RED HEART®

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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
2 skeins 316 Soft White **B**, 1 skein each 319 Cherry Red **A**, 512 Turqua **C**, 706 Perfect Pink **D**, 672 Spring Green **E**, and 718 Shocking Pink **F**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, pompom maker or 3″ (7.5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4″ (10 cm); 8 rows = 4″ (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Pompom Trimmed Tree Skirt

Crochet a tree skirt with stripes of your favorite holiday colors! We've used bright non-traditional hues that will make us happy during the merry season. Each point is finished off with a pompom.

Skirt measures 50″ (127 cm) in diameter.

Notes
1. Skirt is worked back and forth in turned rows with color changes at the end of each row. Border is worked on 3 edges; center of skirt is left unworked.
2. When back opening meets at short edges, skirt does not lie flat.

Special Technique
Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

SKIRT
With **A**, ch 53.
Row 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch do not count as a st), dc in next 4 ch, *ch 2, dc in next 5 ch; repeat from * across; change to **B**, turn—50 dc and 9 ch-2 spaces.
Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), *hdc in each st across to next ch-2 space, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * 8 times, hdc in each remaining st; change to **C**, turn—68 hdc and 9 ch-2 spaces.
Row 3: Ch 3 (does not count as a st), *dc in each st across to next ch-2 space, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * 8 times, dc in each remaining st; change to **B**, turn—86 dc and 9 ch-2 spaces.
Row 4: Repeat Row 2; change to **D**.
Rows 5–40: Repeat last 2 rows 18 times, changing color in the following color sequence: Work *1 row with **D**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **E**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **F**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **A**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **C**, 1 row with **B**; repeat from * twice, 1 row with **D**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **E**, 1 row with **B**, 1 row with **F**, 1 row with **B**.
Fasten off.

Border Row : With right side facing and working in ends of rows, join **A** with sc in Row 1, 2 sc in same row, 3 sc in each odd-numbered row; working in last row, 3 sc in first st, *dc in each st across to next ch-2 space, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 space; repeat from * 8 times, dc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; working in ends of rows, 3 sc in each odd-numbered row; join with slip st in first st of Row 1. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Pompoms
With **A**, following pompom maker directions, make nine 3″ (7.5 cm) pompoms or make pompoms as follows: Wrap yarn around 3″ (7.5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard (the more wraps, the fuller the pompom). Gently remove

wraps from cardboard. Cut a 12″ (30.5 cm) length of **A** and tie it tightly around center of wraps. Do not cut the ends of this center tie. Cut ends of wraps. Fluff and trim pompom. Use ends of center tie to attach pompoms.

Tie one pompom to each ch-2 space.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color **A**, Color **B**, Color **C**, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.