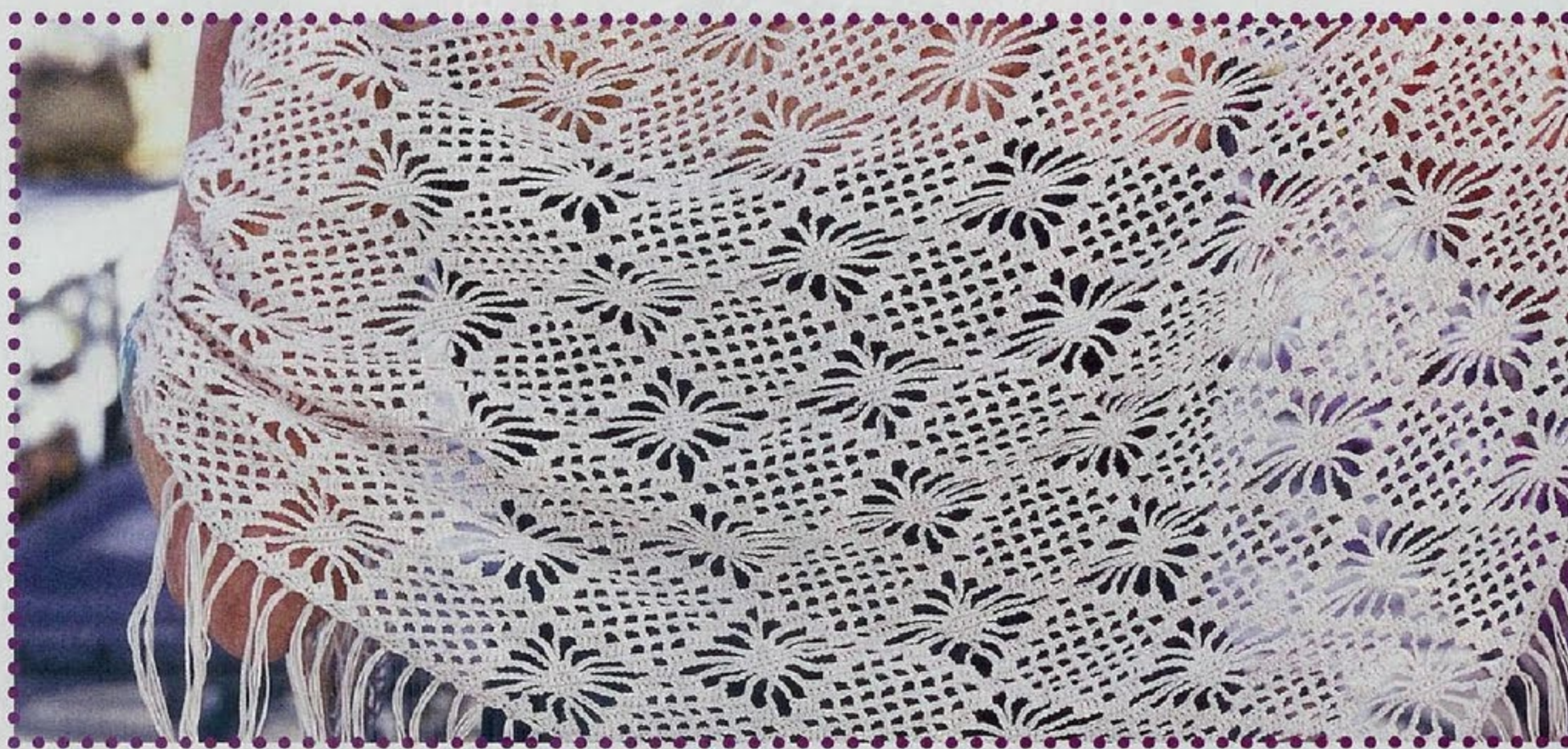
2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 4 times, ch 2, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—44 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, 3 sc, 6 ch-7 sps, and 20 ch-2 sps.

Row 20 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 7 times, dc in next 3 chs, ch 2, sk first 4 chs of next ch-7 sp, dc in next 3 chs, dc in next dc; repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 6 times, ch 2, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—52 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, and 31 ch-2 sps.

Row 21 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 9 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc; repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next dc] 8 times, ch 2, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—48 dc, 2 edc, 2 tr, and 36 ch-2 sps.

Rows 22–91 Repeat Rows 12–21, 7 more times, increasing underlined number in each row by 2 more for Rows 22–31, by 4 more for Rows 32–41, by 6 more for Rows 42–51, by 8 more for Rows 52–61, by 10 more for Rows 62–71, by 12 more for Rows 72–81, and by 14 more for Rows 82–91. Stitch counts will not be accurate.

Row 92 Ch 4, turn; (edc, 2 dc) in first tr, dc in next 3 sts, *2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 9 times, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from





* 16 more times, [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 9 times, dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, edc, tr) in top of turning ch—546 dc, 2 edc, and 2 tr. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block to approx 54"/137cm wide x 20"/51cm high.

Fringe

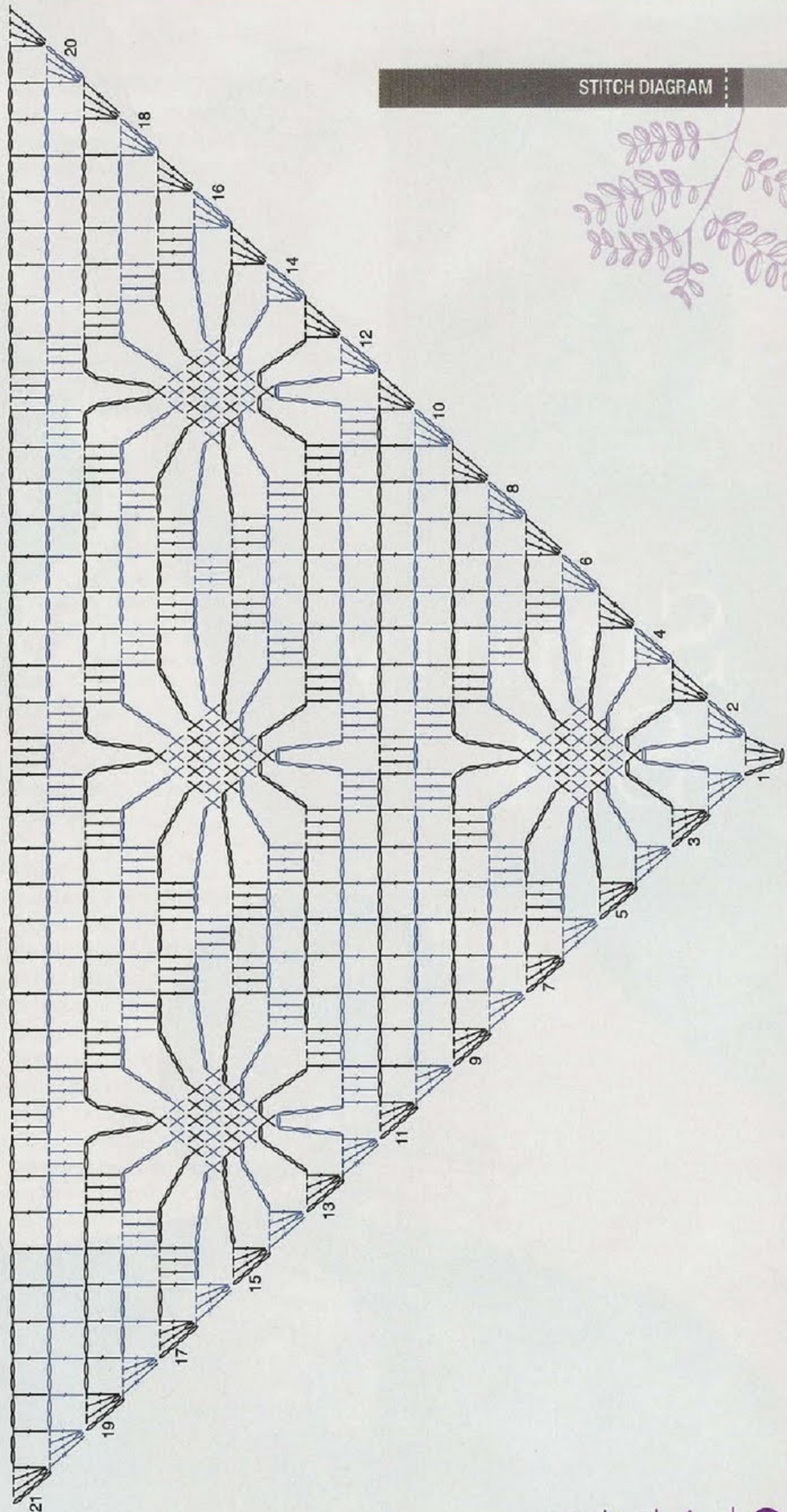
Wind thread many times around 5"/12.5cm piece of cardboard. Cut thread at one end of cardboard to make 10"/25.5cm long strands. Fold two strands in half, insert hook in sp between edc and tr at edge of any row, draw fold through, insert ends of strands through folded end and pull loose ends to tighten fringe. Repeat in edge of each row along diagonal edges and in lower point of shawl, using two strands for each fringe. Trim fringe as desired.

Tip

To give this shawl a smooth, finished look and make its stitches "pop," be sure to block it.



STITCH DIAGRAM



A close-up photograph of a woman with light brown hair and blue eyes, smiling slightly. She is wearing a green top. In her left hand, she holds a small, cream-colored crocheted pouch with a green and purple floral design and a wooden toggle. In her right hand, she holds a pair of dark sunglasses. The background is a blurred green and white pattern.

Sunny Set



Hold everything you need with our cheery tote and glasses case. Granny motifs make fun flaps!

By Shiri Mor

What You'll Need

YARN

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

- 2 balls #4420 Guacamole (A)
- 1 ball #4601 Off White (B)
- 1 ball #9537 Fuchsia (C)

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- 2 buttons 1 1/2"/2.5cm diameter
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain
dc double crochet
hdc half double crochet
sc single crochet
sk skip

sl st slip stitch
sp space
st(s) stitch(es)
yo yarn over

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses in indicated stitch or space.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

the yarn



Soft Yarn in Guacamole

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

tote approx 8"/20.5cm wide x 4 1/2"/11.5cm deep (at base) x 8 1/2"/21.5cm high

sunglasses case approx 3 1/2"/9cm wide x 7 1/2"/19cm long

GAUGE

16 sc and 18 rows = 4"/10cm; 16 sc and 20 rounds = 4"/10cm using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

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

Rows 2–18 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.*

TOTE

Base

With A, ch 19.

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

Rows 2–36 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Body

Join A with sl st in end of row at center of long edge of base.

Round 1 (right side) Sc in same row, sc in end of each row to corner (18 sc), ch 1; pivot piece to work along sts of short edge, sc in each st across short edge (18 sc), ch 1; pivot piece to work along ends of rows of long edge, sc in end of each row to corner (36 sc), ch 1; pivot piece to work along short edge, sc in each st across short edge (18 sc), ch 1; pivot piece to work along beginning long edge, sc in each remaining sc across (18 sc); join with sl st in first sc—108 sc and 4 ch-1 sp.

Rounds 2–8 Ch 1, turn; *sc in each sc to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk ch-1 sp; repeat from * 3 more times, sc in each sc to end of round; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 9 and 10 Repeat Round 2 twice. Fasten off B. Join A with sl st in first sc.

Round 11 (decrease round) Ch 1, turn; *sc in each sc across to last 3 sc before ch-1 sp,



sc2tog, sc in next sc, ch 1, sk ch-1 sp, sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 more times, sc in each sc to end of round; join with sl st in first sc—100 sc and 4 ch-1 sp.

Rounds 12–40 Repeat Rounds 2–11 twice, then repeat Rounds 2–10 once.

Fasten off B. Join A with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 41–43 Repeat Round 2, 3 times.

Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in first sc.

Round 44 (right side) Do not turn, working in back loops only, sl st in each sc around; join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Strap

With A, ch 8.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across—6 hdc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across. Repeat Row 2 until strap measures 18"/45.5cm. Fasten off.

Motif

With C, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3, 2-dc Cl in ring, ch 4, *3-dc Cl in ring, ch 4; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—6 ch-4 sp. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join A with sl st in any ch-4 sp, ch 3, (2-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in same sp (corner made), ch 2, *(3-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in next ch-4 sp (corner made), ch 2; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 3 Join B with sl st in any ch-4 corner



sp, ch 3, (2-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in same sp, ch 2, 3-dc Cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, *(3-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, 3-dc Cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 4 Join A with sl st in any ch-4 corner sp, ch 3, (2-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) in same sp, ch 2, (3-dc Cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 2) twice, *(3-dc Cl, ch 4, 3-dc Cl) into next ch-4 sp, ch 2, (3-dc Cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 2) twice; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 5 Join C with sl st in any ch-4 corner sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next 3 ch-2 sp, *(sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next 3 ch-2 sp; repeat from * once more, (sc, hdc, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 10, sl st in top of last dc made (button loop made), (2 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next 3 ch-2 sps, *(sc, hdc, 5 dc,

hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next 3 ch-2 sp; repeat from ** once more; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 6 Working in back loops only, join B with sl st in any st, sl st in each st around; join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Finishing

Sew ends of strap to short sides at top of tote.

Sew half of motif, with button loop flapping to the front, to center top at back of tote.

Sew button to front of tote opposite button loop. Weave in all ends.

SUNGLASSES CASE

Case

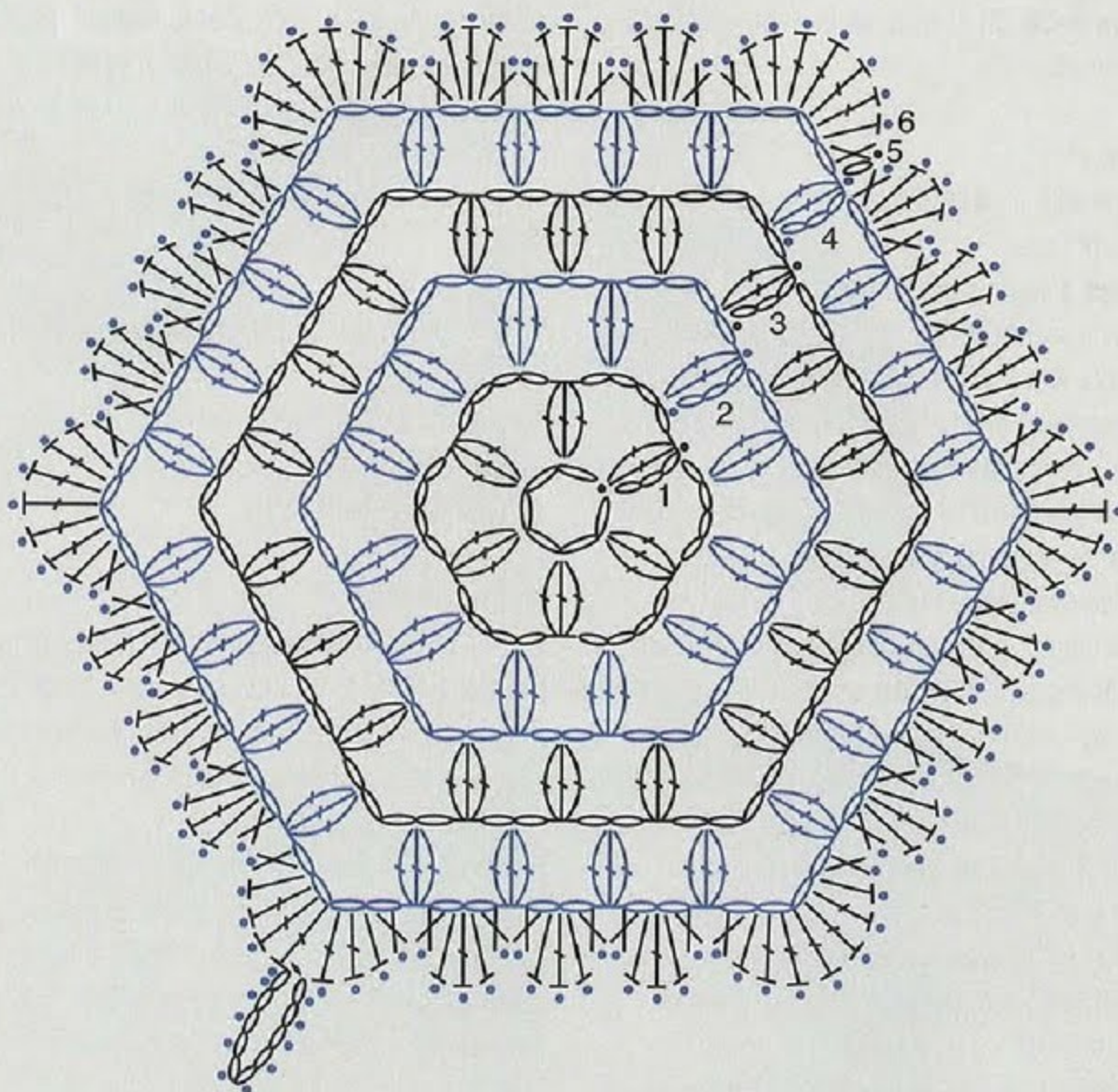
With B, ch 31.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; taking care not to twist the sts, join with sl st in first sc to form ring—30 sc.

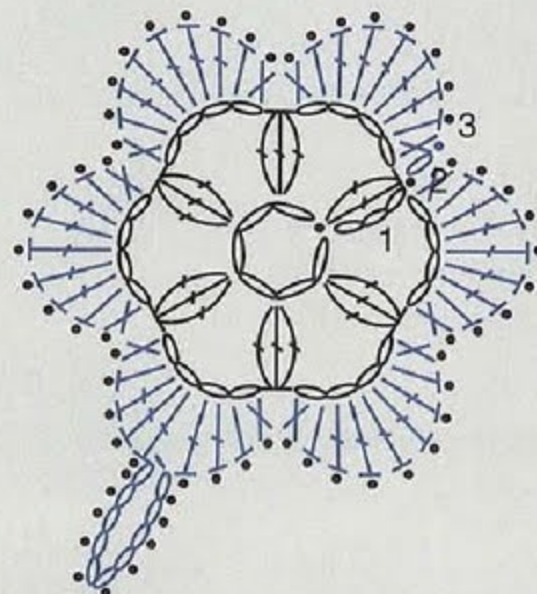
Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.



TOTE MOTIF DIAGRAM



SUNGLASSES CASE MOTIF DIAGRAM





Repeat Round 2 until case measures 7½"/19cm. Fasten off.

Motif

With C, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3, 2-dc Cl in ring, ch 4, *3-dc Cl in ring, ch 4; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—6 ch-4 sp. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join A with sl st in any ch-4 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp and each of the next 2 ch-4 sp, (sc, hdc, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 10, sl st in top of last dc made (button

loop made), (2 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next 2 ch-4 sps; join with sl st in first ch. Fasten off.

Round 3 Working in back loops only, join B with sl st in any st, sl st in each st around; join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Finishing

Seam bottom of case together using sl sts, then turn case inside out.

Sew half of motif, with button loop flapping to the front, to center top at back of case.

Sew button to front of case opposite buttonhole. Weave in all ends.



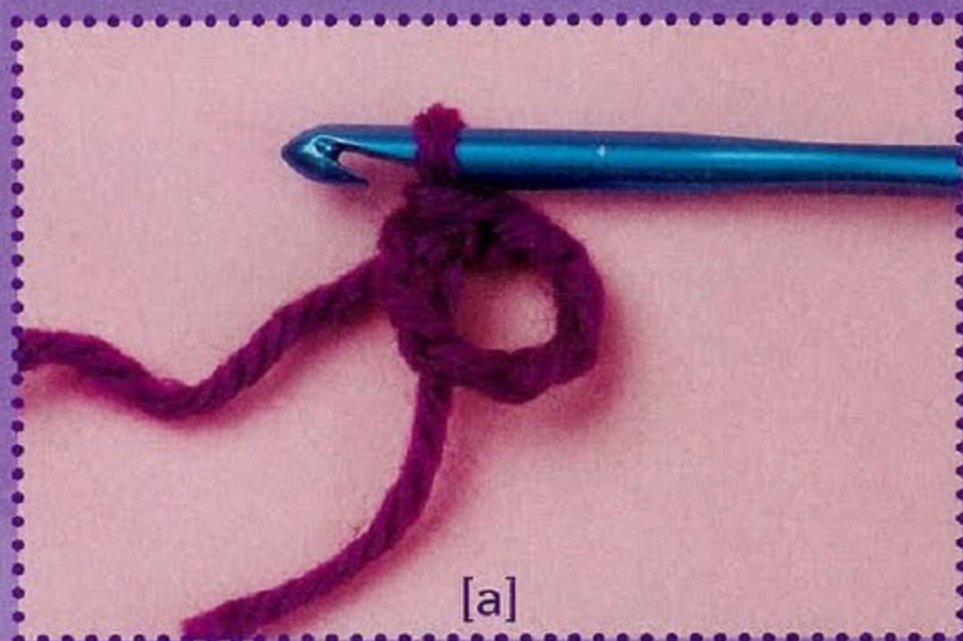
MAKING THE GRANNY

[a] The chain-6 center ring

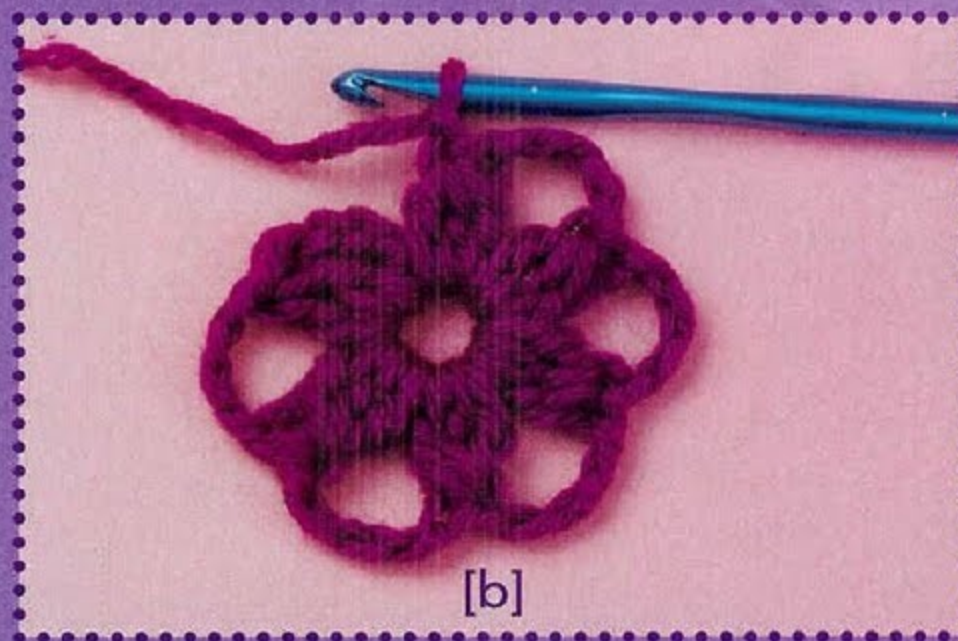
[b] Round 1: Working 3-double crochet clusters into the ring

[c] Round 2: Working "petals" into loops of previous round

[d] Round 3: Working slip stitches into back loop of previous round



[a]



[b]



[c]



[d]



Handmade Home

Give the gift of cozy warmth with this collection of projects designed to make home a haven. From comforting afghans and soft pillows to crochet accents for the table, these hand-stitched gifts are guaranteed to make any house a home.

Pick a pretty pillow P42





Tip

Freshen up plain fabric throw pillows by covering them with these blooming beauties!



Blooming Pillows

Double strands of yarn worked together make a set of pillows that are delightfully chunky and fantastically retro!

What You'll Need

YARN

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

- 1 skein #4614 Black (A)
- 1 skein #9779 Berry (B)
- 2 skeins #4601 Off White (C)

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- 12"/30.5cm square pillow form
- Two 13"/33cm square pieces of coordinating fabric
- Sewing needle
- Matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ch(s) chain(s) | sk skip |
| dc double crochet | sl st slip stitch |
| hdc half double crochet | sp(s) space(s) |
| sc single crochet | tr treble |
| | yo yarn over |

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

- cl cluster
- treble cluster (tr cl) *Yo twice, insert hook in specified stitch and draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice; repeat from * two times more; yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

12"/30.5cm square

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 on back = 4½"/11.5cm square
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.
Work Rounds 1–3 of Back instructions. Swatch should measure 4½"/11.5cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

- 1 Use 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.
- 2 Pillow can be made in choice of colors for flower, leaves and background. Throughout pattern, A refers to your color choice for flower, B refers to leaves around flower, and C refers to background on front and back.

FRONT

Starting in center with A, ch 6. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2 sp), (dc in ring, ch 2) 7 times—8 dc and 8 ch-2 sps. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 2 *Work (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp (petal made); repeat from * around—8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 3 Ch 4, *sc between next 2 petals, ch 4; repeat from * around—7 sc and 8 ch-4 sps. Join with sl st in joining sl st.

Round 4 *Work (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around—8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Repeat Round 3.

Round 6 *Work (sc, hdc, 7 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around—8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 7 Repeat Round 3.

Round 8 *Work (sc, hdc, dc, 7 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around—8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A.

Round 9 Join B with sl st in center tr on any petal, ch 1, sc in same tr, *ch 7, [(tr cl, ch 4) twice, tr cl] in center tr on next petal, ch 7**, sc in center tr on next petal; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **—12 tr cl, 4 sc, 8 ch-7 sps and 8 ch-4 sps. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

Round 10 Join C with sl st in center tr cl of any 3 tr cl group, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same st; *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, [(ch 1, 3 dc) two times in next ch-7 sp] two times, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1**, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next tr cl; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **, 3 dc in next tr cl, ch 1; join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp)—96 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, and 28 ch-1 sps.

Rounds 11–13 Ch 3, 2 dc around post of joining hdc, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to next ch-3 sp**, ch 1, work (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **, ch 1, 3 dc in last ch-sp, ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp)—108 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, and 32 ch-1 sps at end of Round 11. At end of Round 13—132 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, and 40 ch-1 sps. Fasten off at end of Round 13.

BACK

With C, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 1; join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp here and throughout)—12 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, dc in same ch as joining and in next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * 2 times more, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch

the yarn 

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of beginning ch-3—28 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Rounds 3–8 Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, dc in same ch as joining and in each dc across to next ch-3 sp, *(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in each dc across to next ch-3 sp**; repeat from * 2 times more, ending final repeat at **, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—44 dc and 4 ch-3 sps at end of Round 3. At end of Round 8—124 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Round 9 Ch 3, 2 dc around post of joining hdc, *(ch 1, sk next 3 dc, 3 dc in next dc) two times, (ch 1, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 7 times, ch 1**; (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3—132 dc, 4 ch-3 sps and 40 ch-1 sps. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

FINISHING

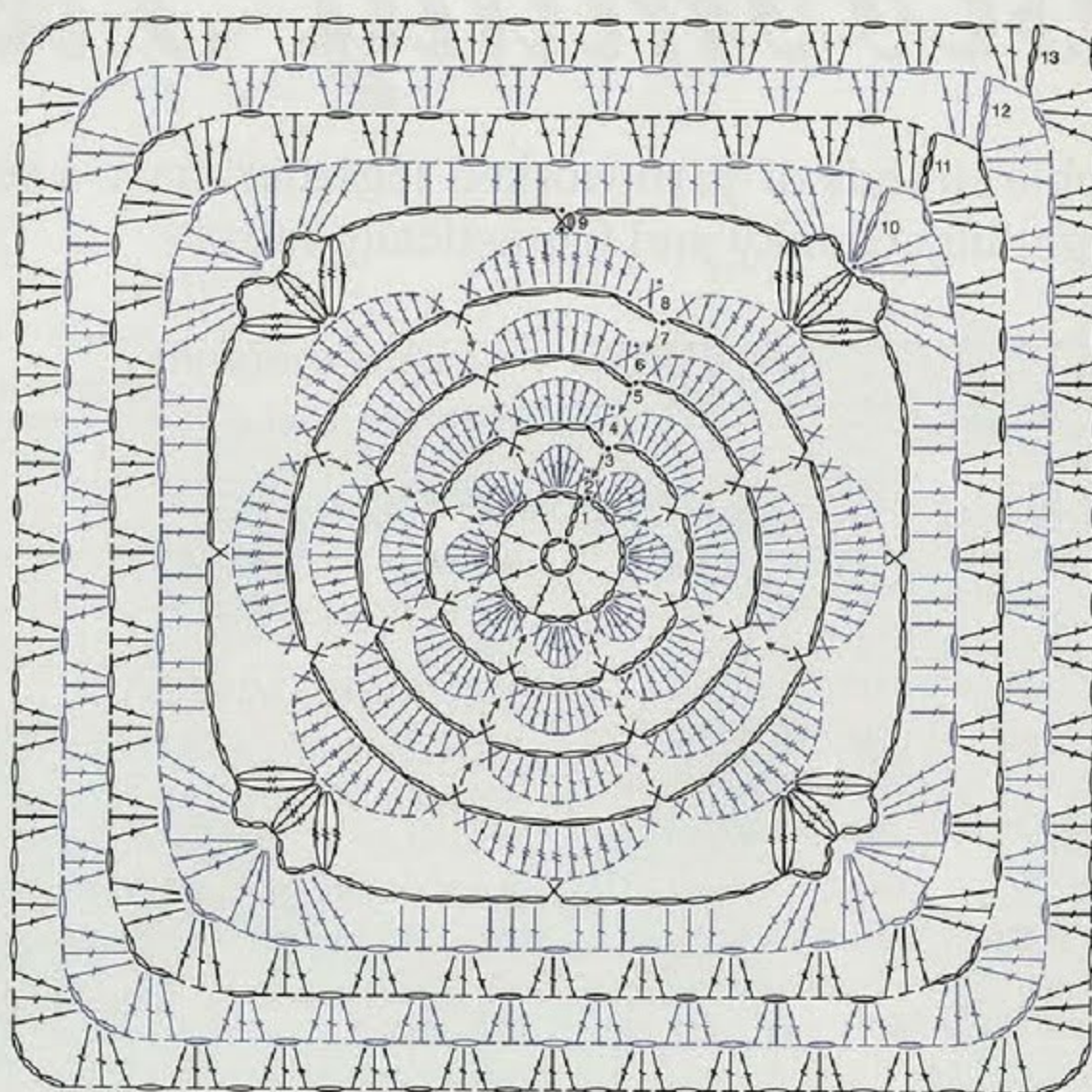
Align two 13"/33cm pieces of fabric with right sides together. With sewing needle and thread, sew seam around 3 edges of fabric with $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.25cm seam allowance. Turn fabric to right side. Insert pillow form and stitch last edge of fabric with $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.25cm seam allowance.

Weave in all ends on front and back pieces. With wrong sides of front and back together, whipstitch edges together, inserting pillow before joining last edge.

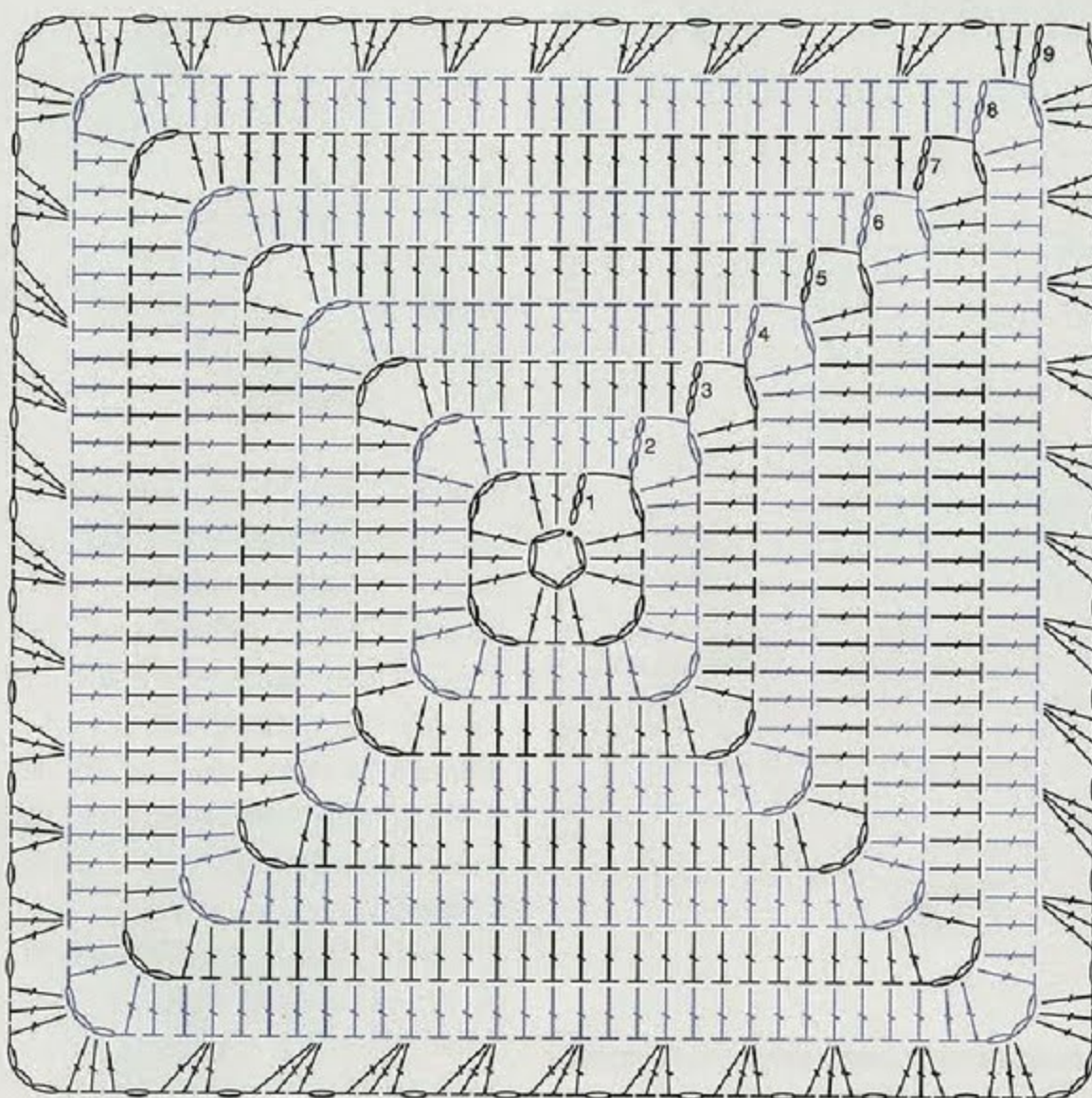
Weave in ends.



ROSE PILLOW DIAGRAM (FRONT)



ROSE PILLOW DIAGRAM (BACK)



Cheery Cushions





Get cozy with these festive pillows! They look fantastic on a couch, bed, or anywhere that needs a little extra handmade holiday charm.

By Regina Rioux Gonzalez

What You'll Need

YARN

- TLC Essentials, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 312yd/285m (acrylic)
- 2 skeins each:
 - #2915 Cranberry (A)
 - #2316 Winter White (B)
 - #2675 Dark Thyme (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 16"/40.5cm square pillow form
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Red sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Assorted buttons (optional)

Skill Level: Intermediate

1 2 3 4

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- ch(s) chain(s)
- sc single crochet
- * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
- [] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.
- () Work directions inside parentheses into st indicated.
- sl st slip stitch
- st(s) stitch(es)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 16"/40.5cm square

GAUGE

With I hook, 12 sc and 15 sc rows = 4"/10cm
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 2–15 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

PILLOW PANEL

Note Make 2 with A for Snowflake Pillow, 2 with B or C for Tree Pillows.

With larger hook and appropriate color, ch 48.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—47 sc.

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

Rows 3–58 Repeat Row 2, 56 more times. Do not fasten off.

Panel Edging

Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and in edge of each row around, working 2 sc in first and last st on top and bottom edges; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

SNOWFLAKE

With G hook and B, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side) Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc—16 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining; continue with branches as follows.

Long Corner Branch

First Spoke *Ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs.



2nd Spoke Ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 2 unworked chs on ch-11.

3rd Spoke Ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 3 unworked chs on ch-12.

4th Spoke Ch 14, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, sl st in next 2 unworked chs of ch-8, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, sl st in next 3 unworked chs of ch-14.

Top Spoke Ch 14, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs; [ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs] twice, sl st in next 8 unworked chs of ch-14.

Spoke Across from 4th Spoke Ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, sl st in next 2 unworked chs of ch-8, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, sl st in next 3 unworked chs of ch-9, sl st in next 5 unworked chs of ch-14.

Spoke Across from 3rd Spoke Ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 6, sl st

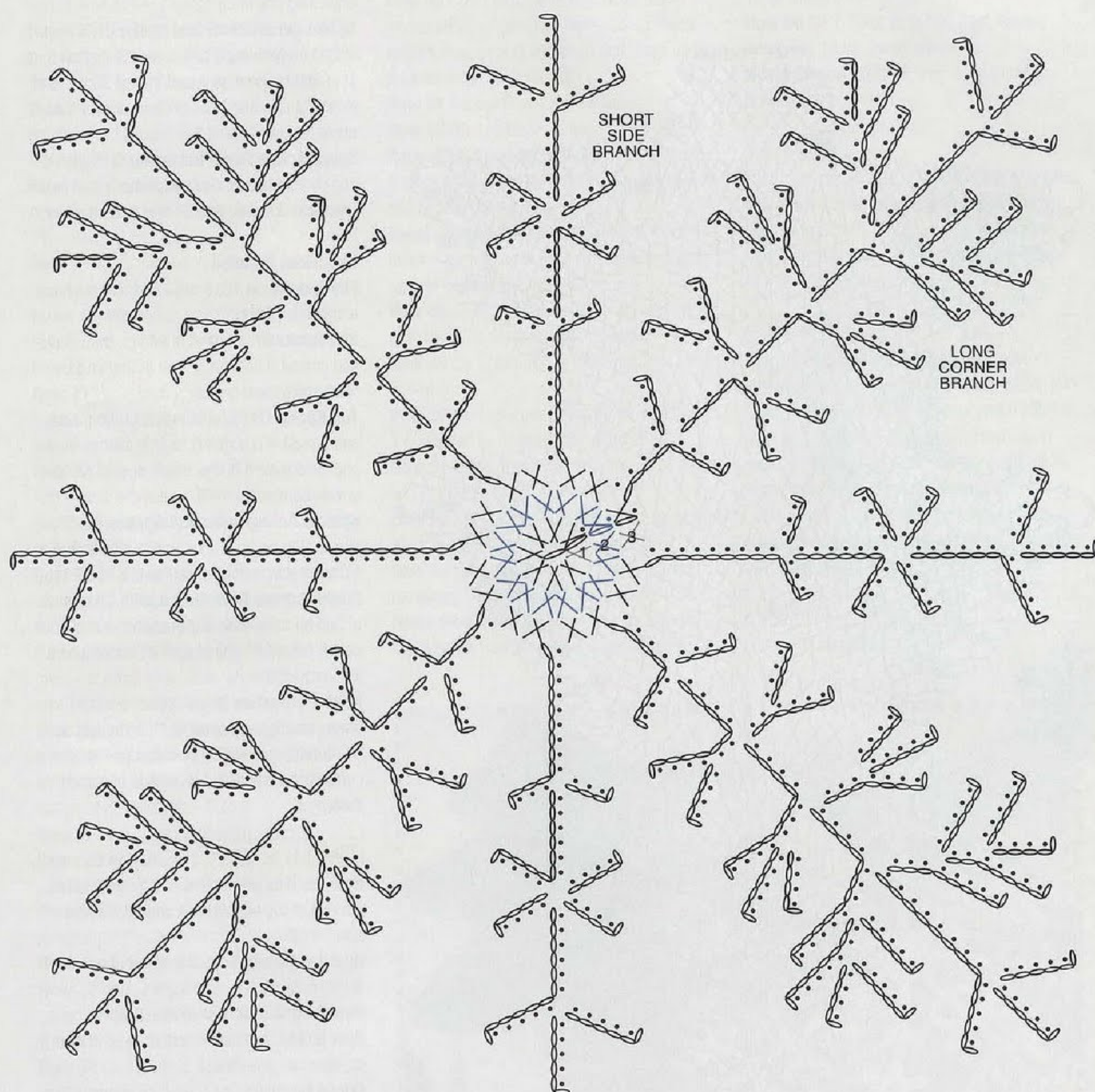
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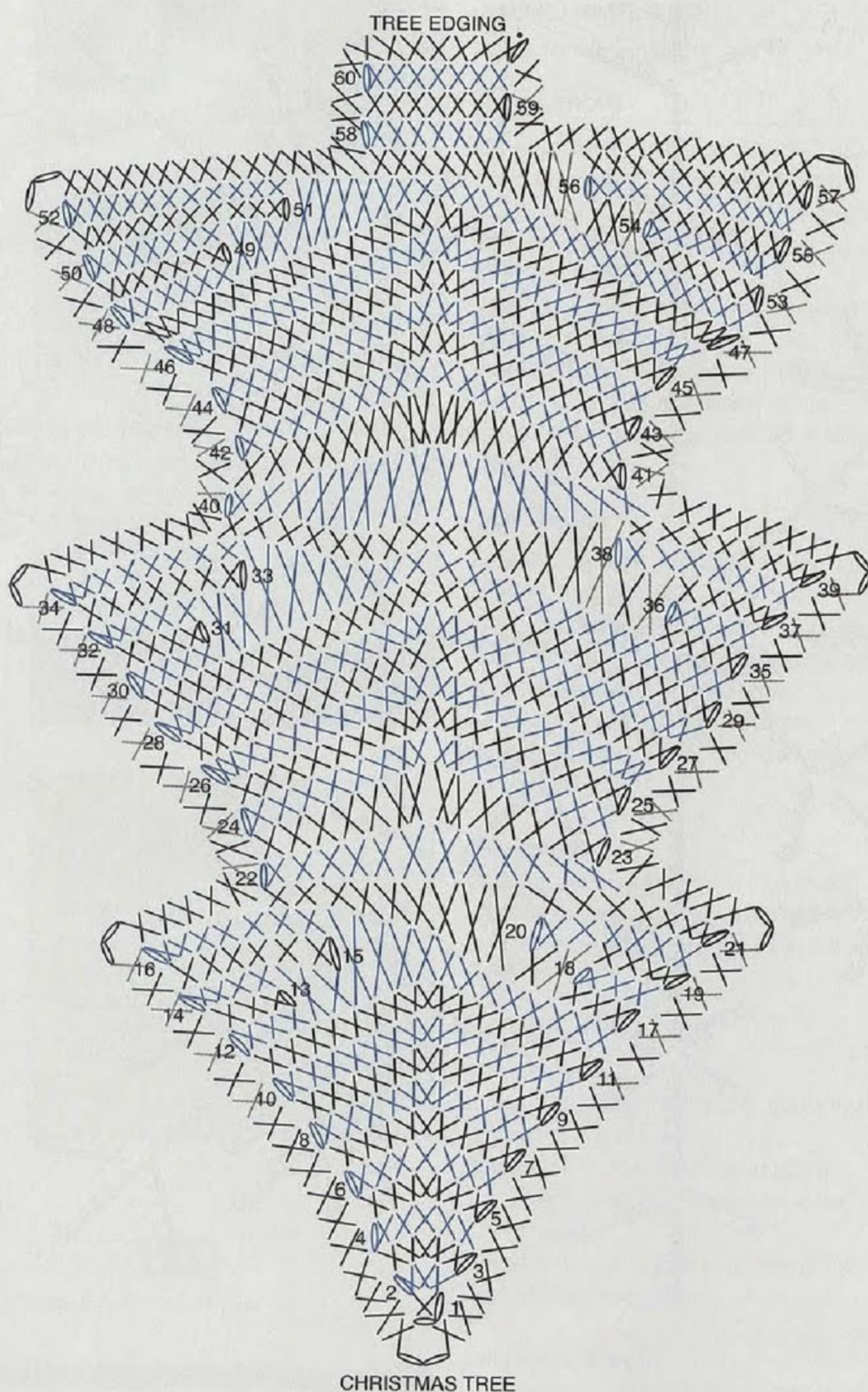


SNOWFLAKE STITCH DIAGRAM





TREE STITCH DIAGRAM



in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 3 unworked chs of ch-8, sl st in next 4 unworked chs of ch-12.

Spoke Across from 2nd Spoke Ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 2 unworked chs of ch-7, sl st in next 4 unworked chs of ch-11.

Spoke Across from First Spoke Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 4 unworked chs of ch-9; sc in next 2 sc on round 2.

Short Side Branch

First Spoke Ch 13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs.

2nd Spoke Ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs.

Top Spoke Ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, [ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs] twice, sl st in next 6 unworked chs of ch-12.

Spokes Across from 2nd Spokes [Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs] twice, sl st in next 6 unworked chs of ch-11.

Spoke Across from First Spoke Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs, sl st in next 9 unworked chs of ch-13**, sc in next 2 sc on round 2;

Next 6 Branches Repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, sc in next sc on round 2; join with sl st in first sc—4 long corner branches and 4 short side branches. Fasten off.

TREE

Note Use B for green pillow or C for white pillow. Starting at top with G hook and appropriate color, ch 2.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook—1 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in sc—3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in last sc—5 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Place marker in center sc and move up to center sc on Rows 5–11.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to center sc, 3 sc in center sc, sc in each remaining sc across—7 sc.



Row 6 Repeat Row 4.

Rows 7–11 Repeat Row 5, 5 more times—2 more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 11—17 sc.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, leaving remaining 14 sc on Row 11 unworked—3 sc.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, sc in next 2 unworked sc on Row 11—6 sc.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 16 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, sc in next 12 unworked sc on Row 11—19 sc.

Row 17 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc, leaving remaining 16 sc on Row 16 unworked—3 sc.

Rows 18–20 Repeat Rows 13–15, working last 2 sc on row 19 in next 2 unworked sc on Row 16.

Row 21 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, sc in next 9 unworked sc on Row 16, leaving remaining 5 sc unworked—16 sc.

Row 22 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 12 sc, leaving rem 4 sc unworked—12 sc. Place marker in each of 2 center sc and move up to 2 center sc in Rows 23–28.

Row 23 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to 2 center sc, 2 sc in each of 2 center sc, sc in each remaining sc across—14 sc.

Rows 24 and 25 Repeat Row 23 twice more—2 more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 25—18 sc.

Row 26 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to 2 center sc, 2 sc in each of 2 center sc, sc in each remaining sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—22 sc.

Row 27 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 28 and 29 Repeat Rows 26 and 27—26 sc.

Row 30 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, leaving remaining 22 sc on Row 29 unworked—4 sc.

Row 31 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 32 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next 2 unworked sc on Row 29—7 sc.

Row 33 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 34 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, sc in next 20 unworked sc on Row 29—28 sc.

Row 35 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, leaving remaining 24 sc on Row 34 unworked—4 sc.

Rows 36–38 Repeat Rows 31–33, working last 2 sc on Row 37 in next 2 unworked sc on Row 34.

Row 39 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, sc in next 15 unworked sc on Row 34, leaving last 7 sc unworked—23 sc.

Row 40 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 16 sc, leaving remaining 7 sc unworked—16 sc. Place marker in each of 2 center sc and move up to 2 center sc in rows 41–47.

Row 41 Repeat Row 23—18 sc.

Row 42 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 43–45 Repeat Row 23, 3 more times—2 more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 45—24 sc.

Rows 46 and 47 Repeat Row 26, 2 more times—4 more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 47—32 sc.

Row 48 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 6 sc, leaving remaining 26 sc on Row 47 unworked—6 sc.

Row 49 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc—7 sc.

Row 50 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 7 sc, sc in next 3 unworked sc on Row 47—10 sc.

Row 51 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 9 sc, 2 sc in last sc—11 sc.

Row 52 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 11 sc, sc in next 23 unworked sc on Row 47—34 sc.

Row 53 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 6 sc, leaving remaining 28 sc on row 52 unworked—6 sc.

Rows 54–56 Repeat Rows 49–51, working last 3 sc on Row 55 in next 3 unworked sc on

Row 52.

Row 57 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 11 sc, sc in next 10 unworked sc on Row 52, leaving remaining 15 sc unworked—21 sc.

Row 58 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 7 sc, leaving remaining 14 sc unworked—7 sc.

Rows 59 and 60 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Tree Edging

Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and in edge of each row around tree, working 2 sc in bottom corners of tree trunk and (sc, ch 2, sc) in outer tree branch points and top of tree; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Place wrong sides of Pillow Panels together. Working in back loops of both thicknesses, join B for red pillow or A for white or green pillows with sl st in bottom right-hand corner, sc in each sc along 3 edges of panels, insert pillow form, sc in each sc on remaining edge; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Pin appropriate appliqué to center of front panel and whipstitch around edges to secure.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.





Blue Skies Bedspread

Grannies set on point create a diamond effect in this colorful 'ghan. Shades of blue accented with pops of yellow bring to mind the sunny skies of spring.

By Joyce Nordstrom

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
- 2 skeins #320 Cornmeal (A)
- 2 skeins #885 Delft Blue (B)
- 2 skeins #381 Light Blue (C)
- 2 skeins #387 Soft Navy (D)

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| ch chain | sc single crochet |
| dc double crochet | sk skip |
| dtr double treble crochet | sl st slip stitch |
| hdc half double crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| rev sc reverse single | tr treble crochet |
| crochet | |

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

slanted-group Ch3, 3dc around post of dc just made.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 53"/134.5cm wide x 67"/170cm long

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of Square = 6"/15cm diameter; 1 Square (including joining border) = 8½" x 8½"/21.5 x 21.5cm using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work Rounds 1–4 of Square. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 6"/15cm diameter.

If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SQUARE 1 (MAKE 20)

Work squares in the following color sequence: Work Rounds 1 and 2 with A, Rounds 3 and 4 with B, and Rounds 5–7 with D.

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

Round 1 Ch 1, work 16 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—16 sc.

Round 2 Ch 5 (counts as hdc, ch 3), *sk next st, hdc in next st, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch—8 hdc and 8 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off first color.

Round 3 Join 2nd color with sl st in any ch-3 space, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same space, *sk next st, 4 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—32 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, work slanted-group around dc just made and beginning ch (hold dc and beginning ch together and work around both at the same time), sk next dc, [dc in next dc, work slanted-group around dc just made, sk next dc] 15 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—16 slanted-groups.

Fasten off 2nd color.

Round 5 Join third color in top of ch-3 of any slanted-group, ch 8 (counts as tr, ch 4), sc in top of next ch-3, [ch 4, sc in top of next ch-3] 2 times, [ch 4, (tr, ch 4, tr) in top of next ch-3 (corner made), (ch 4, sc in top of next ch-3) 3 times] 3 times, ch 4, tr in base of beginning ch; join with ch 2, hdc in 4th ch of beginning ch (counts as ch-4 space)—8 tr, 12 sc, and 20 ch-4 spaces.

Round 6 Ch 2, turn; 3 hdc in space just made (formed by ch-2, hdc join of previous round), [4 hdc in next 4 ch-4 spaces, (4 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in next ch-4 space (corner)] 3 times, 4 hdc in next 4 ch-4 spaces, 4 hdc in beginning space; join with ch 2, hdc in top of beginning ch—4 ch-4 space, and 24 hdc on each side.

Round 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in space just made (formed by ch-2, hdc join of previous round), [hdc in next 24 hdc, (2 hdc, ch 3, 2 hdc) in next ch-3 space (corner)] 3 times, hdc in next 24 hdc, 2 hdc in beginning space, ch 3; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—4 ch-3 spaces and 28 hdc on each side. Fasten off 3rd color.

SQUARE 2 (MAKE 12)

Work as for Square 1 in the following color sequence: Work Rounds 1 and 2 with D, Rounds 3 and 4 with B, and Rounds 5–7 with C.

HALF SQUARE (MAKE 14)

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

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 9 sc in ring.

Row 2 Ch 5 (counts as hdc, ch 3), turn, sk next sc, hdc in next sc, [ch 3, sk next sc, hdc in next sc] 3 times—5 hdc and 4 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off D.

With right side facing, join B in top of first hdc.

Row 3 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in next ch-3 space, [sk next hdc, 4 dc in next

the yarn



Super Saver in Cornmeal





ch-3 space] 3 times, dc in 2nd ch of turning ch—17 dc.

Row 4 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in same st, work slanted-group around dc just made, [sk next st, dc in next st, work slanted-group around dc just made] 8 times—9 slanted-groups. Fasten off B.

With right side facing join C in top of first ch-3.

Row 5 (right side) Ch 8 (counts as dtr, ch 3), tr in same st (corner), [ch 4, sc in top of next ch-3] 3 times, ch 4, (tr, ch 3, tr) in next ch-3 (corner), [ch 4, sc in top of next ch-3] 3 times, ch 4, (tr, ch 3, dtr) in last ch-3 (for corner)—3 corners, 6 sc, 8 ch-4 spaces.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn, sl st in first ch-3 space, ch 2 (counts as hdc), 3 hdc in same ch-3 space, 4 hdc in next 4 ch-4 spaces, (4 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in next ch-3 space (corner), 4 hdc in next 4 ch-4 spaces, 3 hdc in next ch-3 space (corner), hdc in 5th ch of turning ch—1 ch-3 space, 24 hdc on each side.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each hdc to ch-3 space, (4 hdc, ch 3, 4 hdc) in ch-3 space (corner), hdc in each hdc to end—1 ch-3 space and 28 hdc on each side. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Join Squares

A ch-3 border is worked around the first square. As the border is worked around the next square, the ch-3s are joined along one or more edges. Refer to the assembly diagram. Join the full squares first then join the half squares.

First Square

With right side facing, join A with sc in any corner ch-3 space.

Round 1 Ch 3, sc in same ch-3 space, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, [ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 7 times, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in corner ch-3 space, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, [ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 7 times, ch 3, sk next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Next Squares

With right side facing, join A with sc in any corner ch-3 space. Work border, as for first square, around non-joining edges. Join edge(s) to neighbor squares according to assembly

diagram. To join an edge, begin with sc in ch-3 space, and work as follows.

Joining Edge

Ch 1, sc in corresponding corner ch-3 space of previous square(s), ch 1, sc in same corner ch-3 space of current square; ch 1, sc in next ch-3 space of previous square, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of current square, *sc in next st of current square, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 space of previous square(s), ch 1, sk next 2 sts of current square; repeat from * across to next corner ch-3 space of current square, sc in corner ch-3 space of current square.

Join all squares according to assembly diagram.

Joining Half Square

Position half block as shown in assembly diagram. With right side facing, join A with sc in side corner space of half square.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in corresponding corner space of previous square, ch 1, sc in same corner space of current half square, *ch 1, sc in next ch-3 space of previous square, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of current half square, sc in next st of current half square, [ch 1, sc in next ch-3 space of previous square, ch 1, sk next 2 sts of current half square, sc in next st of current half square] 7 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 space of previous square, ch 1, sk next 3 sts of current half square, sc in corner ch-3 space of current half square, ch 1, sc in corresponding corner space of previous square(s), ch 1, sc in same corner space of current half square; repeat from * one more time. Fasten off. Leave long edge of half square unworked.

Border

With right side facing, join A in first corner ch-3 space of corner square,

Round 1 *Working across edge of corner square, [ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next ch-3 space] 9 times; ch 3, sc in join between square and half square; working along edges of half squares, work (ch 3, sc in end of row) evenly spaced across to next corner square, ch 3, sc in ch-3 space of corner square; repeat from * 3 more times, omit last sc of last repetition; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Sl st in next ch-3 space, ch 1, sc in same space, ch 3, sk next sc, *sc in next ch-3

space, ch 3, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc.

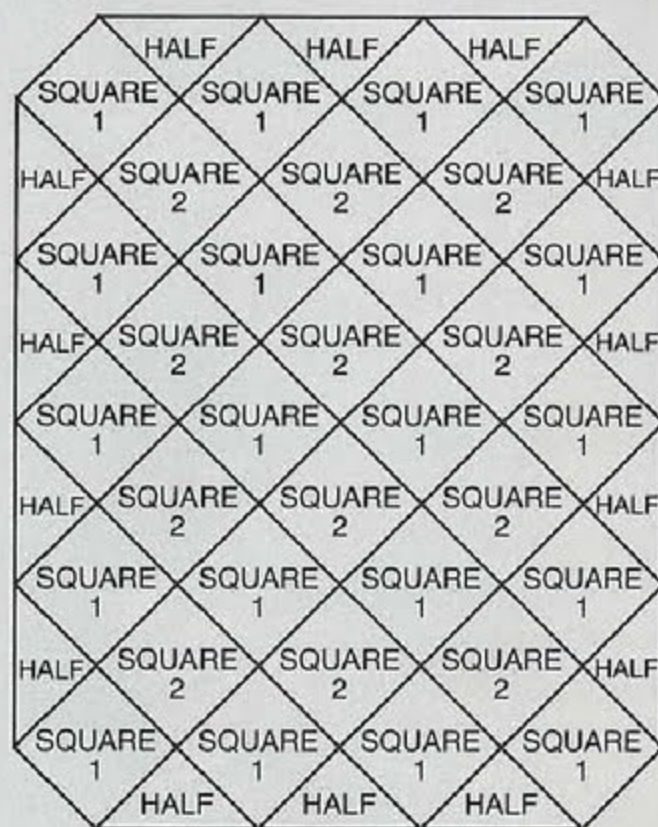
Round 3 Working in opposite direction from usual, ch 1, rev sc in first ch-3 space, *ch 3, sk next sc, rev sc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 4 Join D with sc in any ch-3 space; working in opposite direction from usual, *ch 3, sk next sc, rev sc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

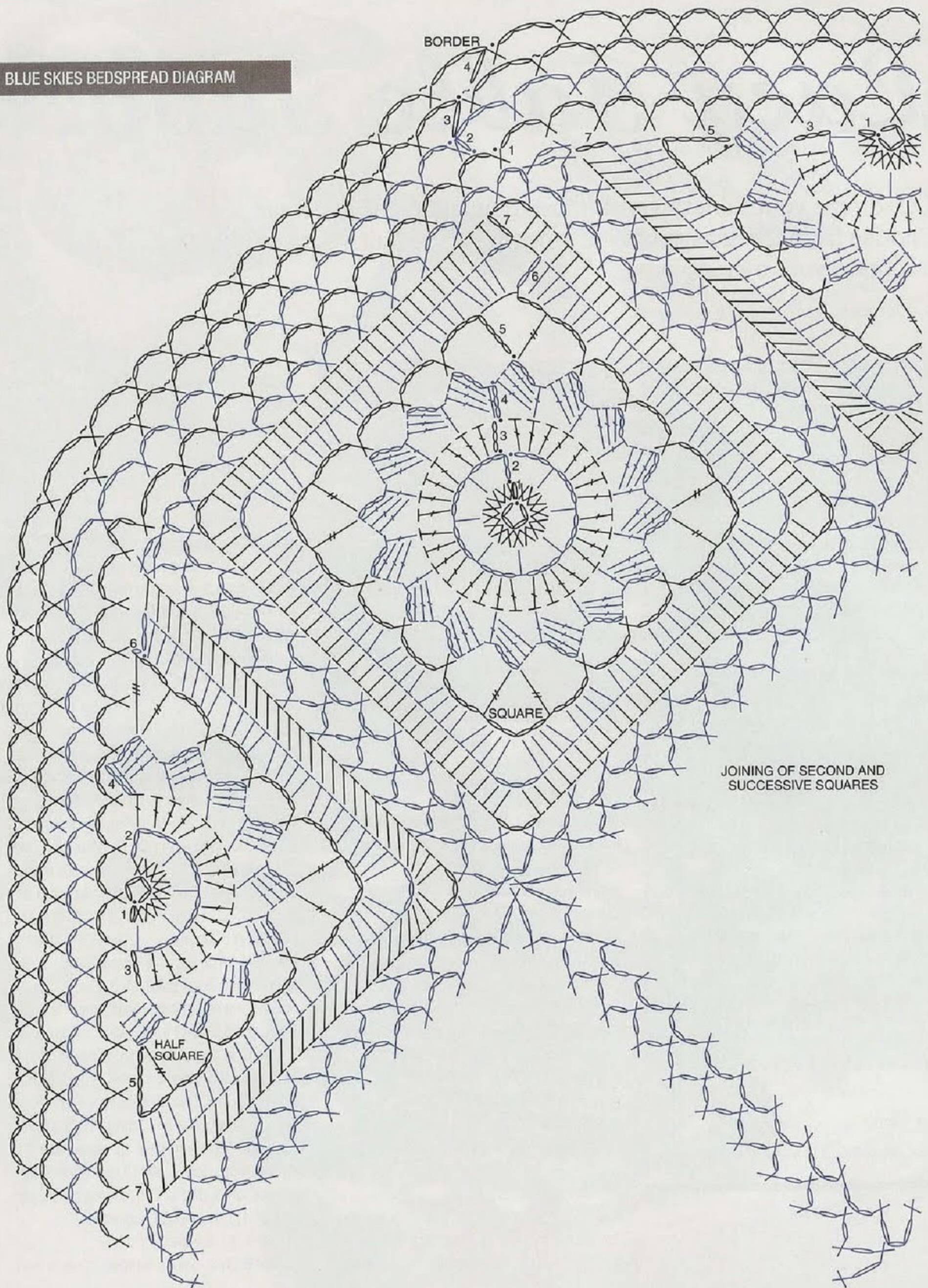


CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM





BLUE SKIES BEDSPREAD DIAGRAM



JOINING OF SECOND AND
SUCCESSIVE SQUARES



Lacy Table Tapper

Customize your tabletop with these quick and easy accents. Choose from three assembly arrangements to suit your setting, or create your own.

By Doris J. Chan

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet **tr** treble crochet
sc single crochet **yo** yarn over
sk skip

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

2dc-Cl (2dc-Cluster—beginning cluster) Yo, insert hook in indicated space and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook); yo, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook), yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3dc-Cl (3dc-Cluster) Yo, insert hook in indicated space and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook); [yo, insert hook in same sp and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (4 loops on hook), yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

3-picot join [Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sl st in corresponding picot of previous motif, ch 1] 3 times.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Cotton Blend, 3oz/85g skeins, each skein approx 145yd/132m (cotton/acrylic)

- 11 skeins #1372 Midnight Marl

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

motif approx 11½"/29cm at widest point

long runner approx 21"/53.5cm wide x 46"/117cm long

round centerpiece approx 34½"/87.5cm diameter at widest point

diamond centerpiece (not shown) approx 20"/51cm wide x 30"/76cm long

GAUGE

Basic Motif = 11½"/29cm at widest point using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Rounds 1–3 of Basic Motif = 4½"/11.5cm at widest point using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTE

All pieces consist of basic motifs worked in the round. Join eight or more motifs for a long table runner, four motifs for a diamond-

shaped centerpiece, seven motifs for a round centerpiece. See schematics for alternate constructions.

BASIC MOTIF

Note To join at the end of cluster Rounds 1–5, sk the beginning ch-3 of the round, join in top loops of the beginning cluster.

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

Round 1 Ch 3, 2dc-Cl in ring (beginning cluster made), [ch 3, 3dc-Cl in ring] 5 times; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning cluster (ch 1, hdc counts as ch-3 sp)—6 clusters.

Round 2 Ch 3, 2dc-Cl in same sp (created by join), *ch 3, [3dc-Cl, ch 3, 3dc-Cl] in next ch-3 sp (corner made); repeat from * 4 more times, ch 3, 3dc-Cl in beginning ch-sp; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning cluster (corner completed)—12 clusters (6 corners).

Round 3 Ch 3, 2dc-Cl in same sp (created by join), *ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, [3dc-Cl, ch 3, 3dc-Cl] in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 4 more times, ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, 3dc-Cl in beginning ch-sp; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning cluster—18 clusters.


Round 4 Ch 3, 2dc-Cl in same sp, *[ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3, [3dc-Cl, ch 3, 3dc-Cl] in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 4 more times, [ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3, 3dc-Cl in beginning ch-sp; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning cluster—24 clusters.

Round 5 Ch 3, 2dc-Cl in same sp, *[ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, ch 3, [3dc-Cl, ch 3, 3dc-Cl] in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 4 more times, [ch 3, 3dc-Cl in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, ch 3, 3dc-Cl in beginning ch-sp; join with ch 1, hdc in top of beginning cluster—30 clusters.

Round 6 Ch 3, 3 dc in same sp, *3 dc in next

the yarn!

Eco-Cotton Blend in Midnight Marl

A photograph of a dining table set with a dark blue crocheted runner. The runner features a repeating pattern of interlocking circles. On the table, there are white plates with folded green napkins, glasses of water and beer, small lit candles in glass holders, a bowl of green apples and purple grapes, and scattered almonds and hazelnuts. A wooden chair is visible in the foreground.

For a more formal table, stitch this runner in white.



3 ch-3 sp, ch 8; moving backward, sk back 6 dc, sl st in next sp between 3-dc groups, 12 sc in ch-8 sp made, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, 7 dc in next corner ch-3 sp; repeat from * 4 more times, 3 dc in next 3 ch-3 sp, ch 8; moving backward, sk back 6 dc, sl st in next sp between 3-dc groups, 12 sc in ch-8 sp made, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, 3 dc in beginning ch-sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—6 large lps.

Note The top of the first sc in each large loop can be difficult to see; take care that you don't skip over it when making the tr in the next round.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, *ch 5, sk next 6 dc, tr in next sc, [ch 1, tr in next sc] 11 times, ch 5, sk next 6 dc, sc in next dc (center of 7-dc group); repeat from * 4 more times, ch 5, tr in next sc, [ch 1, tr in next sc] 11 times, ch 5, sk next 6 dc; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, *4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 10 times, sc in next ch-1 sp (scalloped corner made), 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 more times, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 10 times, sc in next ch-1 sp (scalloped corner made), 4 sc in next ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc—6 scalloped corners. Fasten off.

Note The motif has big scallops at 6 corners; each scallop has 10 ch-3 sps (picots). Motifs are connected to each other at the first three and/or last three picots of corresponding scallops.

LONG RUNNER (8 MOTIFS)

Note Refer to assembly diagram for layout of motifs.

Motif 1

Make Basic Motif.

Motif 2

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

Rounds 1–7 Work Rounds 1 through 7 of Basic Motif instructions.

Round 8 (joining round) Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, *4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 10 times, sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * 3 more times, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sl st in corresponding picot of previous motif, ch 1] 3 times (3-picot join made), sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3-picot join, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, sc in next ch-1 sp,

4 sc in next ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc—Motif 1 and 2 are joined along one side with two 3-picot joins. Fasten off.

Motifs 3–8

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

Rounds 1–7 Work Rounds 1 through 7 of Basic Motif instructions.

Round 8 (joining round) Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, *4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 10 times, sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 more times, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, 3-picot join, sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3-picot join, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 4 times, 3-picot join, sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3-picot join, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc—current motif is joined to previous motifs with four 3-picot joins. Fasten off.

DIAMOND CENTERPIECE (4 MOTIFS)

Work as for Long Runner, making and joining the first four motifs only.

ROUND CENTERPIECE (7 MOTIFS)

Motifs 1–5

Work and join as for Long Runner Motifs 1–5 (viewed vertically).

Motif 6

Work Motif 6 in same manner as Motifs 3–8 of Long Runner. When working joining round, join Motif 6 to center Motif 3 and to previous Motif 5 (see assembly diagram) with four 3-picot joins.

Motif 7

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

Rounds 1–7 Work Rounds 1–7 of Basic Motif instructions.

Round 8 (joining round) Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, *4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 10 times, sc in next ch-1 sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * 1 more time, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, 3-picot join, sc in next ch-1 sp, **4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3-picot join, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 4 times, 3-picot join, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from ** 1 more time, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3-picot

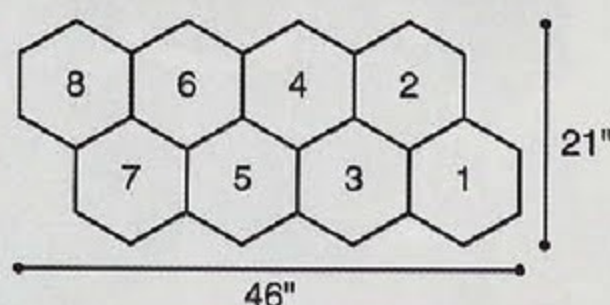
join, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3] 7 times, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp; join with sl st in first sc—current motif is joined to previous motifs with six 3-picot joins. Fasten off.

FINISHING

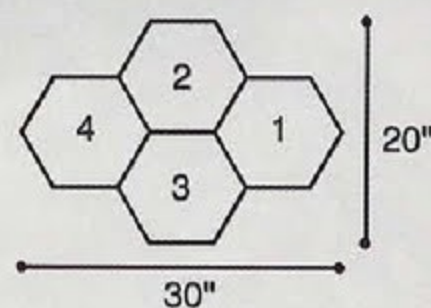
Weave in all ends. Block or steam press completed pieces.



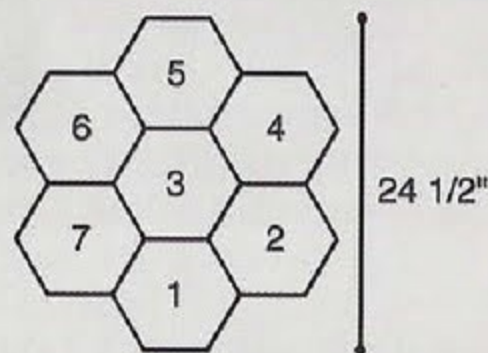
LONG RUNNER DIAGRAM



DIAMOND CENTERPIECE DIAGRAM



ROUND CENTERPIECE DIAGRAM

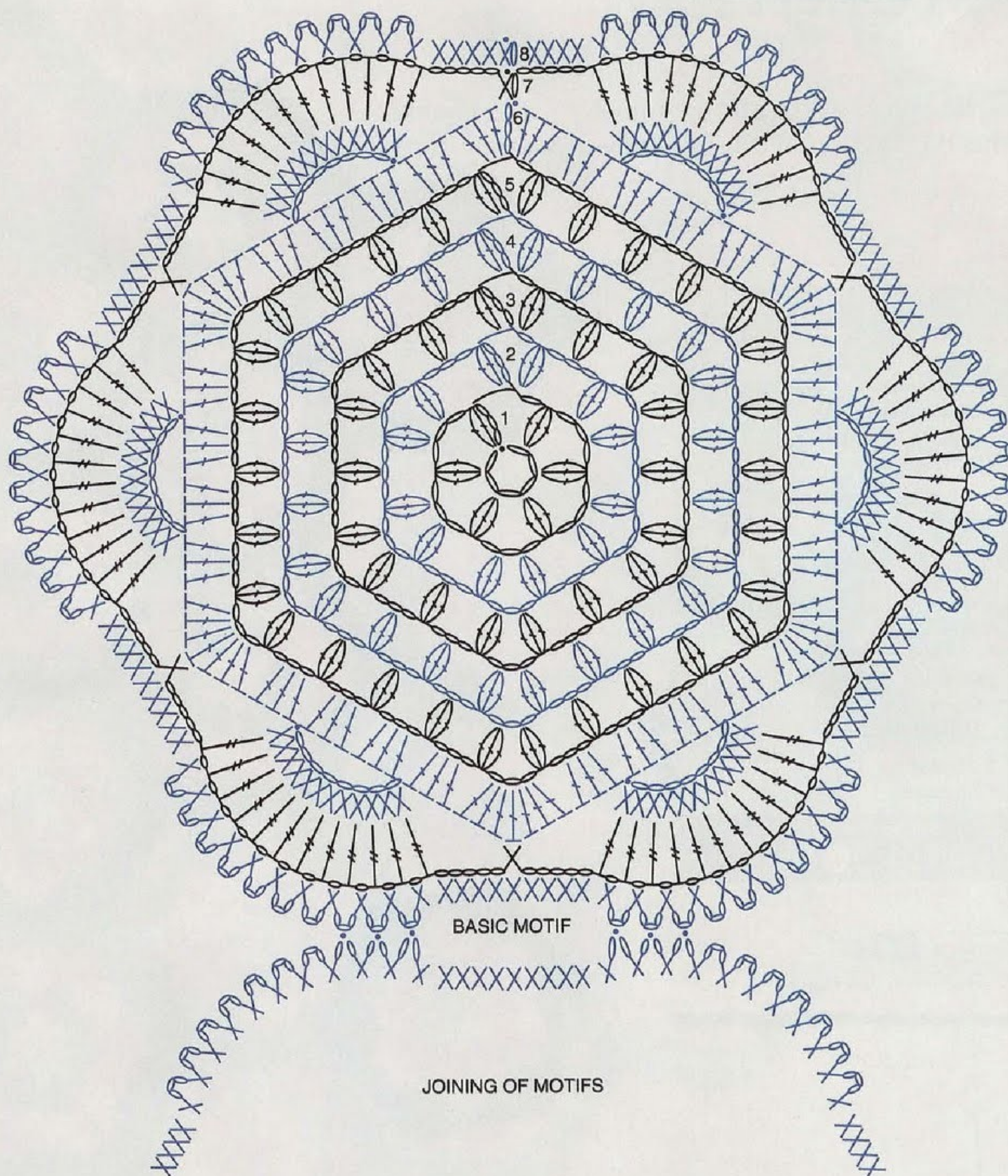




LACY TABLE TOPPER DIAGRAM

Tip

For a longer runner, make and join additional motifs as desired. This may require additional balls of thread.



Graphic Granny Afghan

Vivid colors and a strong, punchy pattern make this old-fashioned throw totally modern.

By Katherine Eng

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Essentials, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 312yd/286m (acrylic)

2 skeins:

- #2112 Black (MC)

1 skein each:

- #2254 Persimmon (A)
- #2220 Butter (B)
- #2821 Paradise Blue (C)
- #2319 Cherry Red (D)
- #2615 Light Celery (E)
- #2533 Dark Plum (F)
- #2772 Country Rose (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



TLC Essentials in Dark Plum





Stitch
each granny
hexagon
in no time!



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain(s) **sp(s)** space(s)
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet **yo** yarn over hook
sl st slip stitch

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

2dc-CL (2 double crochet cluster stitch) [Yo, insert hook into sp and draw up a loop. Yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3dc-CL (3 double crochet cluster stitch) [Yo, insert hook into sp and draw up a loop. Yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

S-Shell (small shell) Work 5 dc in same sp.

L-Shell (large shell) Work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same st or sp.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 41 x 61"/104 x 155cm

GAUGE

One granny hexagon measures 7½"/19cm from point to point using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

BASIC GRANNY HEXAGON

With first color, ch 4. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 2CL in ring, ch 3, [work 3CL in ring, ch 3] 5 times, join round with a sl st in top of beginning 2CL—6 CL sts. Fasten off.

Round 2 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in same st as joining, ch 1, sc in same sp, work S-Shell in next ch-3 sp, [sc in top of next CL st, work S-Shell in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 S-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in center dc of any shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, work L-Shell in next sc, [sc in center dc of next shell, L-Shell in next sc] 5 times,

join round with a sl st in first sc—6 L-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 4 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in ch-2 sp of any shell, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, work L-Shell in next sc, [ch 1, sc in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, L-Shell in next sc] 5 times, ch 1, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 L-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 5 With right side facing, join MC with a sl st in ch-1 sp to the right of any sc, ch 1, sc in same sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in dc, ch 1, skip next dc, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in dc, ch 1, skip next dc, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 corner ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

GRANNY HEXAGON 1 (MAKE 14)

Round 1 Use A.

Round 2 Use B.

Round 3 Use C.

Round 4 Use D.

Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 2 (MAKE 16)

Round 1 Use E.

Round 2 Use F.

Round 3 Use B.

Round 4 Use A.

Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 3 (MAKE 14)

Round 1 Use C.

Round 2 Use D.

Round 3 Use G.

Round 4 Use F.

Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 4 (MAKE 16)

Round 1 Use F.

Round 2 Use G.

Round 3 Use E.

Round 4 Use C.

Round 5 Use MC.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Referring to assembly diagram, whipstitch granny hexagons together using 2 strands of MC as follows: place two

Tip

For a sophisticated palette, use just two colors of yarn, alternating each round.

hexagons together, wrong sides facing and edges even. Whipstitch through first front loop of hexagon at front and corresponding back loop of hexagon at back. Continue to whipstitch in each back loop and corresponding front loop across. Working in this manner, continue to join hexagons together as indicated.

EDGING

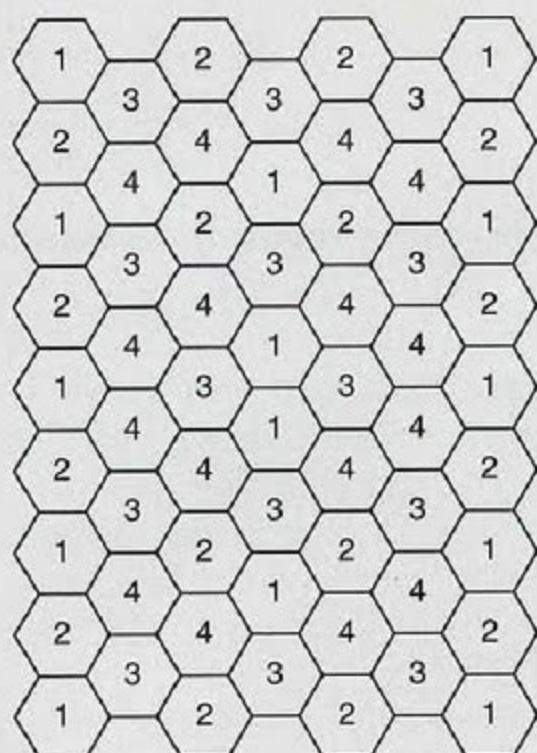
Round 1 (right side) With right side facing, join MC with a sl st in bottom right corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, then continue along right side edge as follows: ** [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1*, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam**, repeat from ** to ** 7 times more, then repeat from * to * once more to top right corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in top right corner ch-2 sp, then continue across top edge as follows: ** [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1*, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam**, repeat from ** to ** twice more, then repeat from * to * once more to top left corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in top left corner ch-2 sp, then continue along left side edge as for right side edge to bottom left corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in bottom left corner ch-2 sp, then continue along bottom edge as for top edge to bottom right corner ch-2 sp; join round with a sl st in first st.

Round 2 Sl st in first corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, *work (sc, ch 2, sc) in each ch-1 sp and ch-2 sp, to the ch-1 sp to the right of seam, sc in this ch-1 sp, then sc in ch-1 sp to the left of seam; repeat from * around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

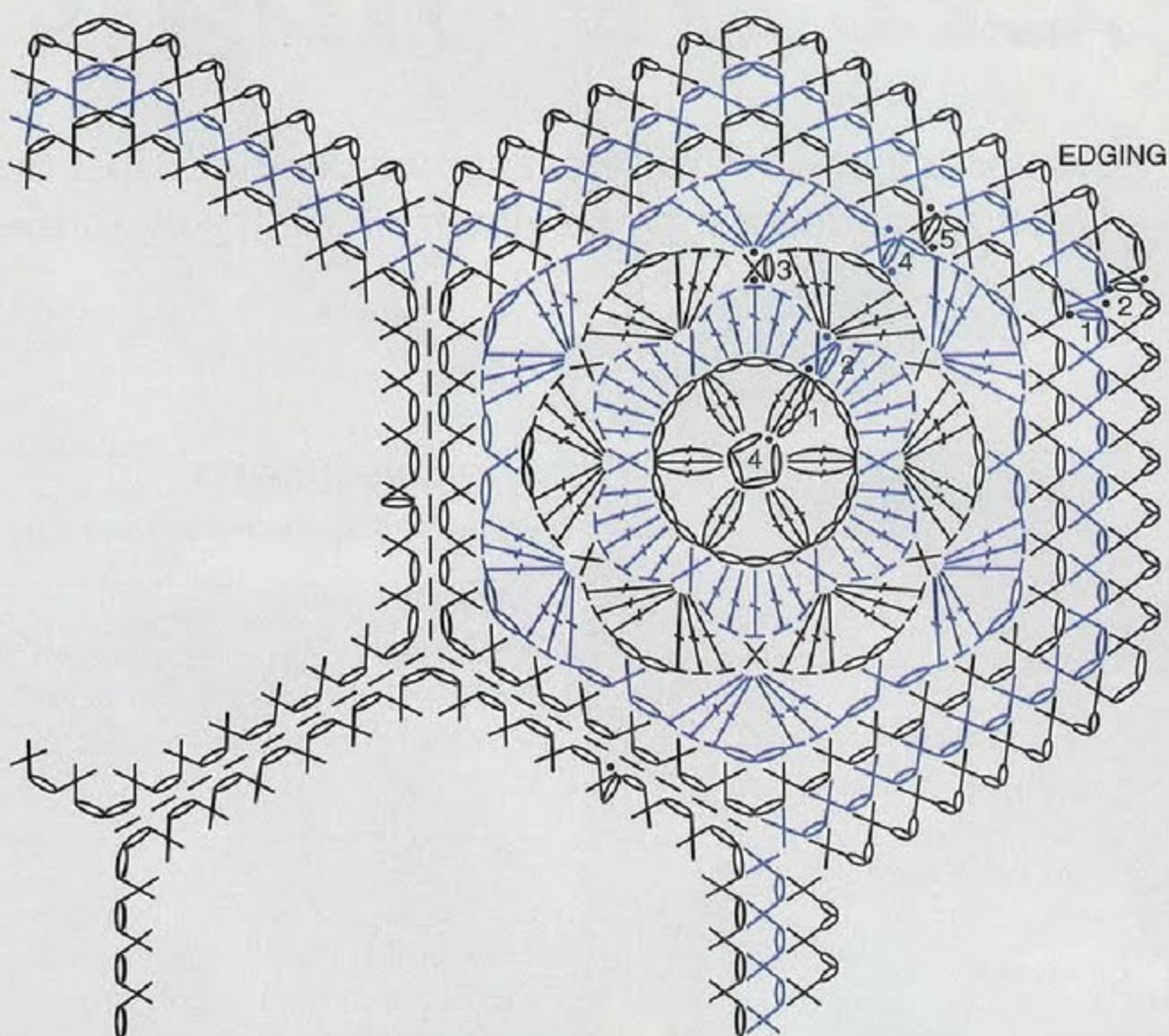
Weave in remaining loose ends.



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



GRANNY HEXAGON DIAGRAM



MAKING THE MOTIFS

- [a] Round 1: Working 3CL into ring
- [b] Round 2: Working small shells into ch-3 spaces of previous row
- [c] Round 3: Working large shells into sc stitches of previous row
- [d] Round 4: Working large shells into sc stitches of previous row
- [e] Round 5: Working trim around entire motif



Let It Snow Daily

Get nostalgic with this sweet snowflake motif, just the right size for decorating an album of wintry memories.

By Susan Lowman

the yarn

Bamboo Crochet Thread in Natural

What You'll Need

YARN

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

- 1 ball #226 Natural

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (1.65mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- 9"/23cm square cloth photo album with 3½"/9cm square frame opening
- 4¼ x 4¾"/11cm x 12cm cardstock in solid color of choice (for background of snowflake)

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

picot Ch 3, sl st in last sc made.

tr-picot (triple picot) Ch 3, (sl st, ch 4, sl st, ch 3, sl st) in last sc made.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 3¼"/8.5cm diameter between points

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 = 2"/5cm diameter between points
Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SNOWFLAKE

Ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in ring, [ch 5, sc in ring] 5 times; join with ch 2, dc in first sc (counts as ch-5 sp)—6 ch-5 sps.

Round 2 Sc in first ch-5 sp (formed by ch 2, dc join), [ch 7, sc in next ch-5 sp] 5 times; join with ch 3, tr in first sc (counts as ch-7 sp)—6 ch-7 sps.

Round 3 (Sl st, ch 3 [counts as dc], 2 dc) in first ch-7 sp (formed by ch 3, tr join), *(3 dc, ch 5, 3 dc) in next ch-7 sp; repeat from * 4 more times, 3 dc in first ch-7 sp, ch 5; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—36 dc and 6 ch-5 sps.

Round 4 Sl st in next 2 dc, sl st in sp before next 3-dc group, ch 3 (counts as hdc, ch 1), *(dc, ch 2, dc, ch 3, tr, ch 3, dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, hdc in sp between next two 3-dc groups, ch 1; repeat from * 4 more times, (dc, ch 2, dc, ch 3, tr, ch 3, dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-3—6 tr, 24 dc, and 6 hdc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same ch as join, *picot, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, picot, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next tr, tr-picot, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc, picot, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next hdc; repeat from * 4 more times, picot, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next

dc, picot, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next tr, tr-picot, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next dc, picot, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, sk next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first sc—6 tr-picots and 18 picots. Fasten off.

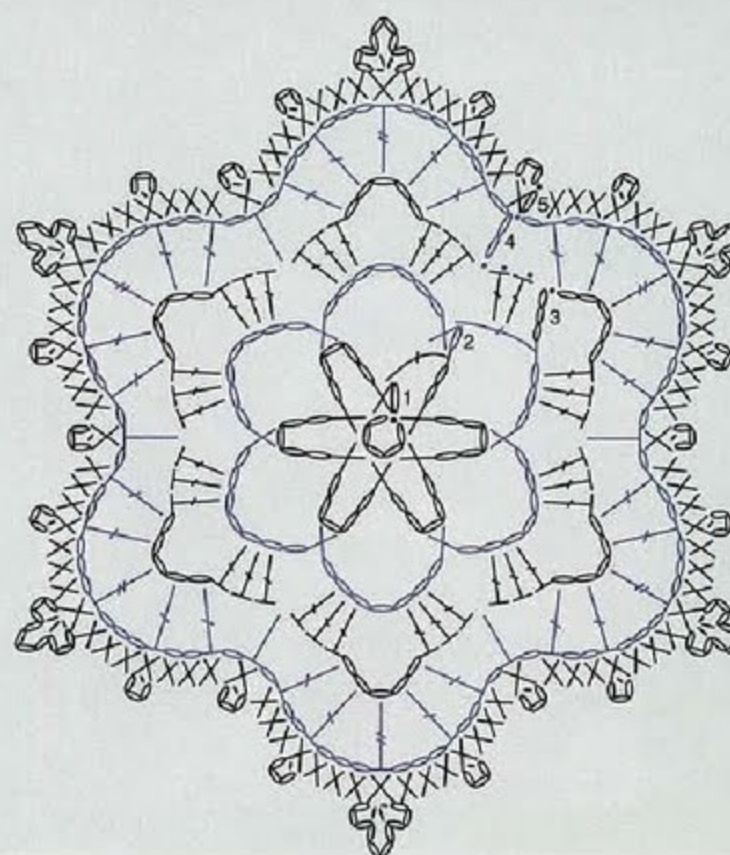
FINISHING


Weave in all ends. Wash and block snowflake.

Assembly

With right side facing, center snowflake onto cardstock. Remove the clear vinyl from front frame opening of photo album and line it up with the cardstock over top of snowflake. Carefully slide all three layers (cardstock, snowflake, vinyl) into frame opening. If needed, remove layers and adjust snowflake to center in opening.

SNOWFLAKE STITCH DIAGRAM



A stack of gift boxes in shades of green and red. The top box is red and features a white crocheted snowflake on a black square patch. A yellow and green ribbon is tied around the box. Below it, a green box also has a white crocheted snowflake. The background shows more boxes and some crumpled paper.

Make this
heirloom-worthy
gift in just an
hour!





Swirling Fans Throw

An elegant, airy stitch pattern and lacy border have fan-tastic appeal in this heirloom-worthy afghan. Stitch the squares one by one and crochet them together later.

By Katherine Eng

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
- 7 balls #4601 Off White

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ch chain(s) | sk skip |
| dc double crochet | sl st(s) slip stitch(es) |
| hdc half double crochet | sp(s) space(s) |
| sc single crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| tr treble crochet | yo yarn over |

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses in indicated stitch or space.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 46 x 62"/117 x 157.5cm

GAUGE

Rows 1 and 2 = 1½"/4cm along edge

Square = 8"/20cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 3, join with sl st to form a ring.

Rows 1 and 2 Work same as Rows 1 and 2 on square. Swatch should measure approx 1½"/4cm from ring to top of last dc on Row 2. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Squares are fan-shaped and a bit off-kilter to form a swirled effect when joined together.

AFGHAN

Square (Make 35)

Ch 3, join with sl st to form a ring.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring—7 dc. Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2 sp on next row here and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Sk next dc, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc] twice, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—4 dc and 3 ch-2 sps. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 3 [Work 3 dc in next ch-sp, 2 dc in next dc] twice, 3 dc in next ch-sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-5—15 dc. Ch 5, turn.

Row 4 Sk next 2 dc, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc] 5 times, sk next dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—7 dc and 6 ch-2 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5 [Work 2 dc in next ch-sp, dc in next dc] 5 times, 2 dc in next ch-sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-5—19 dc. Ch 5, turn.

Row 6 Sk next dc, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next

dc] 8 times, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—10 dc and 9 ch-2 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 7 [Work 2 dc in next ch-sp, dc in next dc] 4 times, 3 dc in next ch-sp, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-sp] 4 times, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-5—29 dc. Ch 5, turn.

Row 8 Sk next 2 dc, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc] 12 times, sk next dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—14 dc and 13 ch-2 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 9 [Work 2 dc in next ch-sp, dc in next dc] 12 times, 2 dc in next ch-sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-5—40 dc. Ch 5, turn.

Row 10 [Sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2] twice, *[sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2] 6 times*, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2; repeat from * to * once, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—18 dc and 17 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Row 11 With right side facing, join with sl st in 5th dc on Row 10, sc in next ch-sp and in next dc, hdc in next ch-sp and in next dc, dc in next ch-sp and in next dc, tr in next ch-sp and in next dc, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next ch-sp (corner sp made in center ch-sp on Row 10), tr in next dc and in next ch-sp, dc in next dc and in next ch-sp, hdc in next dc and in next ch-sp, sc in next dc and in next ch-sp, sl st in next dc. Do not fasten off.

SQUARE BORDER

Note Round 2 is the joining round. See Assembly for instructions on working joining of Squares 2–35 while working Round 2 of border.

Round 1 Starting in next ch-sp, sc evenly around entire piece, working 2 sc in each remaining ch-sp on Row 10, sc in each remaining dc on Row 10, 2 sc around post of each dc and in turning ch-sps along edges

the yarn



Soft Yarn in Off White



of rows, sc in each st on Row 11, (sc, ch 2, sc) in each of 3 corner sts or sps on Rows 10 and 11 (corner st at beginning of Row 10 is 3rd ch of turning ch-5) and (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in beginning ring, ending with sc in sl st—4 corner ch-2 sps and 92 sc (23 sc on each side between corner ch-2 sps). Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 *Ch 4, sk next 2 sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * around, working (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in each corner ch-2 sp—36 ch-4 sps. Join with sl st in joining sl st. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

See Construction Diagram. Join squares into 5 columns with 7 squares in each column. In columns 1, 3 and 5, fans should point down and to the right. In columns 2 and 4, fans should point up and to the right. Join on 1 or 2 sides as necessary while working Round 2 of border. To join ch-4 sps on 1 side of square, continuing in pattern st, ch 2, drop loop, draw loop under to over through corresponding ch-4 sp on adjacent square, ch 2 and continue in pattern st. When joining 2 sides of square where corner of square meets corner of 3 adjacent squares, ch 2, drop loop, draw loop under to over through corresponding corner ch-4 sp on first adjacent square, ch 1, drop loop, sk corner ch-4 sp on 2nd adjacent square, draw loop under to over through corresponding corner ch-4 sp on 3rd adjacent square, ch 2, and continue in pattern st.

try this!

We think this afghan looks fantastic in these colors, too: #9440 Light Grey Heather or #2541 Blue Sky



Afghan Edging

Round 1 With right side facing, join with sl st in any corner ch-4 sp, ch 4, sl st in same ch-sp as joining, *ch 4, sl st in next ch-4 sp; repeat from * around, working (ch 4, sl st in each of next 2 joined corner ch-4 sps) at each joining seam of squares and (ch 4, sl st) twice in each of 4 corner ch-4 sps—220 ch-4 sps. Ch 4, join with sl st in joining sl st.

Round 2 Sl st in next corner ch-4 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), work 6 dc in same corner ch-4 sp (beginning corner shell made), sc in next ch-4 sp, *5 dc in next ch-4 sp (shell made), sc in next ch-4 sp; repeat from * around, working [7 dc in corner ch-4 sp (corner shell made), sc in next ch-4 sp] at each remaining corner—106 shells and 4 corner shells. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 3 Sl st in next 3 dc, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2 sp), dc in same dc as last sl st; ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next sc, work [ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc (2nd dc of shell), ch 2, sk next dc, dc in next dc (4th dc of shell), ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next sc] in each shell around and [ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc (2nd dc of shell), ch 1, sk next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc (center dc of shell), ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc (6th dc of shell), ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next sc] in each corner shell. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 4 Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 5 dc in each corner ch-2 sp, 3 dc in each ch-2 sp along sides, dc in each ch-1 sp and in each dc around. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, *ch 1, sk next dc, [(sc, ch 2, sc) in next dc] 3 times, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, [ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times*, **ch 1, sk next dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next dc (center dc of 3 dc worked in ch-2 sp along side), [ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times**; repeat from ** to ** along sides, ending with one additional repeat of [ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc] before corners; repeat from * to * in corners, ending with ch 1, sk next dc, join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same sc as joining, *ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in first ch-2 sp in corner, ch 1, (sc, ch 4, sc) in 2nd ch-2 sp in corner, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in 3rd ch-2 sp in

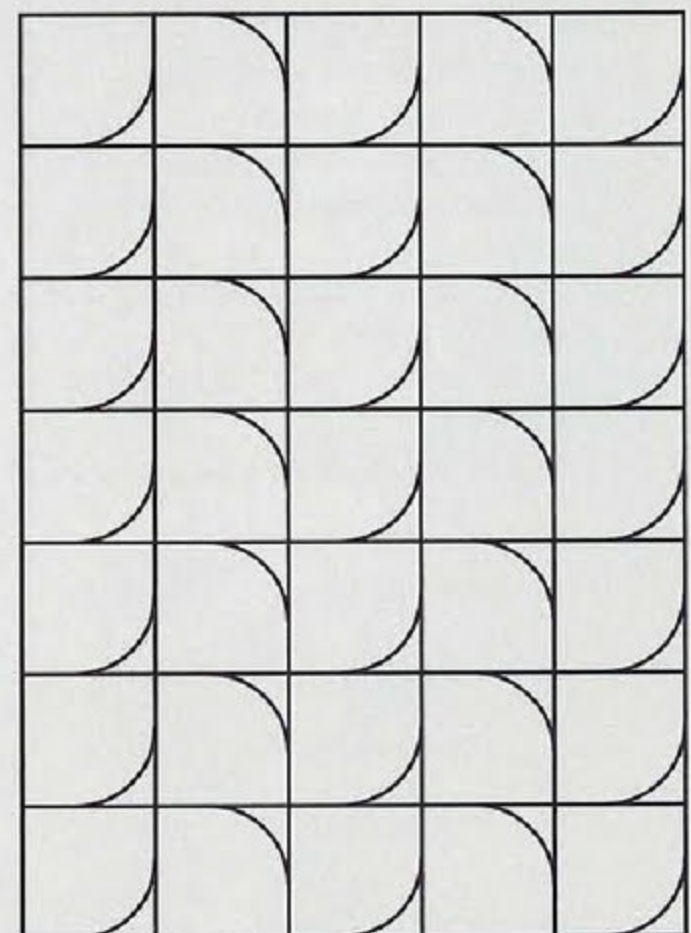
corner, ch 1, sk next sc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next sc, ch 3, sk next sc, sl st in next sc*, **ch 3, sk next 2 sc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next 2 sc, sl st in next sc**; repeat from ** to ** along sides, ending with [ch 3, sk next sc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next sc] before each corner (except beginning corner) and repeating from * to * in each remaining corner. Ch 3, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

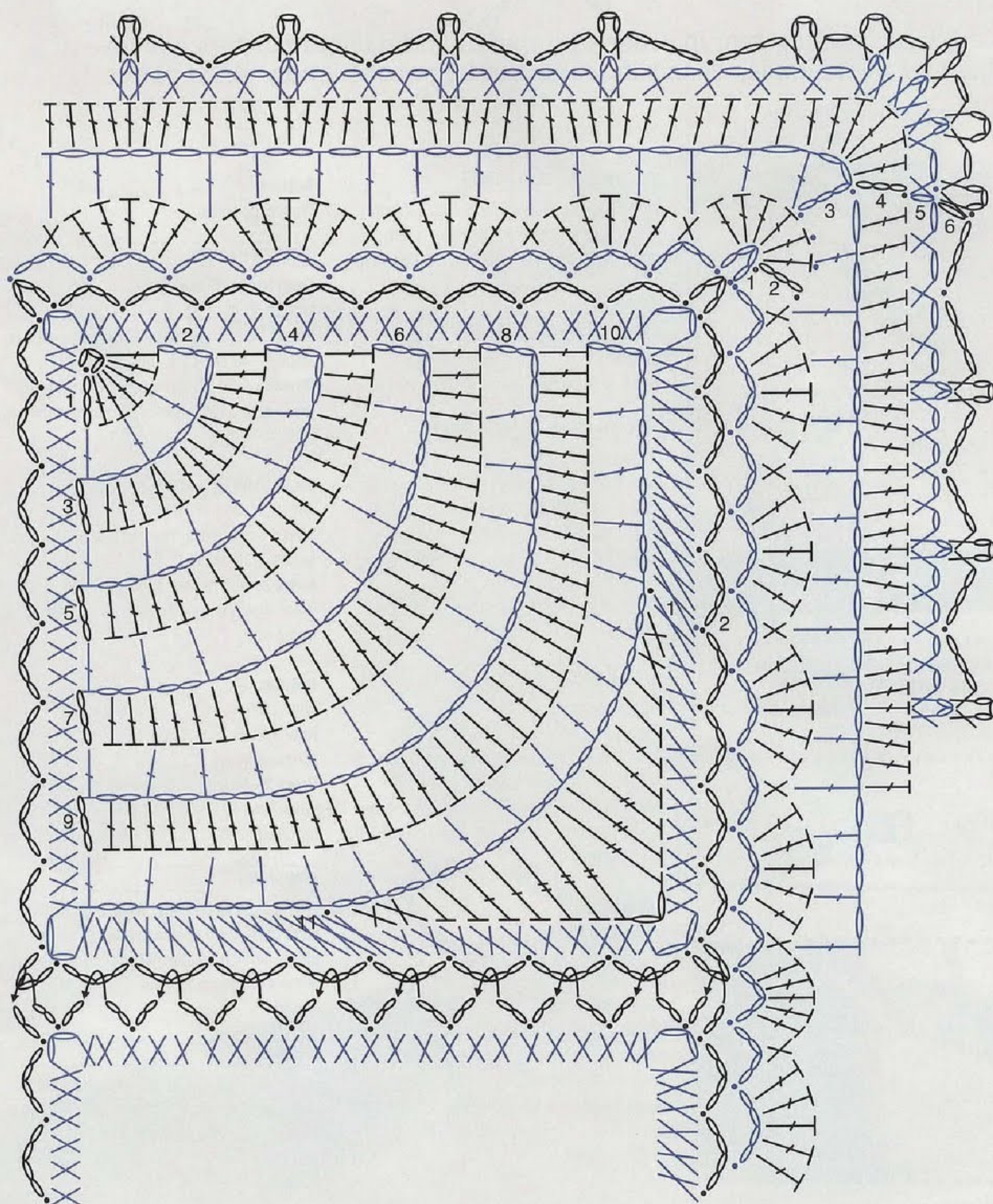
Weave in all ends. Block lightly.



CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



SWIRLING FANS DIAGRAM





Creativity Baskets

Keep your crafting gear in order with these handmade organizers. We love them for their simple, clean silhouette and beginner-friendly stitch pattern.

By Noreen Crone-Findlay

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Cotton Blend, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 145yd/132m (recycled cotton/acrylic)

- 3 skeins each in #1105 Vanilla (A), #1645 Moss (B) and #1870 Denim (C)

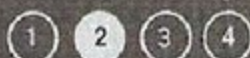
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- Safety pins

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain(s) sl st slip st
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

The Yarn



Eco-Cotton Blend in Moss



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

small basket 3 x 3 x 3"/7.5 x 7.5 x 7.5cm

large basket 6 x 6 x 6"/15 x 15 x 15cm

letter basket 9 x 12 x 1 1/2"/23 x 30.5 x 4cm

GAUGE

13 sts and 13 rows = 4"/10cm over sc using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—13 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat Row 2, 11 times more. Swatch should measure 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm.

If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SMALL BASKET

Sides (Make 4)

With A, ch 11.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—10 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–10 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

When Row 10 is completed, do not ch and turn, fasten off.

Bottom

Work as for sides.

LARGE BASKET

Sides (Make 4)

With B, ch 21.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—20 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–20 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

When Row 20 is completed, do not ch and turn, fasten off.

Bottom

Work as for sides.

LETTER BASKET

Long Sides (Make 2)

With C, ch 41.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—40 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–5 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

When Row 5 is completed, do not ch and turn, fasten off.

Short Sides (Make 2)

With C, ch 31.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—30 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–5 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

When Row 5 is completed, do not ch and turn, fasten off.

Bottom

With C, ch 31.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—30 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–40 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

When Row 40 is completed, do not ch and turn, fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Whipstitch bottom edge of each side piece to edge of bottom piece, forming a cross. Whipstitch side edges of the side pieces together, forming the basket.

EDGING

With right side facing, join matching color with a sl st in any st at top edge. Ch 1, sc in each st around, join round with a sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

--- 2 2 2 --- Go for it,
newbies! Single
crochet is all it takes.





Ocean Waves Throw

Rippling layers of blues and greens make a soothing afghan that's perfect for relaxing any time of year.

By Marianne Forrestal

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
- 2 skeins #387 Soft Navy (A)
 - 2 skeins #380 Windsor Blue (B)
 - 2 skeins #382 Country Blue (C)
 - 2 skeins #656 Real Teal (D)
 - 2 skeins #661 Frosty Green (E)

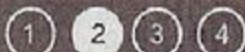
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- ch chain(s) st(s) stitch(es)
dc double crochet yo yarn over
sl st slip stitch

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 42"/106.5cm wide x 67"/170cm long

GAUGE

Measure one "wave" from top of one wave to top of next wave.

One "wave" = 4½"/11.5cm; 5 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 19.

Row 1 Beginning in 4th ch from hook, [dc2tog] 3 times, 3 dc in next 3 ch, [dc2tog] 3 times, dc in last ch—1 "wave"

Rows 2–5 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn; [dc2tog] 3 times, 3 dc in next 3 sts, [dc2tog] 3 times, dc in top of turning ch-3.

Resulting gauge swatch should be approx 4½ x 4"/11.5 x 10cm. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

AFGHAN

Using A, ch 139.

Row 1 (right side) Beginning in 4th ch from hook, [dc2tog] 3 times, 3 dc in next 3 ch, *[dc2tog] 6 times, 3 dc in next 3 ch; repeat from * 7 more times, [dc2tog] 3 times, dc in last ch—9 "waves."

Row 2 (wrong side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, [dc2tog] 3 times, 3 dc in next 3 sts, *[dc2tog] 6 times, 3 dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * 7 more times, [dc2tog] 3 times, dc in top of turning ch-3. Fasten off.

Row 3 Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3, working in back loops only, [dc2tog] 3 times, 3 dc in next 3 sts, *[dc2tog] 6 times, 3 dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * 7 more times, [dc2tog] 3 times; working in both loops, dc in top of turning ch-3.

Row 4 Using B, and working in both loops, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 5 Using C, repeat Row 3.

Row 6 Continuing with C, and working in both loops, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 7 Using D, repeat Row 3.

Row 8 Continuing with D, and working in both loops, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 9 Using E, repeat Row 3.

Row 10 Continuing with E, and working in both loops, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 11 Using A, repeat Row 3.

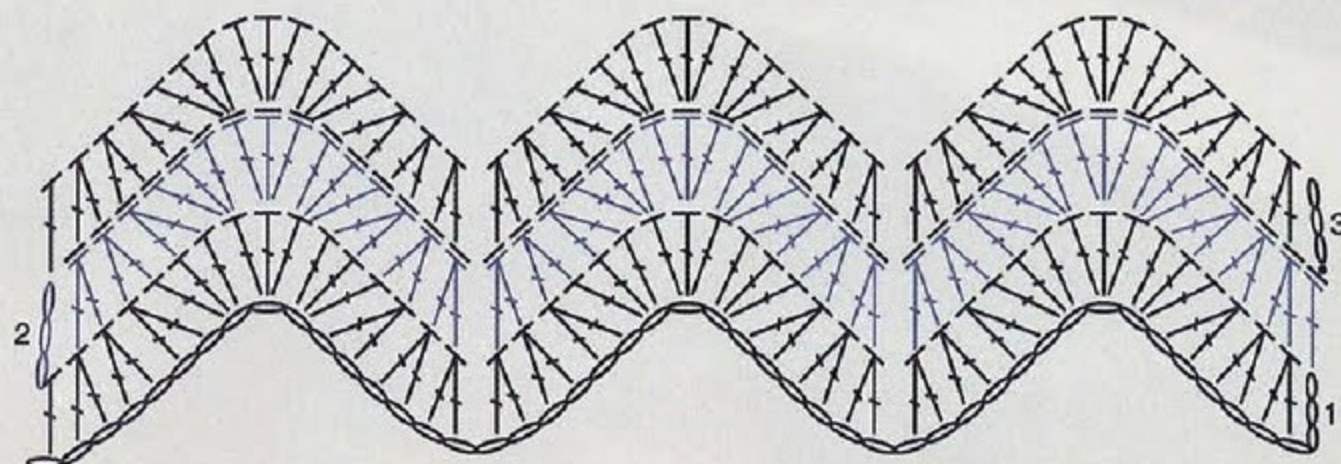
Row 12 Continuing with A, and working in both loops, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Rows 13–80 Repeat Rows 3–12, 6 times, then repeat Rows 3–10 once more.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

REDUCED SAMPLE OF STITCH PATTERN



the yarn



Super Saver in Dusty Teal



Tip

Snazz up this throw by adding multicolored fringe to the peaks of the waves along the afghan edges.



Plush Pet Pad

Give your pup a cozy place of its own! Vibrant colors give this pet bed a punchy kick—make it in any shade to match your room.

By Regina Rioux Gonzalez

What You'll Need

YARN

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

- 2 (3) skeins #656 Real Teal (A)
- 1 skein #774 Light Raspberry (B)
- 1 skein #320 Commel (C)

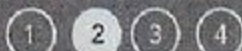
CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- 2"/5cm thick foam—15"/38cm x 17"/43cm (for small bed) or 20"/51cm x 22"/56cm (for large bed)
- Permanent marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet **yo** yarn over

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

small bed 15"/38cm long x 17"/43cm wide x 4"/10cm deep

large bed 20"/51cm long x 22"/56cm wide x 4"/10cm deep

Pattern is written for small bed. Changes for large bed are in parentheses.

GAUGE

With smaller hook, 14 sc and 17 rows = 4"/10cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With smaller hook, ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–17 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

DOG BED

Cushion Top

With smaller hook and A, ch 31 (39).

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 (38) sc. Ch 3 (5), turn.

Row 2 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch, sc in each sc across—32 (42) sc. Ch 3 (5), turn.

Row 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch, sc in each sc across—34 (46) sc. Ch 4 (6), turn.

Rows 4–6 Repeat Row 3, 3 times more—3 (5) more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 4—37 (51) sc. At end of Row 6—43 (61) sc.

Row 7 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—47 (67) sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 8 Sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—48 (68) sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 9–18 Repeat Row 8, 10 times more—1 more sc in each row than in previous row. At end of row 9—49 (69) sc. At end of Row 18—58 (78) sc.

Row 19 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 20–42 (20–67) Repeat Row 19, 23 (48) times more.

Row 43 (68) Sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—57 (77) sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 44–54 (69–79) Repeat Row 43 (68), 11 times more—1 less sc in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 44 (69)—56 (76) sc. At end of Row 54 (79)—46 (66) sc.

Row 55 (80) Sc in each sc across to last 2 sc—44 (64) sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving last 2 sc unworked.

Row 56 (81) Sc in each sc across to last 2 (4) sc—42 (60) sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving last 2 (4) sc unworked.

Row 57 (82) Sc in each sc across to last 3 (5) sc—39 (55) sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving last 3 (5) sc unworked.

Rows 58 and 59 (83 and 84) Repeat Row 57 (82) twice more. At end of Row 58 (83)—36 (50) sc. At end of Row 59 (84)—33 (45) sc.

Row 60 (85) Sc in each sc across to last 2 (4) sc—31 (41) sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving last 2 (4) sc unworked.

Row 61 (86) Repeat Row 60 (85)—29 (37) sc. Do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Cushion Top Edging

Round 1 (right side) With right side facing and smaller hook, join A with sl st in free loop of first foundation ch on Row 1, ch 1, sc in same loop as joining, sc in free loop of next 29 (37) chs; work 63 (100) sc evenly along side edge, working in free loop of chs at beginning of

the yarn 4

Super Saver in Light Raspberry



Tip

For a thicker Cuff, insert a few layers of quilt batting between layers of Cuff before working Round 2 of Cuff Edging.



rows as necessary, 30 (38) sc evenly along top edge and 63 (100) sc evenly along other side edge, working in free loop of chs at beginning of rows as necessary—186 (276) sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 3 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Rounds 4–11 Repeat Round 2, 8 times more, omitting marker. Fasten off.

Cushion Bottom

Work same as Cushion Top.

Cushion Bottom Edging

Rounds 1 and 2 Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of Cushion Top Edging. At end of Round 2, fasten off.

Cushion Assembly

Place Cushion Bottom on foam and trace around edge with permanent marker. Using outline as guide, cut oval from foam. Place foam oval inside Cushion Top with right side of Top facing outward. Place Cushion Bottom over foam with right side of Bottom facing outward. With wrong sides together and larger hook, working through both thicknesses and matching sts, join A with sl st in first sc on Round 2 of Cushion Bottom Edging and in corresponding st on Round 11 of Cushion Top Edging, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, sc in each sc around, placing marker in 15th (19th) sc—186 (276) sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Cuff

With smaller hook and A, ch 29.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—28 sc. Ch 1, turn.

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

Row 3 Working in back loops only, sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 4 and 5 Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2, changing to B in last sc. Fasten off A, leaving an 18"/46cm tail. With B, ch 1, turn.

Row 7 With B, repeat Row 3.

Rows 8–11 Repeat Rows 2–5.

Row 12 Repeat Row 2, changing to C in last sc. Fasten off B, leaving an 18"/46cm tail. With C, ch 1, turn.

Row 13 With C, repeat Row 3.

Rows 14–17 Repeat Rows 2–5.

Row 18 Repeat Row 2, changing to A in last sc. Fasten off C, leaving an 18"/46cm tail. With A, ch 1, turn.

Row 19 With A, repeat Row 3.

Repeat Rows 2–19, 9 (14) times more, then repeat Rows 2–6 once more. At end of last row, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Cuff Assembly

Fold Cuff in half lengthwise. With wrong sides of Row 1 and last row together, using smaller hook and working through back loops on last row and free loop of foundation chs in Row 1, join A with sl st in first sc of rows, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each sc across. Fasten off.

Cuff Edging

Round 1 (inside edging) With right side of Cuff facing, working along one edge of Cuff with larger hook, join A with sl st in edge of first sc on Row 1, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in edge of each row around—186 (276) sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 1 (outside edging) With right side of Cuff facing, working along other edge of Cuff with larger hook, join A with sl st in edge of first sc on last row, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in edge of each row around, matching edging color to row color, using tails whenever possible—186 (276) sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2 Fold Cuff in half widthwise. Matching sts and working through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join. Do not fasten off.

Bed Assembly

Place Cuff with outside edging facing outward around edge of completed cushion with Cuff Edging at bottom of cushion. Working through both thicknesses with larger hook and A, sl st in back loop of next sc on Round 3 of Cuff Edging and in back lp of marked st on Cushion Assembly, sl st in back loop of each sc around—186 (276) sc. Join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.





Treats for Kids

The most delightful projects of all are cute little treats for little ones. Bright, colorful, playful and quick to stitch, crochet creations for kids and babies are just too much fun. Turn the page for a collection of our best toys, blankets and more—guaranteed to bring a smile to the littlest ones on your gift list!

Fun little monkeys! P76

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Heathers, 5oz/141g, skeins, each approx 260yd/238m (acrylic)

1 skein each in:

- #2455 Purple Haze (A)
- #2470 Teal (A)

RED HEART Super Saver, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 160yd/146m (acrylic)

1 skein each in:

- #336 Warm Brown (A)
- #330 Linen (B)
- #319 Cherry Red (C)
- #311 White (D)

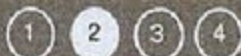
CROCHET HOOK

- Size B/1 (2.5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Firm polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Sewing or embroidery needle
- Black embroidery floss
- Matching sewing thread

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet yo yarn over

* Work directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

the yarn



Heathers in Purple Haze

Super Saver in Warm Brown





Mischievous Monkeys

You'll have fun stitching up these quick and easy mini monkeys. They're just right as stocking stuffers or the perfect little gift for someone special.

By Melissa Hicks

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

monkey approx 8"/20.5cm tall x 5 1/4"/13.5cm around belly

hat approx 3"/7.5cm tall x 7"/18cm around opening

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical, but stitches should be tight so that the fabric is dense and firm.

NOTES

- 1 Monkey can be made in choice of Teal, Purple Haze, or Warm Brown. Throughout pattern, A refers to your choice of body color.
- 2 Head and body worked as one piece, from top to bottom. Arms, legs, ears, tail and face are stitched separately, then sewn to body. All pieces worked in the round.
- 3 Use a stitch marker to track rounds. Move it up every round, placing it in last st of round just worked.

BODY AND HEAD

Beginning at top of head, with A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, mark end of round—6 sts.

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

Round 3 *Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 5 Sc in next 5 sts, [work 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 10 sts, [work 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in each st around—28 sts.

Round 6 Sc in each st around.

Round 7 Sc in next 6 sts, [work 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 12 sts, [work 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in each st around—32 sts.

Rounds 8–10 Sc in each st around.

Round 11 Sc in next 6 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 13 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in each st around—28 sts.

Round 12 Sc in each st around.

Round 13 Sc in next 5 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 11 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in each st around—24 sts.

Round 14 Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st around—22 sts.

Rounds 15–24 Sc in each st around.

Round 25 Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st around—20 sts.

Round 26 *Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around—16 sts.

Fill piece with fiberfill.

Round 27 *Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around—12 sts.

Round 28 Sc2tog around—6 sts. Fasten off. Weave end through top of sts and pull to tighten. Weave in end.

EAR (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, mark end of round—6 sts.

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

Rounds 3–5 Sc in each st around. Fasten off.

TAIL

With A, ch 28.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end—27 sts. Fasten off.

ARM OR LEG (MAKE 4)

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, mark end of round—8 sts.

Rounds 2–15 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

FACE

With B, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

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

Round 3 *Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 5 *Sc in next 3 sts, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—30 sts. Turn.

Note Do not ch 1 at beginning of Round 6, to create a notch in the last round.

Round 6 Sc in each st around. Do not join at end of round. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Embroider mouth, eyes and nose on face as shown in picture. Fill body parts with polyester fiberfill stuffing. With matching sewing thread, sew face to center front of head, with notch at top. With matching yarn, sew ears to sides of head, and sew arms, legs, and tail to body.

SANTA HAT

With C, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, mark end of round—6 sts.

Rounds 2–3 Sc in each sc around.

Round 4 Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sts.

Round 5 Sc in each st around.

Round 6 *Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 7 *Sc in next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 8 Sc in each st around.

Round 9 *Sc in next 3 sts, work 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 10 Sc in each st around. Change to D.

Rounds 11 and 12 Sc in each st around.

Weave in ends. Fasten off.

POM-POM

With D, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, mark end of round—8 sts.

Rounds 2–4 Sc in each st around. Remove marker. Cut ends of yarn to about 4"/10cm long and tuck inside pom-pom to stuff. Sew pom-pom to top of Santa hat.



--2--2--2-- Easy stitches
make this darling dress
completely doable!



Baby Blues Dress

Baby gifts don't get any better than this. Easy, quick and totally adorable—you can whip up this fabulous little frock in no time!

By Alicia Paulson

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Baby Amore, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 335yd/306m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 (2, 2) balls #9832 Light Blue (A)

TLC Amore, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 278yd/254m (acrylic/nylon)

- 1 (1, 1) skein #3002 Black (B)

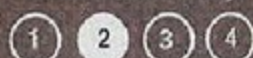
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- 2 buttons, ½–¾"/13–19mm
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet
[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 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.

the yarn



Baby Amore in Light Blue

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

3–6 (6–12, 12–24) months

finished chest 19 (21½, 25)"/48.5 (54.5, 63.5)cm

finished length 11½ (13½, 17)"/29 (34.5, 43)cm

GAUGE

14 sc and 16 rows = 4"/10cm using size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—14 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

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

BODICE FRONT AND BACK (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 35 (39, 45).

Row 1 (foundation row—right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—34 (38, 44) sc.

Rows 2–6 (8, 10) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Row 1 (right side) Turn; sl st in first 2 (2, 3) sc, ch 1, sc in each sc across to last 2 (2, 3) sc—30 (34, 38) sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—26 (30, 34) sc.

Rows 4–6 (8, 10) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 (9,

10) sc; leave remaining sc unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across—7 (8, 9) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—6 (7, 8) sc.

Rows 4–6 (6, 8) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 (right side) Sk 10 (12, 14) center sc, join A with sl st in next sc, ch 1, sc in same sc as join and each sc across—8 (9, 10) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—7 (8, 9) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across—6 (7, 8) sc.

Rows 4–6 (6, 8) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Sew back and front together at shoulder and side seams.

SKIRT

With right side facing, join A with sl st in side seam of lower edge of bodice.

Round 1 (foundation round) Ch 1, working in back bars of foundation chain, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc—68 (76, 88) sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—102 (114, 132) sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, *sc in next st, dc in next 2 st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Repeat Round 3 until skirt measures 7 (8, 10)"/18 (20.5, 25.5)cm. Fasten off.

RUFFLE

Join B with sl st in any st of lower edge of skirt.



Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—204 (228, 264) sts.

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

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Armhole Trim

Place a marker 1"/2.5cm above lower edge of armhole on each side. With right side facing, join B with sl st at marker.

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced

around armhole edge to next marker, continue working sc evenly spaced around lower edge of armhole to first marker; join with sl st in first sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, 2 dc in each sc to last 2 sc before marker, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc.

Fasten off.

Repeat on other armhole.

Neck Trim

With right side facing, join B with sl st in left shoulder seam of neck edge.

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

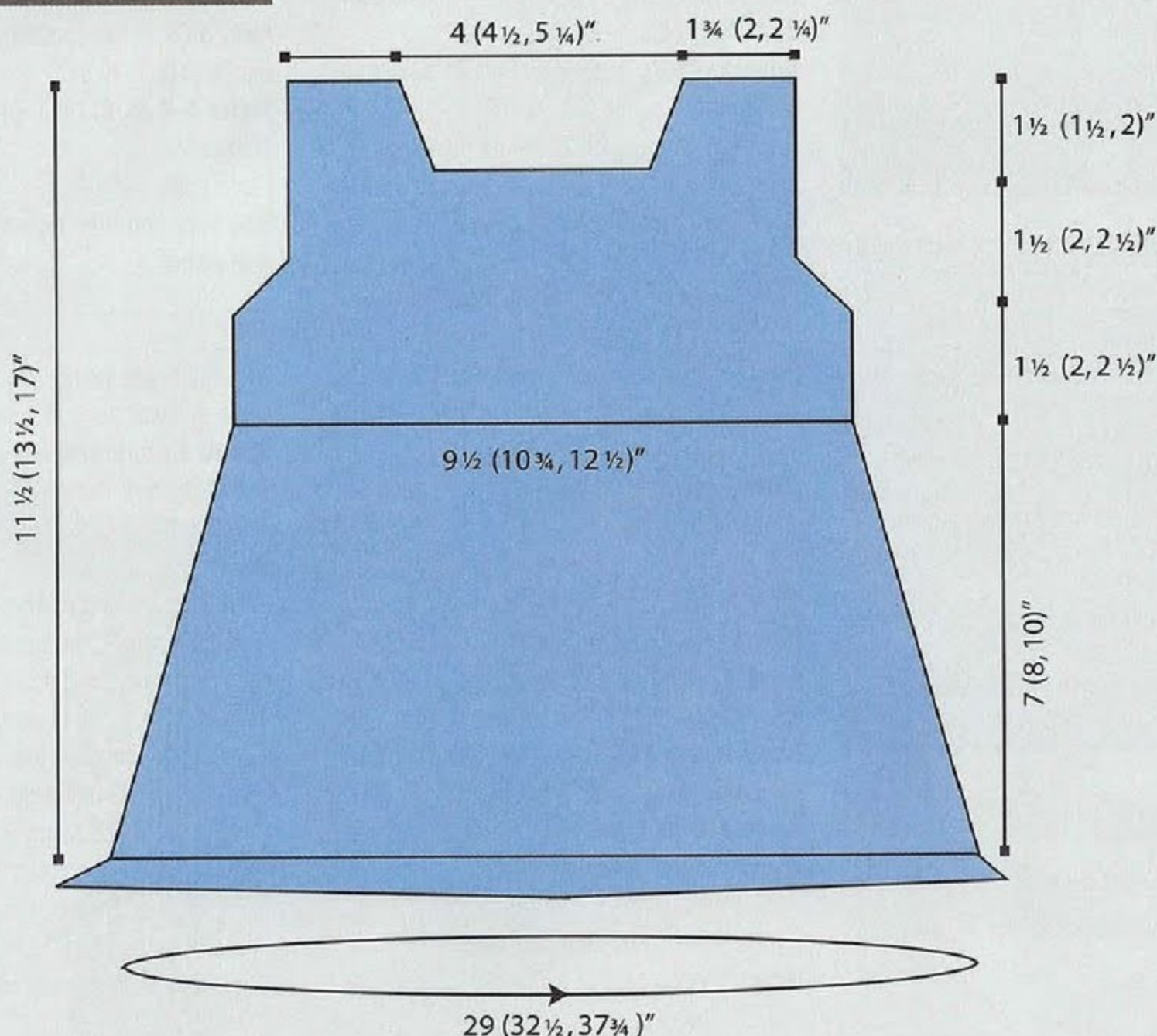
Fasten off.

Weave in all ends and block lightly. Using photograph as a guide, sew buttons evenly spaced to center front of bodice.

Tip

Customize the skirt length by repeating Row 3 of skirt more or fewer times.

BABY BLUES DRESS SCHEMATIC



Bunny & Bear Rattles





Keep baby happy and entertained with these sweet shakers. Our pattern makes it easy to create your own custom cover to fit any size ring rattle.

By Donna Childs

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Baby, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 490yd/448m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #5322 Powder Yellow (A)
- 1 skein #5935 Clear Blue (B)
- 1 skein #7624 Lime (C)
- 1 skein #5545 Powder Lilac (D)
- 1 skein #5737 Powder Pink (E)

Note A, C, D and E are needed for the Bunny rattle; A, B and E are needed for the Teddy Bear rattle.

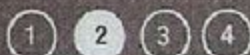
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Ring-shaped baby rattle (we used the top ring of a Fisher Price stacking toy)
- Small quantities of yarn for embroidering faces
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety pins
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
 * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

Ring shown is approx 3¾"/9.5cm in circumference, excluding head; completed rattle is approx 6"/15cm tall, including head

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical, though stitches should be tight so that stuffing and ring do not show through. Instructions use any gauge and tell you how to make the correct-sized crochet piece.

NOTES

- 1 You can make a ring cover using any stripe pattern you desire. The pictured Teddy Bear rattle is worked in a repeating stripe pattern of 6 rows B and 2 rows A. The Bunny rattle is worked in a repeating stripe pattern of 4 rows A, 2 rows C, 4 rows A, and 2 rows D.
- 2 To change color, work last stitch of old color row to last yarn over, yarn over with new color, and draw through loops on hook to complete stitch. Carry color not in use along edge ready for next color change.

RING COVER (FOR BOTH)

The ring cover is made from a rectangular strip of crochet that is sewn into a tube and fitted around the ring-shaped rattle.

Determine the Number of Stitches Needed

1 Make the following gauge swatch. Save this swatch for more measurements later.
 Ch 30.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—29 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.
 Repeat Row 2 for a total of 16 rows.
 Fasten off.

2 Slip the gauge swatch through the hole of the ring and pinch the layers together

Tip

Leftover yarn? Make extra rattles—or even simple baby hats—and donate them to a local charity or hospital.

snugly. Count the number of stitches it takes to surround the ring to the point where the swatch is pinched.

Determine the Number of Rows Needed

Slip your gauge swatch over the ring. Count how many rows cover about one-fourth of the ring and multiply that number by 4.

Make Your Custom-Fit Cover

With first color in desired striping pattern, chain the number of stitches determined above plus 1.

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

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

Double-Check Number of Stitches

Slip the crocheted strip through the hole and around the ring to make sure it will fit snugly. If the strip is too loose, start over with fewer stitches. If the edges don't meet, start over with more stitches.

Repeat Row 2, following desired striping pattern, until you have the number of rows determined above. Fasten off, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail for sewing. Hold the top of the strip flush with the bottom of the strip and sew together, making a tube with wrong side facing out. Slip the tube through the hole of the ring and fold it over the ring until edges meet. Use safety pins to fasten edges together along the outside of ring. Using the yarn needle, sew the edges together. Firmly press the crocheted piece against the ring with your fingers to smooth.

HEAD (FOR BOTH)

With A for Bunny or B for Teddy Bear, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc.

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TLC Baby in Lime

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

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

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

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Round 6 Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Round 8 Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 4 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Rounds 9 and 10 Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Round 11 *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 12 Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Round 13 *Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc; repeat

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from * around—24 sts.

Round 14 Ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Round 15 *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 16 *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sts.

Fasten off leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail for sewing.

BUNNY EAR (MAKE 2)

Inner Ear

With E, ch 12.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—11 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across; pivot to work along side of strip, work 3 sc in ch at beginning of first row; pivot to work in free loops along opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each ch across—25 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 12 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each st to end—27 sc. Fasten off.

Outer Ear

With A, ch 12.

Rows 1–3 Work Rows 1–3 of Inner Ear. Do not fasten off.

Place Inner Ear on top of Outer Ear with right sides facing out.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working through both thicknesses, sc in each pair of sc to end. Fasten off, leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail for sewing.

Sew ears to top of head.

BEAR EAR (MAKE 2)

Inner Ear

With E, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc. Fasten off.

Outer Ear

With B, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2 Work Rounds 1 and 2 of Inner Ear. Do not fasten off.

Place Inner Ear on top of Outer Ear with right sides facing out.

Row 3 Ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in each of first 9 pairs of sc; leave remaining pairs unworked.

Fasten off, leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail for sewing.

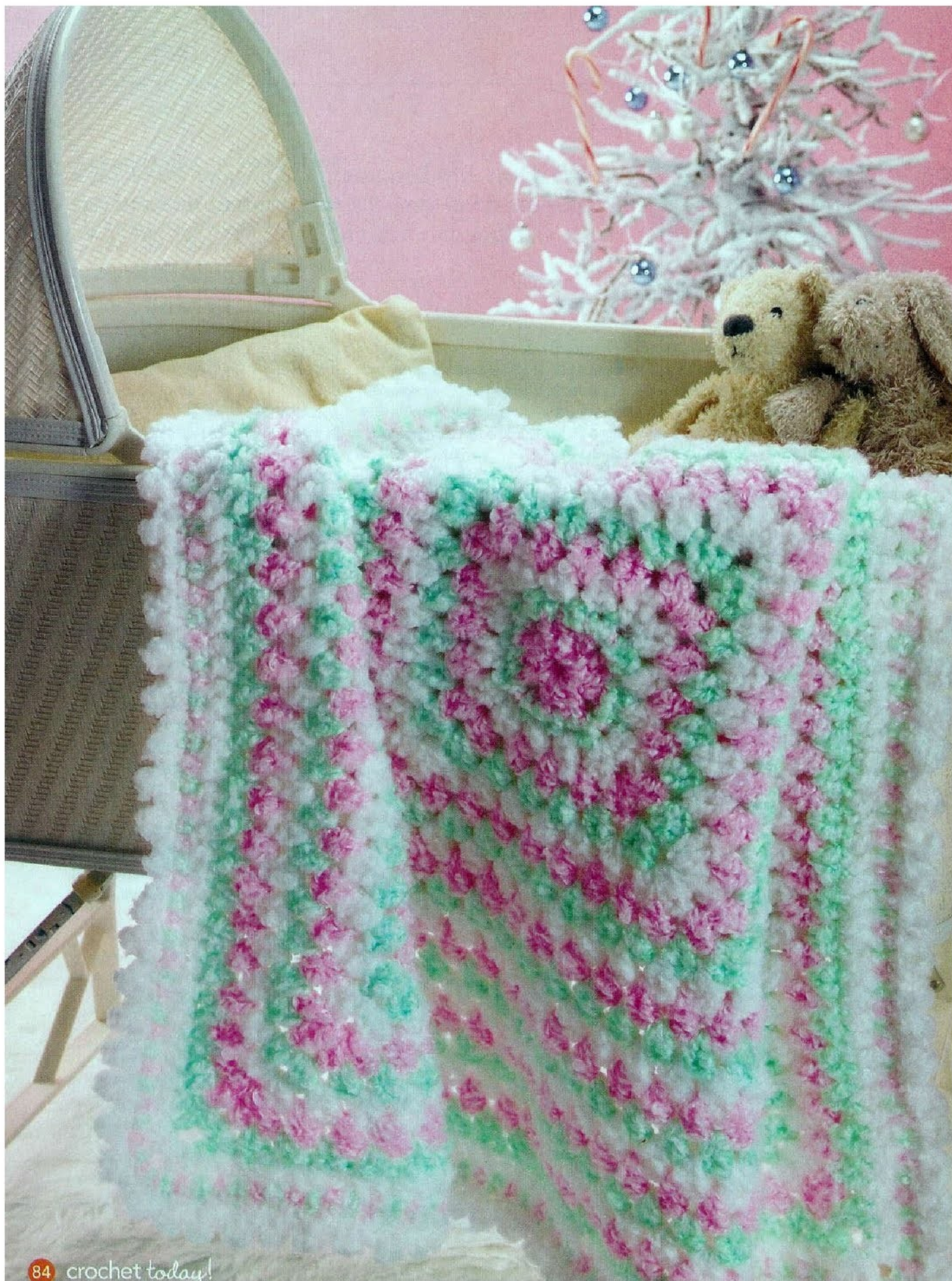
Sew ears to top of head.

FINISHING

Lightly stuff the head. Using photograph as a guide, embroider features. Sew head to rattle cover.

Weave in all ends. ---







Baby's First Blanket

This snuggly blanket is a perfect gift for a newborn baby, and it's just the thing for keeping warm in wintry weather.

By Glenda Winkleman



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Clouds, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 148yd/135m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #9311 Cloud (A)
- 2 balls #9638 Baby Green (B)
- 2 balls #9724 Pink Lemonade (C)

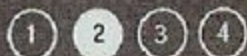
CROCHET HOOK

- Size L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch	chain	sp(s)	space(s)
dc	double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	yo	yarn over
sl st	slip stitch		

the yarn



Baby Clouds in Pink Lemonade



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 37"/94cm square

GAUGE

9 sts = 4"/10 cm; first 2 rounds = 4"/10 cm over pattern as established using size L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

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

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, (3 dc in ring, ch 2) 3 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—4 ch-2 corner sps. Fasten off.

Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 1.

Round 2 Ch 1, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning sc. Fasten off. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10 cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

AFGHAN

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

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, (3 dc in ring, ch 2) 3 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—4 ch-2 corner sps.

Fasten off. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 1.

Round 2 Ch 1, *(sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in beginning sc—20 sc.

Fasten off. Join A with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 2.

Round 3 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next sc, 2 dc in next sc) twice,

skip next sc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next sc, 2 dc in next sc) twice, skip next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—32 dc.

Fasten off. Join C with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 3.

Round 4 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 3 times, skip next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 3 times, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—40 dc.

Fasten off. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 4.

Round 5 Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 4 times, skip next 2 dc, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 4 times, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—56 dc.

Fasten off. Join A with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 5.

Round 6 Ch 3, (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, skip next 3 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 4 times, skip next 3 dc, *(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, skip next 3 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 4 times, skip next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—72 dc.

Fasten off. Join C with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 6.

Round 7 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 8 times, skip next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 8 times, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of



beginning ch-3—80 dc.

Fasten off. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 7.

Round 8 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—88 dc.

Fasten off. Join A with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 8.

Round 9 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—96 dc.

Fasten off. Join C with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 9.

Round 10 Ch 3, (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp

before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, *(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) across side of afghan to 2 dc before corner ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—120 dc.

Fasten off. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 10.

Rounds 11–19 Repeat Rounds 8–10, 3 times. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 19.

Round 20 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 29 times, skip next 2 dc, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, (skip next 2 dc, 2 dc in sp before next dc) 29 times, skip next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with

sl st in top of beginning ch-3—256 dc.

Fasten off. Join A with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 20.

Round 21 Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner ch-2 sp, dc in each dc across to next corner ch-2 sp, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, dc in each dc across to next corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3—272 dc.

Fasten off.

Note Work Round 22 with one strand each of B and C. Work first sc with B, next sc with C, and so on. Join B with sl st in beginning corner ch-2 sp of Round 21.

Round 22 Ch 1, with B draw up a loop in the same ch-2 sp, yo with C and draw through both loops on hook (sc and color change completed), with C draw up another loop in the same ch-2 sp, yo with B and draw through both loops on hook, with B draw up another loop in the same ch-2 sp, yo with C and draw through both loops on hook, *with C draw up a loop in next dc, yo with B and draw through both loops on hook, with B draw up a loop in next dc, yo with C and draw through both loops on hook; repeat from * across to next ch-2 sp; continuing changing color every stitch, work 3 sc in each corner ch-2 sp and 1 sc in each dc around; join with sl st in first sc—284 sc.

Fasten off both B and C. Join A with sl st in beginning sc of Round 22.

Round 23 (picot edging) Ch 1, sc in same sc, (sc, ch 3, sl st) in next sc, *sc in next sc, (sc, ch 3, sl st) in next sc; repeat from * around to last sc, sc in last sc; join with sl st in beginning sc. Fasten off.

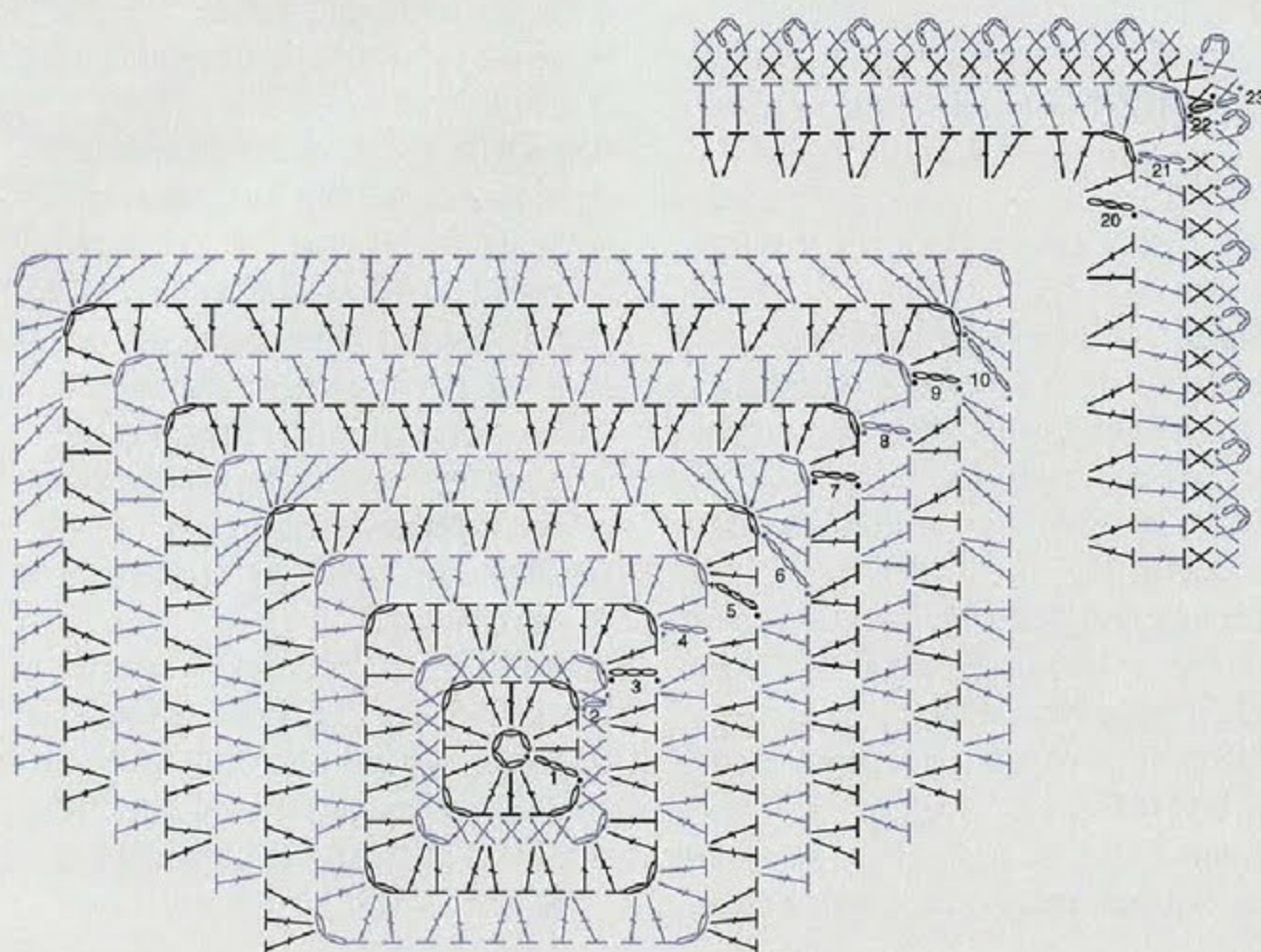
FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Tip

This project is great for beginning crocheters—it's just like making one big granny square!

BABY'S FIRST BLANKET DIAGRAM



Courtside Booties

--- All-star
booties for your
all-star baby!



Tiny baby feet will look adorable in these too-cute booties inspired by high-top sneakers. They're so quick you can make a pair in every color!

By Donna Childs



What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)
 - 1 skein in color of choice #3815 Dutch Blue, #3620 Celadon, #3215 Lemon Zest, #3570 Iced Violet, #3650 Pistachio, #3251 Melon
 - 1 ball #3101 Ivory (B)

- RED HEART Lustersheen, 4oz/113g skeins, each approx 335yd/306m (acrylic)
 - 1 skein #2 Black (C)

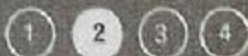
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Safety pins
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| ch(s) chain(s) | sp(s) space(s) |
| sc single crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| sk skip | yo yarn over |
| sl st slip stitch | |

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

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

SIZE

3–6 months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 3½"/9cm long sole x 3½"/9cm high

GAUGE

20 sc and 24 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With A or B, ch 21.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—20 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–24 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

SOLE (MAKE 2)

Beginning at toe with B, ch 5.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—4 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Work 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—6 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Repeat Row 2—8 sc.

Rows 4–16 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 17 Sc2tog, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—6 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 18 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 19–20 Repeat Rows 17 and 18—4 sc.

Sole Edging

Work 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st, sc in edge of Rows 19–1; working in free loops of foundation chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in next ch; sc in edge of Rows 1–19—50 sc.

Join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

TONGUE (MAKE 2)

Beginning at top with A, ch 5.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—4 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Work 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—6 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3–16 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. At end of Row 16, do not turn.

Tongue Edging

Sc in edge of each row; working in free loops of foundation chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in next ch; sc in edge of each row—38 sc. Fasten off.

TOE (MAKE 2)

Row 1 With wrong side of Tongue facing, join B with sc in edge of first sc on Tongue Edging, sc in next sc on Row 16 and in each sc across, sc in edge of last sc on Tongue Edging—8 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–4 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5 Sc2tog, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—6 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 6 Repeat Row 5—4 sc. Do not ch 1. Fasten off.

UPPER (MAKE 2)

Starting at top with A, ch 16.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—15 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Work 2 sc in first sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last 2 sc, ch 1, sk next sc, 2 sc in last sc—15 sc and 2 ch-1 sps. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4 Sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across—17 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 5 and 6 Repeat Row 2 twice more.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3—17 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

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Designer Sport in Melon

LusterSheen in Black





Row 8 Work 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—21 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 9 Work 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—23 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 10 Repeat Row 3—23 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 11 Repeat Row 8—27 sc.

Row 12 Repeat Row 9—29 sc.

Row 13 Sc in first sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc and in each sc across to last 2 sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in last sc—27 sc and 2 ch-1 sps. Ch 1, turn.

Row 14 Repeat Row 4—29 sc.

Rows 15 and 16 Repeat Row 2 twice more. At end of Row 16, do not turn.

Upper Edging

Round 1 Sc in edge of rows 16–13, 2 sc in edge of row 12, sc in edge of rows 11–1; working in free loops of foundation ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 13 chs, 3 sc in next ch; sc in edge of Rows 1–11, 2 sc in edge of row 12, sc in edge of Rows 13–16—53 sc. Fasten off, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail for sewing.

UPPER/TOE JOINING

Round 1 With wrong side of Upper and Toe facing, join B with sc in 15th sc on Row 16 of Upper, sc in next sc and in each sc across, sc in edge of Upper Edging; working along Toe, sc in edge of Rows 1–5 on Toe, 2 sc in each st on Row 6, sc in edge of Rows 5–1; working along Upper again, sc in edge of Upper Edging, sc in next sc and in each sc across to joining, sc in same sc as joining—50 sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc and in each sc around. Join as before. Fasten off.

Round 3 With wrong side facing, join C with sc in last sc on Round 2, sc in next sc and in each sc around. Join. Fasten off.

Round 4 With right side facing, join B with sc in last sc on Round 3, sc in next sc and in each sc around; join. Do not fasten off.

SOLE JOINING

Ch 1, with wrong sides of Upper/Toe Joining and Sole Edging together, working through both thicknesses, sl st in first sc and in each sc around.

Note If necessary, use safety pins to hold Upper/Toe Joining and Sole Edging together.

ANKLE CIRCLE (MAKE 2)

With B, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in next sc and in each sc around—12 sc. Join as before. Fasten off, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail for sewing.

LACE (MAKE 2)

With 2 strands of C held together, make a 26"/66cm long chain. Trim ends and weave lace through holes in Upper.

FINISHING

With tail, sew Ankle Circles on outside of booties as pictured. With A, sew 3 or 4 sts at beginning and end of Upper Edging to last row of Tongue to hold Upper and Tongue together below bottom lace holes. Weave in all ends.



These cute booties are a staff favorite—they've been given at several baby showers!





Soft Stroller Blanket

This small-scale baby afghan is the perfect size to use in a stroller—baby will stay cozy, and the blanket won't drag or catch in the wheels.

By Marianne Forrestal

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-ways, 4oz/113g balls, each approx 186yd/170m (acrylic/recycled polyester)

- 1 ball #3360 Mushroom (A)
- 1 ball #3520 Aquarium (B)
- 2 balls #3313 Oyster (C)

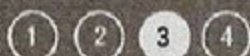
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



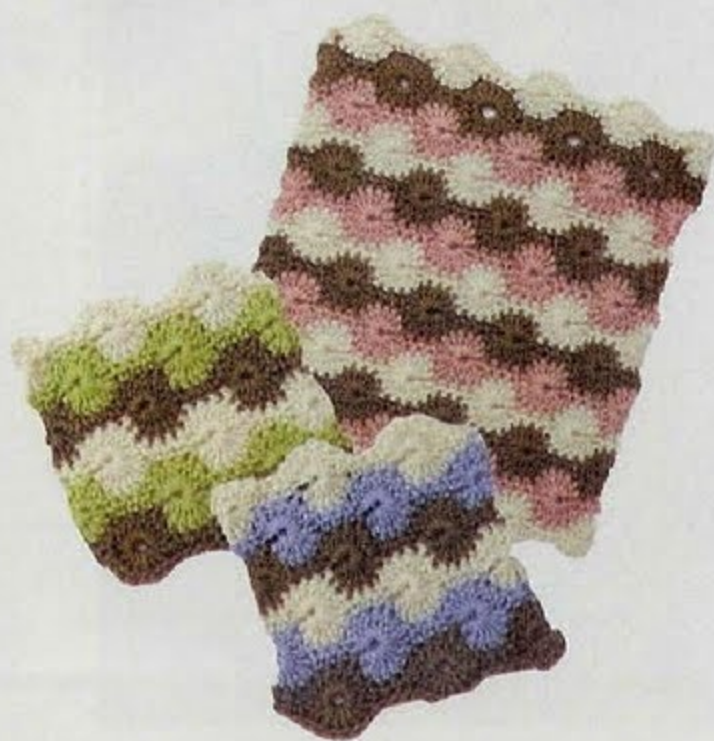
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Eco-ways in Aquarium

Try this!

Swap out Aquarium for one of these other shades of RED HEART Eco-ways: #3372 Petal, #1615 Lichen, #1821 Blue Cloud



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 29"/73.5cm x 24"/61cm

GAUGE

16 sts (1 shell, 1 half shell and 5 sc) and 8 rows in pattern = 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 next ch, sk next 3 chs, shell in next ch, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs, sk next 3 chs, half shell in last ch—1 shell and 1 half shell.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sts, ch 3, dc7tog, ch 3, sc in next 3 dc, ch 3, dc4tog—1 dc7tog and 1 dc4tog.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; 3 dc in first st (counts as half shell), sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next st, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in last 2 sc—1 shell and 1 half shell.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; dc3tog, ch 3, sc in next 3 dc, ch 3, dc7tog, ch 3, sc in last dc, sc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—1 dc7tog and 1 dc3tog.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next st, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sk next ch-3 sp, half shell in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—1 shell and 1 half shell.

Rows 6–8 Repeat Rows 2–4. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

NOTE

1 Work dc7tog in last 2 dc of current shell or half shell, 3 sc between shells and first 2 dc of next shell or half shell.

2 Work begins with 1 row of A, then continues in color sequence. After fastening off, turn blanket to work on opposite side of foundation chain. Work 1 row of A and 2 rows of C. This creates a scalloped edge in C and a uniform colored border on the design.

AFGHAN

Color Sequence

1 row A, 2 rows B, 2 rows C, [2 rows A, 2 rows B, 2 rows C] 8 times.

With A, ch 87.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next sc, [sk next 3 chs, shell in next ch, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs] 8 times, sk next 3 chs, half shell in last ch, changing to B in last st—8 shells and 1 half shell.

Row 2 (right side) With next color, ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sts, [ch 3, dc7tog, ch 3, sc in next 3 dc] 8 times, ch 3, dc4tog—8 dc7tog and 1 dc4tog.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; 3 dc in first st (counts as half shell), [sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next st] 8 times, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in last 2 sc, changing to next color in last st—8 shells and 1 half shell.

Row 4 With next color, ch 3, turn; dc3tog, [ch 3, sc in next 3 dc, ch 3, dc7tog] 8 times, ch 3, sc in last dc, sc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—8 dc7tog and 1 dc3tog.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, [sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next st, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sc] 8 times, sk next ch-3 sp, half shell in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to next color in last st—8 shells and 1 half shell.

Rows 6–53 Following color sequence, repeat Rows 2–5, 12 more times. At end of Row 53, fasten off.

Row 54 Turn piece so bottom edge is at top and right side is facing. Working in free loops on opposite side of foundation ch, join A with sl st in first ch at top right corner; ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in next ch, [sk next 3 chs, shell in next ch, sk next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs] 8 times, sk next 3 chs, half shell in last ch, changing to C in last st—8 shells and 1 half shell.

Rows 55 and 56 With C, repeat Rows 2 and 3. At end of Row 56, do not change colors. Fasten off.

Wrap up this
blanket for the
new parents on
your gift list!

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

[] Work directions inside brackets
as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

shell Work 7 dc in indicated stitch.

half shell Work 4 dc in indicated stitch.

dc3tog (dc 3 stitches together) [Yarn over,
insert hook in next stitch, 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.

dc4tog (dc 4 stitches together) [Yarn over,
insert hook in next stitch, 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.

dc7tog (dc 7 stitches together) [Yarn over,
insert hook in next stitch, 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.



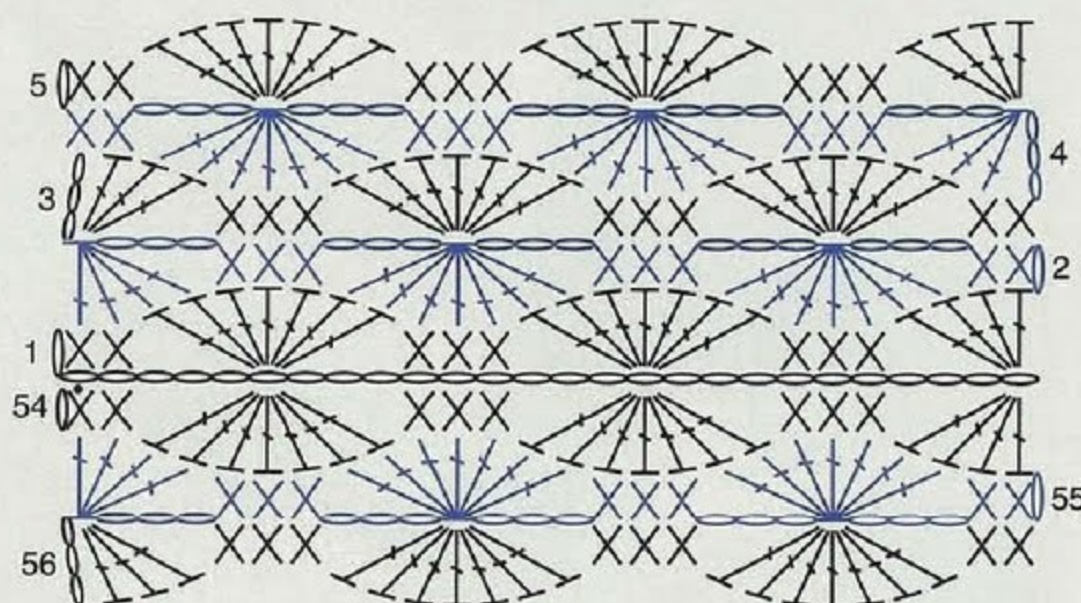
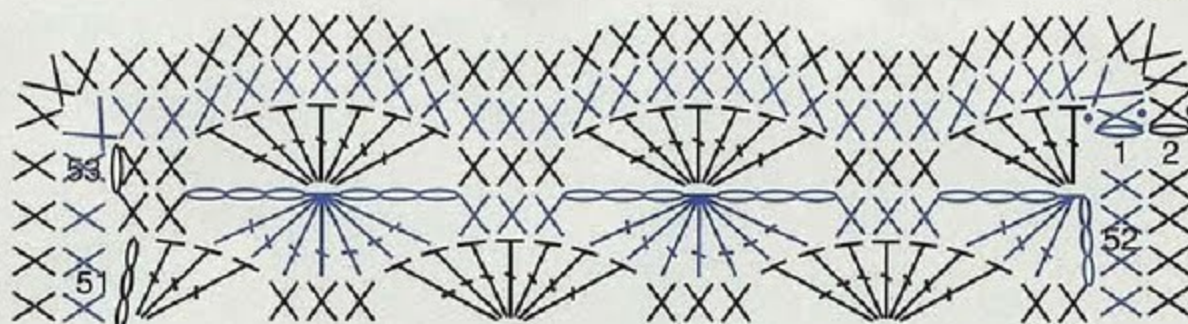
**EDGING**

Round 1 With right side facing, join C with sl st in last dc on Row 53 at top right-hand corner; working across Row 53 on top edge, ch 1, 3 sc in same st as joining, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; working in edge of rows along left edge, work 83 sc evenly spaced across; working across Row 56 on bottom edge, 3 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; working in edge of rows along right edge, work 83 sc evenly spaced across; join with sl st in first sc—336 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in center sc at each corner; join with sl st in first sc—344 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

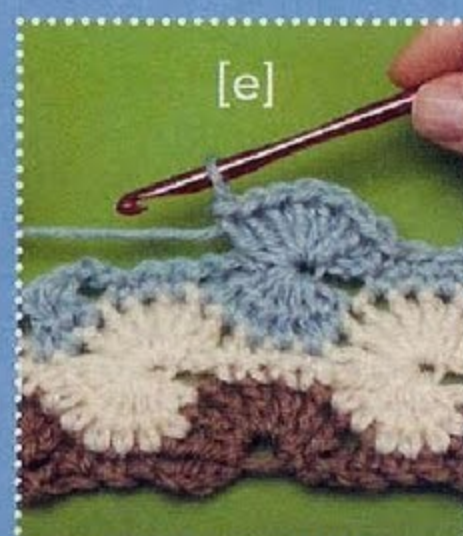
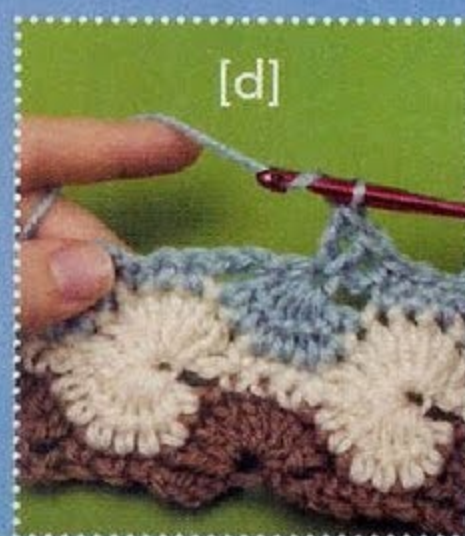
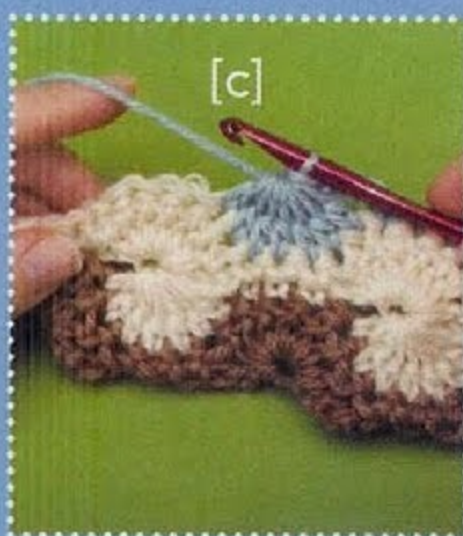
SOFT STROLLER BLANKET DIAGRAM**EDGING****Tip**

To make the blanket wider, add more chains in multiples of 10 to the foundation chain and increase the number of times you repeat the instructions inside the brackets in each row.

HOW TO WORK THIS STITCH PATTERN

Making the double shells

- [a] To work the bottom half of each double shell, dc7tog: work each dc until two loops remain on hook. Leaving these loops on hook, begin next dc. Here, 4 dc are in the process of being worked together.
- [b] All 7 dc are in the process of being worked together.
- [c] To complete the shell, yarn over and pull through all loops on hook at once.
- [d] To work the top half of each double shell, work 7 dc into the same stitch. Here, 2 dc have been worked into the shell below.
- [e] All 7 dc have been worked into the same stitch and the shell is complete.



Froggy Hat



---ribbit--- Ribbit, ribbit!



Who could resist this fun cap for baby? It makes a great quick gift for little guys or girls!

By Noreen Crone-Findlay



Tip

Feeling adventurous? Instead of making eyes, try working little ears for this cap to make a bunny, bear, or any animal you can imagine!

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Amore, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 335yd/306m (acrylic/nylon)

- 1 ball #3620 Bamboo (A)

TLC Essentials, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 312yd/285m (acrylic)

1 skein each in:

- #2112 Black (B)
- #2101 White (C)

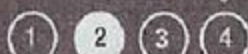
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- 1oz/28g polyester fiberfill
- Tapestry needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) st(s) stitch(es)

sc single crochet yo yarn over

sl st(s) slip stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together)

[Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a loop] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Fits 18"/45.5cm circumference head

GAUGE

In sc, 14 sts and 14 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With A, ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat Row 2, 12 times more. Swatch should measure 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm.

If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Rounds 2–16 on Crown are joined same as Round 1 on Crown.

2 Rounds 2–8 on Eyes are joined same as Round 1 on Eyes.

CROWN

Starting at center back with A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc. Join.

Round 3 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 times more—18 sc. Join.

Round 4 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 2 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—24 sc. Join.

Round 5 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 3 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—30 sc. Join.

Round 6 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 4 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc;

repeat from * 4 times more—36 sc. Join.

Round 7 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 5 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—42 sc. Join.

Round 8 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 6 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—48 sc. Join.

Round 9 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 7 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—54 sc. Join.

Round 10 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 8 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—60 sc. Join.

Round 11 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 9 sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc; repeat from * 4 times more—66 sc. Join.

Rounds 12–16 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around; join. At end of Round 16, ch 1, turn.

SIDES

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in first 56 sc—56 sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked.

Rows 2–5 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 6 Sc2tog in first 2 sts, sc in each remaining sc across to last 2 sts, sc2tog—54 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 7–10 Repeat Row 6, 4 times more. At end of Row 10—46 sc.

TIES

Left Tie

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in first 2 sts—2 sc. Ch 1, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked.

Rows 2–40 Sc in each sc across—2 sc. Ch 1, turn. At end of Row 40, do not ch 1. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Right Tie

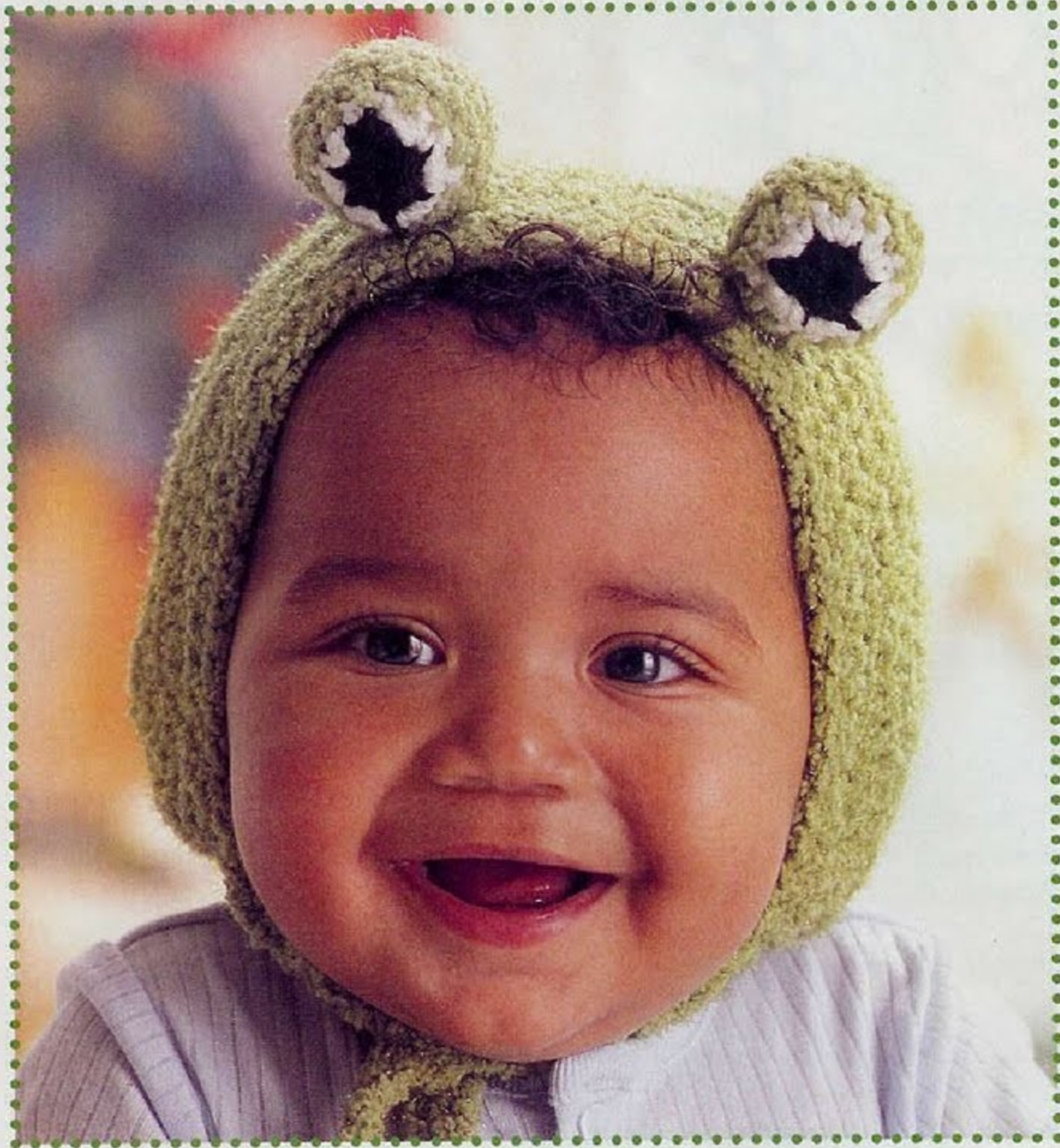
Row 1 With wrong side facing, join A with sl

the yarn



Amore in Bamboo

Essentials in Black



st in 2nd st made on Row 10 of sides, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next st—2 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-40 Repeat Rows 2-40 on Left Tie.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Starting at center front with B, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Join with sl st in first st. Fasten off B.

Round 2 Join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc. Join. Fasten off C.

Round 3 Join A with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in next sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 times more—18 sc. Join.

Rounds 4 and 5 Ch 1, sc in first sc and in each sc around. Join.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc2tog in same sc as joining and in next sc, sc in next sc, *sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 times more—12 sc. Join.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc2tog in same st as joining and in next st, sc2tog five times more—6 sc. Join. Stuff eye.

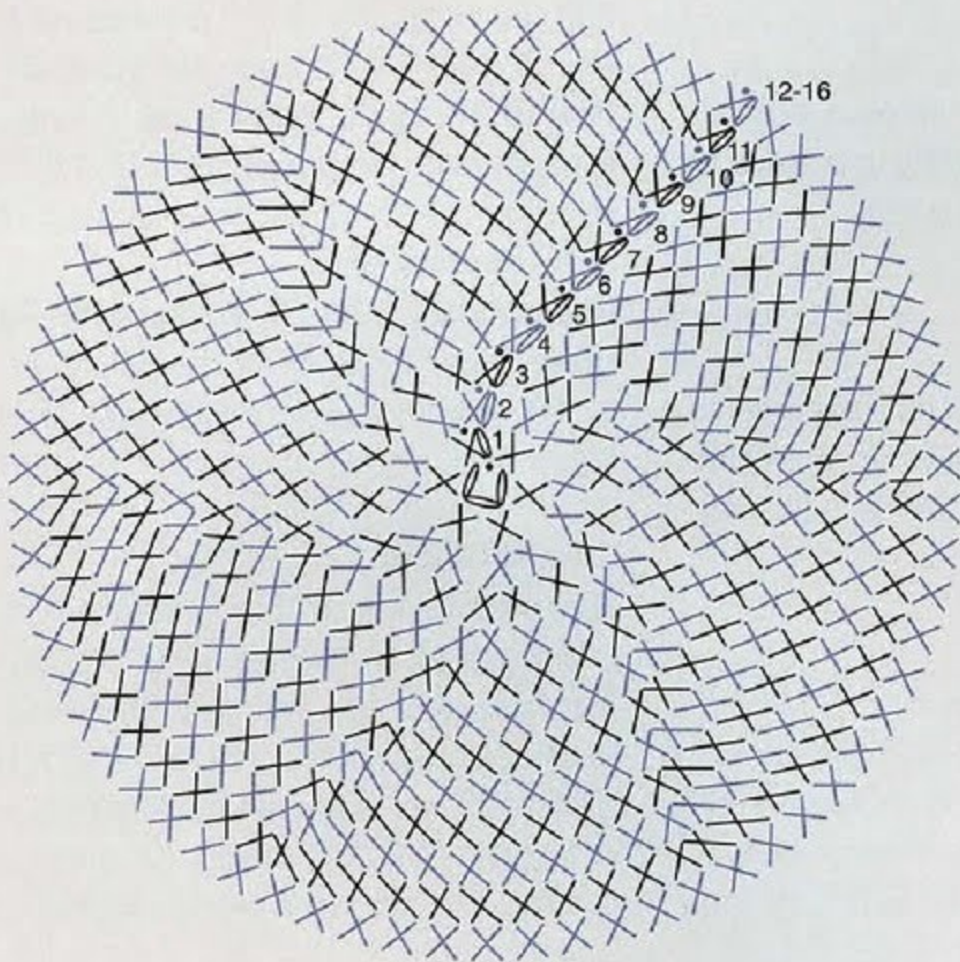
Round 8 Ch 1, sc2tog in same st as joining and in next st, sc2tog twice more—3 sc. Join. Fasten off A, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail. Stitch back of Eye shut.

FINISHING

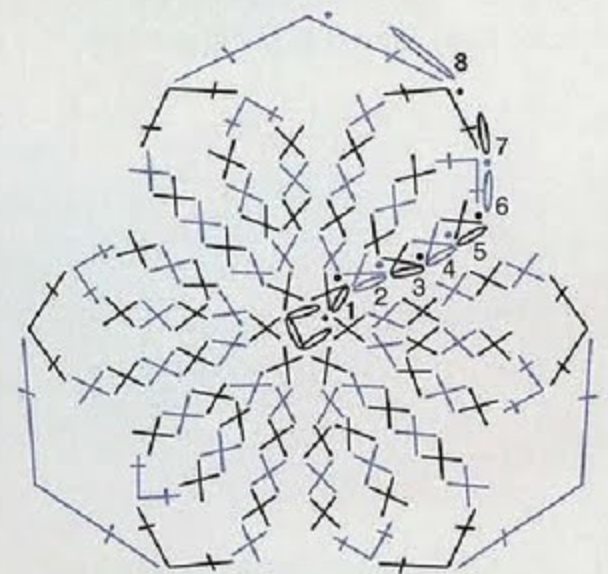
Stitch side of eyes to top of hat about 3"/7.5cm apart in middle of Rows 6-8 on sides as shown in photograph.

Weave in all ends.

FROGGY HAT DIAGRAM



FROGGY EYE DIAGRAM



Mini Wrap Sweater

Keep your budding ballerina cozy in this sweet little sweater. The wrap style makes the fit very flexible, so this piece will continue to fit as your tiny dancer grows.

By Jennifer J. Cirka

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Econo, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 460yd/421m (acrylic)

- 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) skeins #1570 Lavender

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

the yarn



Baby Econo in Lavender

try this!

We think this sweater is sweet in these colors, too: Baby Econo #1962 Yummy Print or Baby Econo #1722 Light Pink



SIZES

Child's 2 (4, 6, 8, 10)

finished chest 21 (22, 25, 26, 27)"/53.5 (56, 63.5, 66, 68.5)cm

finished length 7 (8, 9, 10½, 11½)"/18 (20.5, 23, 26.5, 29)cm

GAUGE

14 hdc and 10 rows = 4"/10cm using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 16.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 hdc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

The sweater is worked in one piece, beginning at the lower back and working up and over the shoulders and ending in the front.

SWEATER BODY

Ch 38 (41, 45, 47, 50).

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—36 (39, 43, 45, 48) hdc.

Rows 2–15 (17, 18, 22, 25) Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across. Do not fasten off.

Shape Neck and First Front

Row 16 (18, 19, 23, 26) Ch 2, turn; hdc in first 9 (9, 10, 11, 12) sts; leave remaining sts unworked (for back neck and second front)—9 (9, 10, 11, 12) sts. Mark the last st of this row for neck edge.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain
hdc half double crochet
rev sc reverse single crochet
sc single crochet
sk skip
sl st(s) slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

Rows 17 (19, 20, 24, 27)–21 (23, 26, 30, 34)

Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across.

Row 22 (24, 27, 31, 35) Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across, working 2 hdc in st at neck edge (increase made)—10 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts.

Rows 23 (25, 28, 32, 36)–36 (40, 44, 52, 58) Repeat last row, increasing at neck edge every row—24 (26, 28, 33, 36) sts.

Fasten off. Remove neck edge marker.

Shape Second Front

Skip next 18 (21, 23, 23, 24) unworked sts of Row 15 (17, 18, 22, 25); join yarn in next st.

Row 16 (18, 19, 23, 26) Ch 2, hdc in same st as join and in remaining 8 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts—9 (9, 10, 11, 12) sts. Mark the first st of this row for neck edge.

Rows 17 (19, 20, 24, 27)–36 (40, 44, 52, 58) Repeat Rows 17 (19, 20, 24, 27)–36 (40, 44, 52, 58) of first front. Fasten off. Remove neck edge marker.

Sew Side Seams

Place stitch markers ¾"/2cm up from corners of all four sides. Fold sweater in half, bringing fronts down over back, with right sides facing together. Measure down 4 (4½, 5, 5½, 6)"/10 (11.5, 12.5, 14, 15)cm from top (shoulders) on both sides and place markers (for arm opening). Sew side seams between markers. Remove markers.



**LEFT SLEEVE**

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st at bottom of arm opening.

Round 1 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), work 26 (30, 33, 36, 40) hdc evenly spaced around armhole opening; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—27 (31, 34, 37, 41) hdc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 5 Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—26 (30, 33, 36, 40) sts.

Rounds 6–13 (13, 13, 17, 21) Repeat Rounds 2–5 2 (2, 2, 3, 4)—24 (28, 31, 33, 36) sts.

Rounds 14 (14, 14, 18, 22)–16 (20, 22, 24, 25) Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 (28, 31, 33, 36) sts. Fasten off.

RIGHT SLEEVE

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st at top of armhole opening.

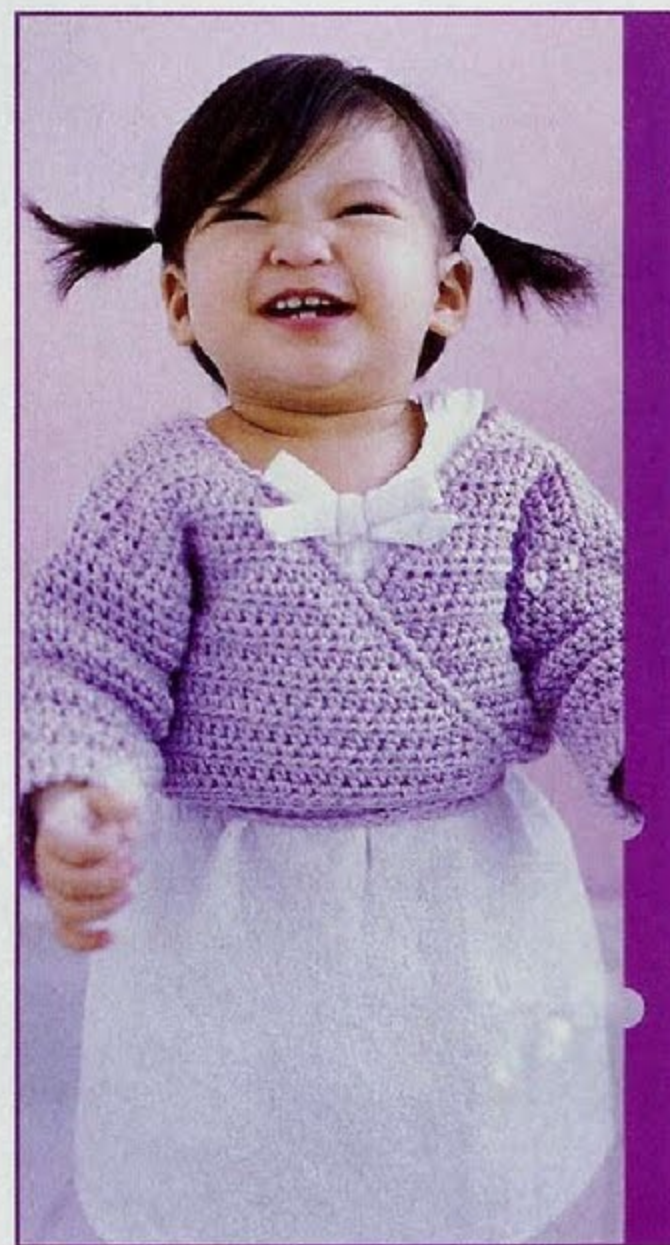
Round 1 Ch 2, work 26 (30, 33, 36, 40) hdc evenly spaced around armhole opening; join

with sl st in top of beginning ch—27 (31, 34, 37, 41) hdc.

Rounds 2–16 (20, 22, 24, 25) Repeat Rounds 2–16 (20, 22, 24, 25) of Left Sleeve. Fasten off.

FINISHING TRIM AND TIES

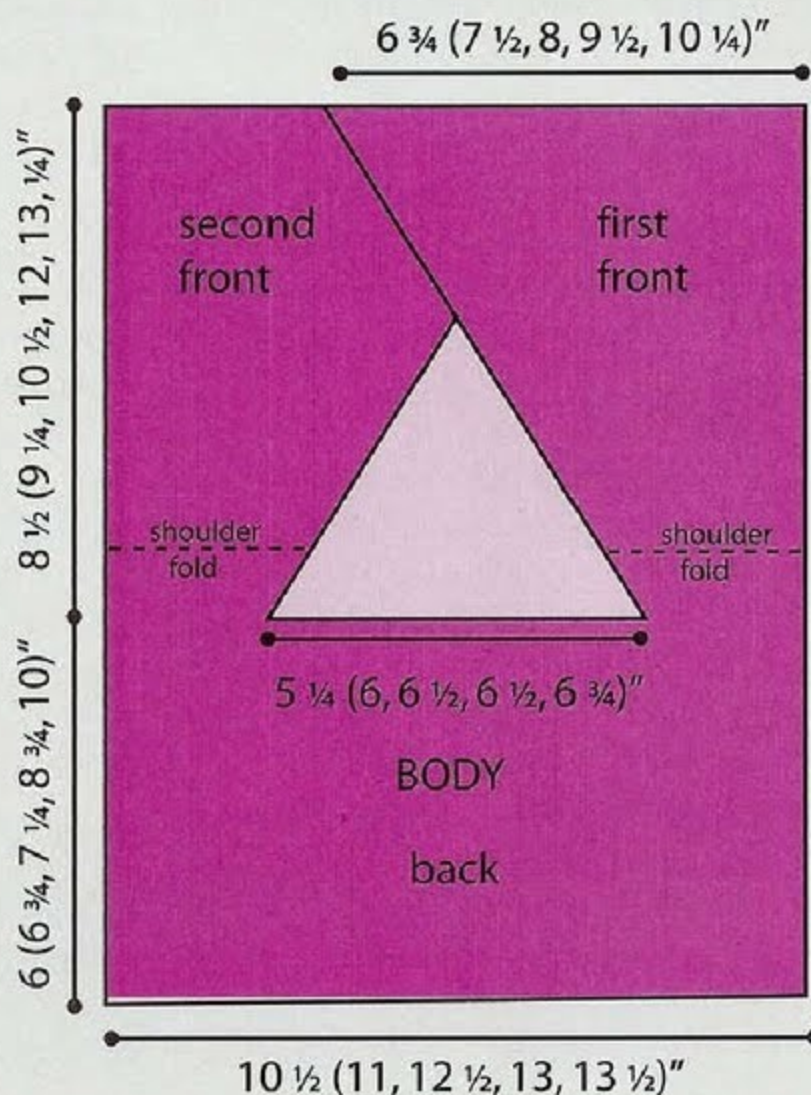
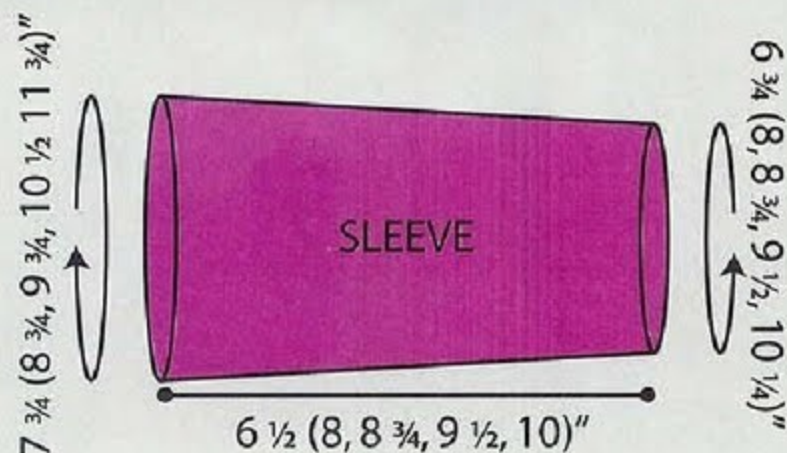
With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in lower inside corner of left front. Ch 115 (125, 135, 145, 155) (for first tie), turn; sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; sc in each st across lower edge of left front to side seam; ch 1 (for small hole at side seam to thread tie through); working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each st across lower edge of back to opposite side seam; ch 1; sc in each st across lower edge of right front; ch 115 (125, 135, 145, 155) (for second tie), turn; sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; work 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) sc evenly spaced up right front edge; sc in each st across back neck; work 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts evenly spaced down left front edge; ch 1, do not turn, rev sc in each st back up left front edge, across back neck and down right front edge. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.



MINI WRAP SWEATER DIAGRAM

Get creative with this pattern by working the body in stripes or working the trim in a contrasting color yarn.

MINI WRAPSWEATER SLEEVE DIAGRAM



Simple Baby Blanket

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follow pattern, written
with no abbreviations!



What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Baby Amore, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 335yd/306m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 balls #9552 Orchid (A)
- 1 ball #9832 Light Blue (B)
- 1 ball #9001 White (C)
- 1 ball #9256 Yellow (D)

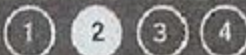
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



SYMBOL USED IN THIS PATTERN

- * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

the yarn



Baby Amore in Light Blue

If you find patterns difficult to follow, this easy project is for you! We've written it with no abbreviations, making it simple to stitch.

By Candi Jensen



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 32"/81.5cm x 30"/76cm including circles

GAUGE

13 stitches and 10 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern stitch using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Chain 15.

Row 1 Half double crochet in 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end—14 half double crochet.

Row 2 Chain 2, turn; half double crochet in front loop only of first stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch, *half double crochet in front loop only of next stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch; repeat from * across row.

Repeat Row 2, 8 more times for a total of 10 rows. Swatch should measure about 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. *If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.*

NOTE

Work begins with the main body of the blanket. 32 circles, 8 of each color, are then made and sewn around the edges of the blanket.

BLANKET

With A, chain 85.

Row 1 Half double crochet in 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end—84 half double crochet.

Row 2 Chain 2, turn; half double crochet in front loop only of first stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch, *half double crochet in front loop only of next stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next

stitch; repeat from * across row.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 24"/61cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Edging Round Chain 1, do not turn, working in ends of rows along side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; working on opposite side of foundation chain, single crochet in each chain across; work 3 single crochet in corner; working in ends of rows along opposite side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; single crochet in each stitch across to end; join with slip stitch in first single crochet. Fasten off.

CIRCLE (MAKE 32; 8 OF EACH COLOR)

Chain 4; form a ring by working a slip stitch in the first chain.

Round 1 Chain 2, work 8 half double crochets into the ring; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet.

Round 2 Chain 2, work 2 half double crochet in each stitch around; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet—16 half double crochet.

Round 3 Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in first stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch, *1 half double crochet in next stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch; repeat from * around; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet—24 half double crochet. Fasten off.

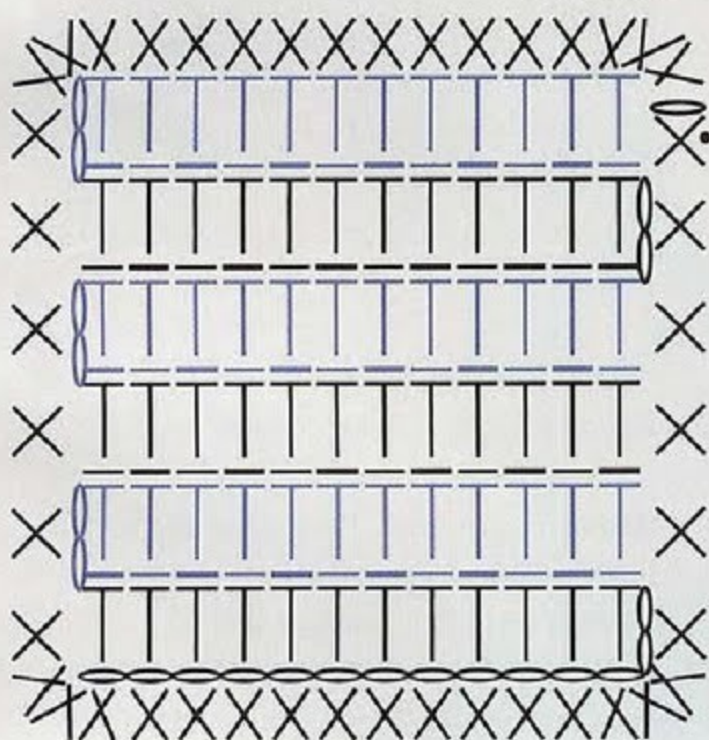
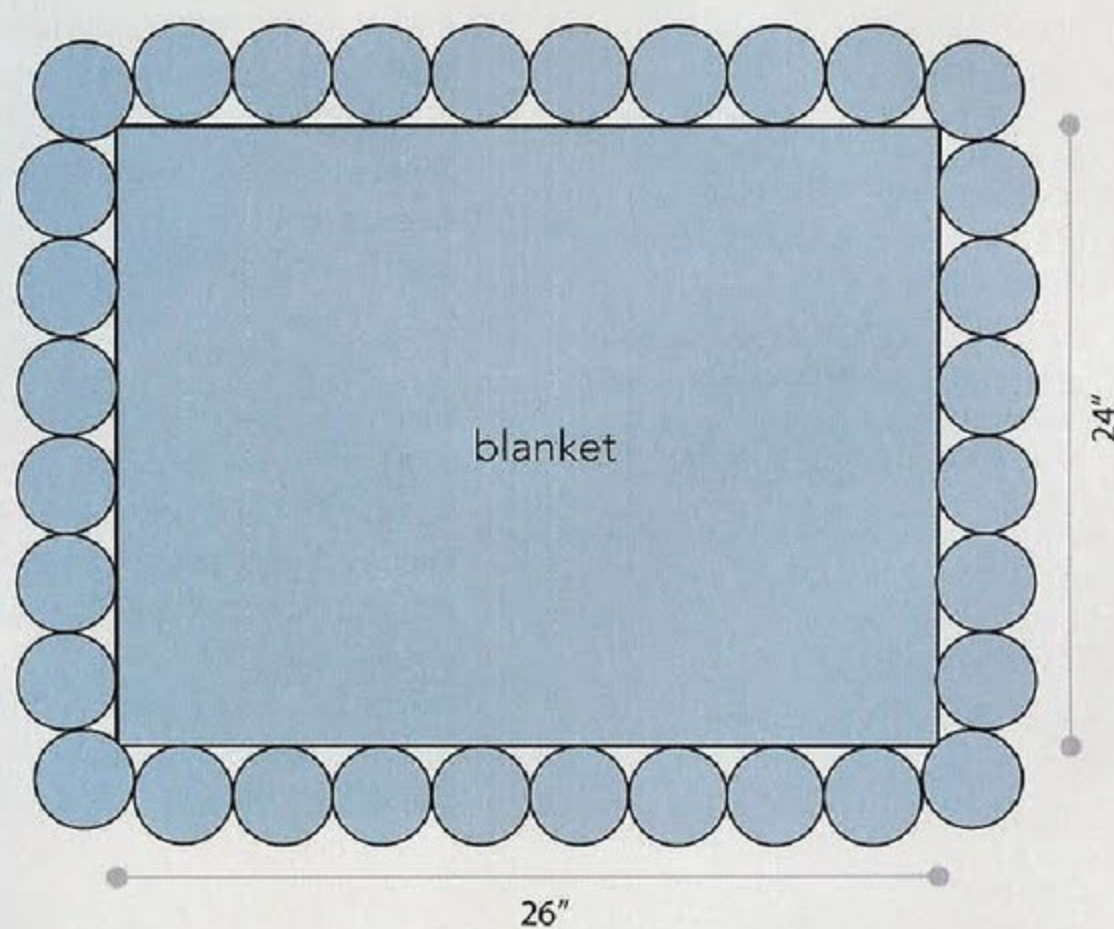
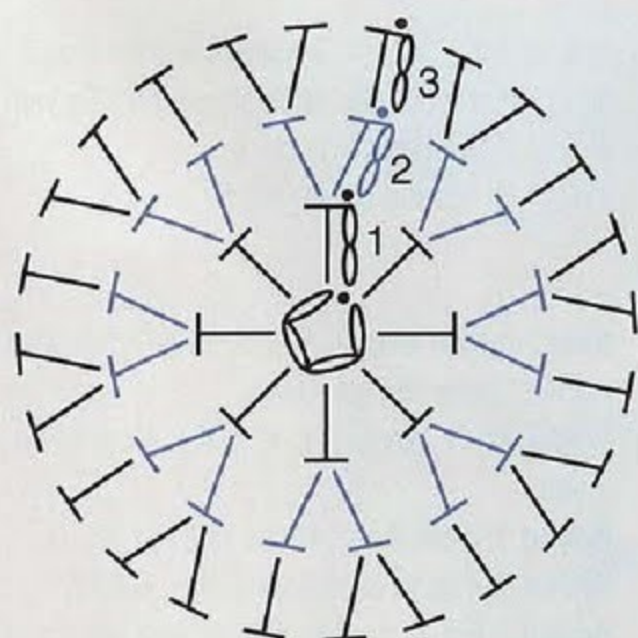
Tip

When working the circles, do not work into the joining slip stitch. It does not count as a stitch.

**FINISHING**

With right sides of circles all facing in the same direction, place circles around outer edge of blanket, alternating colors. Sew 1 circle to each corner, 8 circles along each long edge, and 6 circles along each short edge. Sew edges of each circle one another.

Weave in all ends.

BLANKET DIAGRAM**EDGING
ROUND****SIMPLE BABY BLANKET LAYOUT****CIRCLE DIAGRAM**

Smiley Cones

Stitch this simple summertime treat for someone sweet. So quick and easy, you can make one in every flavor!

By Alicia Paulson

What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
- 1 skein #774 Light Raspberry or #365 Coffee (A)
- 1 skein #336 Warm Brown (B)
- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (C)
- 1 yd contrasting yarn (for smile)

CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- 1 pair safety eyes, 5/16"/8mm diameter (optional)
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Dab of nail polish or fabric glue
- Polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- ch chain
- dc double crochet
- sc single crochet
- [] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
- sl st(s) slip stitch(es)
- sp(s) space(s)
- st(s) stitch(es)

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

- sc2tog (single crochet 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.

the yarn



Super Saver in Light Raspberry

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 10"/25.5cm tall x 11"/28cm around (at widest point)

GAUGE

17 sc and 19 rounds = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

The scoop of ice cream should be approx 3"/7.5cm tall x 11"/28cm around. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

- This project is worked in continuous rounds. Do not join and do not turn after completing a round.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round; move it up as each round is completed.
- Be sure to work tightly to ensure a sturdy toy and to prevent filling from showing through stitches.
- When making toys for children under three years of age, do not use safety eyes or buttons. Instead, embroider features. Make sure all pieces are sewn together securely and yarn ends are completely woven in and trimmed when finished.

ICE CREAM SCOOP

With A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

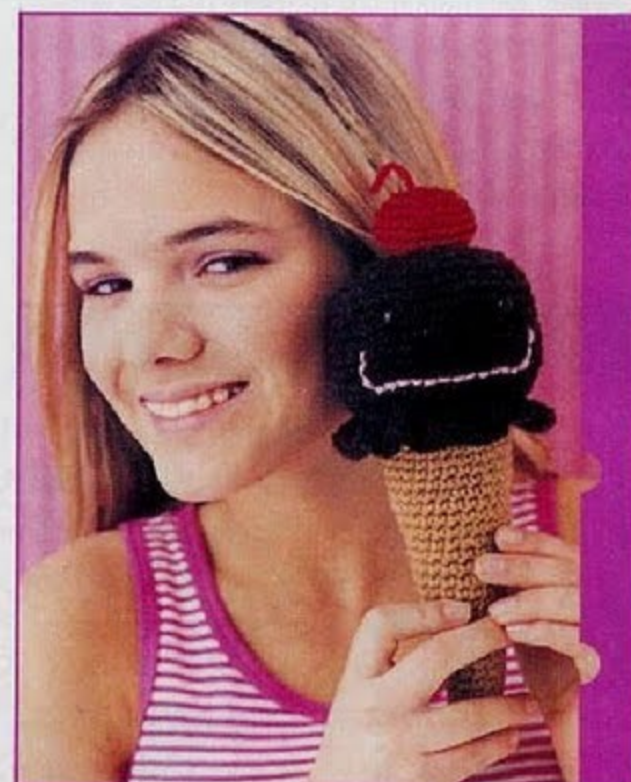
Round 1 Work 7 sc into ring—7 sc.

Round 2 2 sc in each sc around—14 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7 times—21 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7 times—28 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7



times—35 sc.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7 times—42 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7 times—49 sc.

Rounds 8–16 Sc in each sc around.

Pause here to attach safety eyes and embroider mouth, using the photograph as a guide. Embroider the mouth using back stitches.

Round 17 [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 7 times—42 sc.

Round 18 [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 7 times—35 sc.

Round 19 [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 7 times—28 sc.

Round 20 (ruffle) Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st, 3dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

CHERRY

Note Leave at least a 3"/7.5cm tail when starting the cherry (for the stem).

With C, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Work 7 sc into the ring—7 sc.

Round 2 2 sc in each sc around—14 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7





times—21 sc.

Rounds 4–6 Sc in each sc around.

Round 7 [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 7 times—14 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Complete Stem Use crochet hook to draw beginning yarn tail through original ring (if it is inside the cherry). Trim the yarn tail to approx 1¾"/4.5cm. Seal yarn end with a dab of clear nail polish or fabric glue.

CONe

With B, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Work 7 sc into the ring—7 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc—8 sc.

Note Stitch marker is no longer necessary. The

remainder of the cone is worked in one long, continuous spiral.

Spiral Round Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc (increase made), sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc (increase made), sc in next 12 sc, 2 sc in next sc (increase made), sc in next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc (increase made), sc in next 14 sc, continue working as established, working one more sc between increases, ending by working sc in next 33 sc, sl st in next sc. Fasten off and weave in end.

FINISHING

Firmly stuff cherry. Place the open end of the cherry against the top of the ice cream. Using yarn needle and long yarn tail of cherry, sew cherry to top of ice cream. Firmly stuff ice

cream and cone. Thread long yarn tail of ice cream up to Round 20 (base of dc ruffle) on interior of ice cream. Using yarn needle and long yarn tail of ice cream, whipstitch ice cream to cone.

Weave in all ends.

Tip

Add sprinkles to your scoop with sequins or beads.



Tic-Tac-Toe Throw



This kids' afghan and pillow set does double duty as a super-fun, super-sized game!

By Alicia Paulson



What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
 - 4 skeins #324 Bright Yellow (A)
 - 2 skeins #356 Amethyst (B) to make 3 "X" pillows

- RED HEART Super Saver, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 160yd/146m (acrylic)
 - 4 skeins #655 Lime (C) to make 3 "O" pillows
 - 1 skein #312 Black (D)

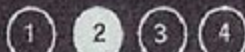
CROCHET HOOK

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

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- Polyester fiberfill

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|----------|-----------------|
| ch | chain | sk | skip |
| dc | double crochet | sl st(s) | slip stitch(es) |
| hdc | half double crochet | sp(s) | space(s) |
| sc | single crochet | st(s) | stitch(es) |
- * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

FINISHED SIZES

- afghan Approx 40"/101.5cm x 41½"/105.5cm
- "o" pillow (stuffed) Approx 11"/28cm diameter
- "x" pillow (stuffed) Approx 13"/33cm square

GAUGE

- In afghan pattern, 13 dc = 4"/10cm; 10 rows = 4¼"/11cm
- In sc for pillows, 13 sts = 4"/10cm; 10 rows = 4¼"/11cm
- Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

- Ch 15.
- Row 1** Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in next ch and in each remaining ch across—13 dc. Ch 1, turn.
- Row 2** Sk first dc, *dc in next dc, sl st in next dc; repeat from * 4 times more; dc in next dc, sl st in first skipped ch—6 dc and 6 sl sts. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row and throughout), turn.
- Row 3** Sk first sl st; *dc in next dc, dc in next sl st; repeat from * across, working last dc in turning ch—13 dc. Ch 1, turn.
- Row 4** Sk first dc, *dc in next dc, sl st in next dc; repeat from * 4 times more; dc in next dc, sl st in 3rd ch of turning ch—6 dc and 6 sl sts. Ch 3, turn.
- Rows 5–10** Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 3 times more. Swatch should measure 4"/10cm wide x 4¼"/11cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

AFGHAN

Squares (Make 9)

With A, ch 41.

- Row 1** (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (sk chs count as first dc), dc in next ch and in each remaining ch across—39 dc. Ch 1, turn.
- Row 2** Sk first dc, *dc in next dc, sl st in next dc; repeat from * 17 times more; dc in next dc,

Tip

The playroom just got a lot more fun!

sl st in first skipped ch—19 dc and 19 sl sts. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row and throughout), turn.

Row 3 Sk first sl st; *dc in next dc, dc in next sl st; repeat from * across, working last dc in turning ch—39 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4 Sk first dc, *dc in next dc, sl st in next dc; repeat from * 17 times more; dc in next dc, sl st in 3rd ch of turning ch—19 dc and 19 sl sts. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 5–29 Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 12 times more, then repeat Row 3 once more. At end of Row 29, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Edgings

Note Arrange squares in a 3 x 3 grid. Work top edging on 3 bottom squares and 3 center squares. Work bottom edging on 3 top squares and 3 center squares. See photo for clarification.

Top Edging

With right side of square facing, join D with sc in first dc of Row 29 on appropriate square, sc in next dc and in each dc across—39 sc. Fasten off.

Bottom Edging

With right side of square facing and square upside down so foundation ch is at top, join D with sc in free loop of first foundation ch on appropriate square, sc in free loop of next foundation ch and in each foundation ch across, ending with sc in free loop of 3rd skipped ch—39 sc. Fasten off. With right sides facing and D, whipstitch top edge of bottom squares to bottom edge of center squares and bottom edge of top squares to top edge of center squares through both loops of black sc to form 3 panels.

Side Edgings

Note Work right side edging on left panel and

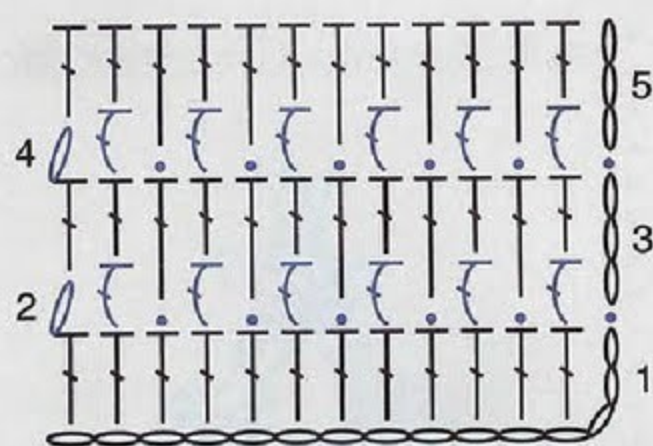
the yarn



Super Saver in Bright Yellow



REDUCED SAMPLE OF AFGHAN PATTERN



center panel. Work left side edging on right panel and center panel. See photo for clarification.

Right Side Edging

Row 1 With right side facing, join A with sc in bottom right-hand corner of appropriate panel, work 38 more sc evenly spaced across right-hand edge of rows 1–29 of bottom square; * ch 2, sk top and bottom edgings, work 39 sc evenly spaced across edge of next square; repeat from * once—117 sc and 2 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Row 2 With right side facing, join D with sc in first sc on Row 1, sc in next 38 sc, * working around ch-2 sp, hdc in edge of top edging, hdc in edge of bottom edging, sc in next 39 sc; repeat from * once—117 sc and 4 hdc. Fasten off.

Left Side Edging

Row 1 With right side facing, join A with sc in top left-hand corner of appropriate panel, work 38 more sc evenly spaced across left-hand edge of rows 29–1 of top square, * ch 2, sk bottom and top edgings, work 39 sc evenly spaced across edge of next square; repeat from * once—117 sc and 2 ch-2 sps.

Fasten off.

Row 2 With right side facing, join D with sc in first sc on Row 1, sc in next 38 sc, * working around ch-2 sp, hdc in edge of bottom edging, hdc in edge of top edging, sc in next 39 sc; repeat from * once—117 sc and 4 hdc. Fasten off.

With right sides facing and D, whipstitch side edgings of panels together to form afghan with center panel between left and right panels and top and bottom edges aligned.

Afghan Edging

Round 1 With right side facing, join A with sc in any corner, 2 sc in same corner st, sc evenly spaced around afghan, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Ch 1, turn.

Round 2 *Dc in next sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in turning ch. Fasten off.

"X" PILLOWS (MAKE 3)**Center (Make 6)**

With B, ch 13.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—12 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–12 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. At end of Row 12, do not turn.

Round 1 (right side) Sc evenly around all 4 edges of center, working 3 sc in each corner and 10 sc between corners—52 sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Leg

Row 1 With right side facing, join B with sc in center sc of 3 sc in any corner of center, sc in next sc and in each sc across edge, ending with sc in center sc of 3 sc in next corner—14 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2–14 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. At end of Row 14, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Repeat Leg on remaining 3 edges of center to form first X. Work 4 legs on each remaining center to form 5 more Xs.

Edging

With right side facing, join B with sc in any sc on any leg, sc evenly spaced around outside edges of all 4 legs, working 3 sc in first and last sc on Row 14 of each leg (corners made). Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat edging on other 5 "X" pillows.

Joining

With wrong sides together and B, whipstitch 2 "X"s together through both loops of each sc on edging, stuffing with fiberfill before closing.

"O" PILLOWS (MAKE 3)**Front/Back (Make 6)**

With C, ch 36; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in next ch, *sc in next 5 chs, 2 sc in next ch; repeat from * around—42 sc. Do not join. Place stitch marker in first st of round and move up to first st of each round as work progresses.

Round 2 Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 3 sc, sc in last 3 sc—48 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—54 sc.

Round 4 Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 4 sc, sc in last 4 sc—60 sc.

Round 5 *Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—66 sc.

Round 6 Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 5 sc, sc in last 5 sc—72 sc.

Round 7 *Sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—78 sc.

Round 8 Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 12 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 6 sc, sc in last 6 sc—84 sc.

Round 9 *Sc in next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—90 sc.

Round 10 Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 14 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 7 sc, sc in last 7 sc—96 sc.

Round 11 *Sc in next 15 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—102 sc.

Round 12 Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 16 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last 8 sc, sc in last 8 sc—108 sc.

Round 13 *Sc in next 17 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—114 sc.

Round 14 Sc in next sc and in each remaining sc around. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining

With wrong sides together and C, whipstitch center opening of 2 circles together. Whipstitch outside edge, stuffing with fiberfill before closing.



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