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EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 4 balls 9702 Strawberry **C** and 2 balls each 9600 White **A** and 9620 Baby Green **B**

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

Yarn needle, stitch marker

GAUGE: Blanket: Rounds 1–3 = 4″ (10 cm); 14 dc = 4″ (10 cm); 7 rows = 4″ (10 cm). Flower: Rounds 1–6 of Flower Center = 3½″ (9 cm); 8 sc = 2″ (5 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

In Full Bloom Baby Blanket

Crochet this special blanket to welcome baby and then offer comfort through toddler years. It's a sweet design that can be done in any shades to coordinate with or accent the nursery décor.

Blanket measures 36″ x 36″ (91.5 x 91.5 cm).

Notes
1. Blanket is made in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Center of Flower is worked in continuous (spiral) rounds. Do not join at end of round unless stated otherwise. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed. Petals are made in turned rows.
3. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

Special Stitches
Bpdc (back post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from back side of work to front and to back again around the post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook). Skip the stitch "in front of" the Bpdc.
shell = 5 dc in indicated stitch.
sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Techniques
Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

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.

BLANKET
With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2 here and throughout), ([3 dc, ch 2] 3 times, 2 dc) in ring; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 2: (Slip st, ch 5, 2 dc) in first ch-2 space, dc in each dc across to next ch-2 space, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 space, dc in each dc across to next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, dc in first ch-2 space; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—28 dc and 4-ch 2 spaces.
Rounds 3–13: Repeat Round 2—204 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 14: (Slip st, ch 5, 2 dc) in first ch-2 space, Bpdc around each dc across to next ch-2 space, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 space, Bpdc in each dc across to next ch-2 space; repeat from * around, dc in first ch-2 space; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch; change to **B**—220 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Rounds 15–20: Repeat Round 2—316 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 21: Repeat Round 14; change to **C**—332 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Rounds 22–31: Repeat Round 2—492 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 32: Repeat Round 14; do not change color—508 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Round 33 (border round): Slip st in first ch-2 space, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same space, *skip next st, sc in next sc, [skip next st, shell in next st, skip next st, sc in next st] across to last st before next ch-2 space, skip last st*, shell in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice; repeat from * to ** once, 2 dc in first ch-2 space (beginning ch-3, first 2 dc and last 2 dc count as shell); join with slip st in top of beginning ch—132 shells and 132 sc.

FLOWER
Center
With **B**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 8 sc in ring—8 sc. Do not join. Place marker on first st and move up as each round is completed.
Round 2: 2 sc in each st around—16 sc.
Round 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—24 sc.
Round 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—32 sc.
Round 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—40 sc.
Round 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—48 sc. Fasten off.
Round 7: *Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—56 sc. Fasten off.

Petal 1
Row 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **C** with sc in any st, sc in next 4 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—5 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 3: Repeat Row 2.
Row 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn—7 sc.

Rows 5 and 6: Repeat Row 2.
Row 7: Repeat Row 4—9 sc.
Row 8: Repeat Row 2.
Row 9: Repeat Row 4—11 sc.
Rows 10–13: Ch 1, sc2tog in first 2 sts, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn—3 sc.
Fasten off.

Petals 2–8
Row 1: With right side of Center facing, skip next 2 sts of Round 6, join **C** with sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—5 sc.
Rows 2–13: Repeat Rows 2–13 of Petal 1.

Petal Edging Round: With right side of Petals facing, join **C** with sc in end of any row of any Petal, working in ends of rows, Petal sts, and skipped sts of Center, sc evenly around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING
Sew Flower to center of Blanket, taking care to work only through top layer of Blanket to prevent stitching from appearing on wrong side.
Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.;
ch = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet;
sc = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es);
() = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified;
* = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.