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## knitting

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### What you will need:

**RED HEART® Boutique Sashay®:**  
2 balls 1947 Patriotic **A**  
**RED HEART® Anne Geddes Baby™:** 1 ball 100 Lily **B**

**Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:**  
5 mm [US 8]  
**Susan Bates® Double pointed needles:** 3.5 mm [US 4]

Stitch markers, yarn needle, stitch holders, fiberfill

**GAUGE:** Gauge not essential for this project.

### Buy Yarn



**RED HEART® Boutique Sashay®,** Art. E782, available in multicolor 3.5 oz (100g), 30 yd (27m) balls

### Buy Yarn



**RED HEART® Anne Geddes Baby™,** Art. E805 available in solid 3.5 oz (100 g) 340 yd (310 m) and multi 3.0 oz (85 g) 290 yd (265 m) balls



## Party Swag with Stars

*Here's the perfect knit decoration for any patriotic party or occasion. Knit some stars and stuff them for dimension. Use Sashay for a knit swag made just like a scarf. Hang it around the party table, on the mantel or anywhere you'd like to add American colors and stars.*

**Swag measures 102" (259 cm) long. Stars measure 6" (15 cm) from point to point when stuffed.**

### Special Abbreviations

**Kfb** = Knit into the front and then the back of the same st

**Ssk** = (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

### SWAG

Stretch one end of **A** open for several inches and lay it flat, placing the edge with the metallic thread along the bottom. Notice that the Sashay yarn is a mesh of holes. You will be working with the top of the mesh, leaving the metallic edge loose to form the ruffle. You are using the top channel of holes as if it is your working yarn.

Beginning at the top right edge, insert tip of larger needle from back to front starting 4" (10 cm) from end using top row of holes. Continue inserting needle 5 more times. You now have 6 cast-on sts. Place this needle in left hand.

Pick up right hand needle and knit between the top two threads of the mesh.

Continue knitting these 6 sts on each row, always turning your work in the same direction at end of rows.

Put your work down and open up the mesh as you go. Continue until you have finished one ball of **A**, then join second ball by overlapping stitches. Stop knitting when you have about 24" (61 cm) of **A** left for binding off. Bind off and pull through last stitch. Cut excess and stitch down remaining piece to neaten.



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### STARS

**Note:** Make 2 stars for each filled star.

#### Point

\*With double-pointed needles and **B**, cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1 and all WS rows:** Purl.

**Rows 2:** Kfb, K1, Kfb—5 sts.

**Row 4:** Kfb, **K** to last st, Kfb—7 sts.

**Rows 6, 8, 10 12:** Repeat Row 4.

You should now have a total of 15 sts. Cut yarn and transfer sts to a st holder or leave on double-pointed needle. Repeat from \* until you have 4 star points on holder or needles.

Repeat from \* once more to create a fifth point, but do not cut yarn. Place a st marker at end of row 12 on the fifth point.

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## Join Points

Using yarn still attached, K10 from first of 4 points. Add a new needle, K5 sts from that point, K15 sts of second point, K5 stitches from third point. Add a new needle, K10 from third point, K15 from fourth point. Join into the round, being careful not to twist sts.

K to st marker at beginning of round –75 sts on 3 needles (25 sts on each needle).

**Round 1:** \*Ssk, K11, K2tog; repeat from \* around—65 sts.

**Round 2 and all even rounds:** Knit.

**Round 3:** \*Ssk, K9, K2tog; repeat from \* around—55 sts.

**Round 5:** \*Ssk, K7, K2tog; repeat from \* around—45 sts.

**Round 7:** \*Ssk, K5, K2tog; repeat from \* around—35 sts.

**Round 9:** \*Ssk, K3, K2tog; repeat from \* around—25 sts.

**Round 11:** \*Ssk, K1, K2tog; repeat from \* around—15 sts.

**Round 12:** Knit.

## FINISHING

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" (20 cm) tail. Thread tail through remaining sts and pull tightly to close up the center. With yarn needle, weave in remaining tail yarn to secure.

With wrong sides of two stars facing and using yarn needle, sew around points, tucking loose ends inside star as you sew. When one point remains unsewn, stuff star with fiberfill and sew closed.

With **B**, cut three 10" (25 cm)-long strands. Using yarn needle, stitch strands through one star point. Place onto swag at intervals desired, tying strands in a circle to secure to swag.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B** = Color A, B; **cm** = centimeters; **K** = knit; **K2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.



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