Crochet Hooks: 6mm [US J-10] and 5.5mm [US I-9]. Yarn needle.

GAUGE: Square = 3" x 3"; Rectangle = 3" x 5" using 2 strands yarn and larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: Hold 2 strands of the same color together throughout.

BLANKET
Square 1 (Make 35)
With larger hook and **A**, ch 3; join with a slip st to form a ring.
Round 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 3, [3 dc in ring, ch 3] 3 times; join with a slip st to top of ch-3.
Round 2: Slip st across next 2 dc and into space; ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same ch-3 space, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next ch-3 space, ch 1] 3 times; join with a slip st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Square 2 (Make 30)
Work same as Square 1 with **B**.

Rectangle 1 (Make 28)
With larger hook and **B**, ch 14.
Row 1 (Right Side): Dc in 6th ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next 3 ch, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in last ch. Fasten off.
Round 1: With right side facing, attach **C** in ch 1 space at end of last row; ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 3, 3 dc over dc at end of row, ch 3, 3 dc over last skipped ch, ch 1, 3 dc over next skipped ch, ch 1, (3 dc, [ch 3, 3 dc] twice) all in beginning ch-5 space, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1; join with a slip st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.
Round 2: With right side facing, attach **A** in first ch-3 corner space after the joining; ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same space, * ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next corner ch-3 space, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch 1 space, ch 1] twice **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next corner ch-3 space; repeat from * to **; join with a slip st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Rectangle 2 (Make 24)
Work same as Rectangle 1 EXCEPT use **A** to start and for Row 1; **C** for Round 1; and **B** for Round 2.

FINISHING
Sew pieces together as follows:
Strip 1 (Make 7): [Square 1, Rectangle 1] 4 times, Square A.
Strip 2 (Make 6): [Square 2, Rectangle 2] 4 times; Square B.
Now sew strips together as follows: [Strip 1, Strip 2] 6 times, Strip 1. Weave in ends.

Grandma's Favorite Baby Blanket

Start crocheting these two-round squares and rectangles when you hear there's going to be a new arrival, and you'll have the blanket made with time to spare!

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EASY

Designed by Michele Maks.

Blanket measures approximately 36" x 40".

RED HEART® "Soft Baby®": 2 skeins each 7881 Powder Blue **A** and 7737 Powder Pink **B**; 1 skein 7001 White **C**.

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Edging

Round 1: With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **C** in any corner; ch 1, * work 3 sc in corner, sc to next corner taking care to keep work flat; repeat from * around; join with a slip st to first sc.

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Round 2: * Ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, skip next sc, slip st in next 2 sc; repeat from * around, adjusting as necessary at corners and end of round to keep work flat; join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

3 LIGHT

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ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C = Colors A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **slip st** = slip stitch; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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