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EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Cutie Pie™: 1 ball 503 Splash **A** and 1 ball 419 Koala **B**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US **G**-6]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill, small amount of black embroidery floss

GAUGE: 1 ripple = 4½" (11.5 cm) from peak to peak; 8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in ripple pattern; 5 sc = 1½" (4 cm); 4 rows = 1" (2.5 cm) in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® Cutie Pie™, Art E834 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 326 yd (299 m) balls

Cutie Elephant Blankie

Babies enjoy the hugs and comfort of this plush little elephant. It is attached to the center of a small cuddly wave stitch blanket. It's a perfect gift for the next baby shower!

Blanket measures 17½" x 17½" (44.5 x 44.5 cm).

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

Notes
1. Blanket is made in a ripple pattern which consists of rows of double crochet "peaks" and "valleys" alternating with rows of single crochet. You may need to work several rows before the ripple is clearly visible.
2. Elephant's head and trunk are made in continuous rounds with right side facing. Do not join at end of round until instructed.
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. Do not cut color not in use; carry it on wrong side until next needed.

BLANKIE
With **A**, ch 71.
Row 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), 2 dc in next 2 ch, [skip next ch, dc in next ch] 5 times, *skip next ch, 2 dc in next 6 ch, [skip next ch, dc in next ch] 5 times; repeat from * to last 4 ch, skip next ch, 2 dc in last 3 ch, turn—68 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each dc, sc in top of beginning ch; change to **B**, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in first sc, 2 dc in next 2 sc, [skip next sc, dc in next sc] 5 times, *skip next sc, 2 dc in next 6 dc, [skip next sc, dc in next sc] 5 times; repeat from * to last 4 sc, skip next sc, 2 dc in last 3 sc, turn.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each dc, sc in top of beginning ch; change to **A**, turn.
Rows 5–38: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 seventeen times, changing color at the end of every Row 4.
Cut **B**.
Last Round (right side): With **A**, sc evenly around working 3 sc in each corner; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

ELEPHANT
Place marker for beginning of rounds and move marker up as each round is completed.

Head
Beginning at top of head, with **B**, ch 2.
Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join—6 sc.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Round 3: Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 6: Sc in each sc around.

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Round 7: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times —36 sc.

Rounds 8–14: Sc in each sc around.

Round 15: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times —30 sc.

Round 16: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times —24 sc.

Round 17: Working in back loops only, *sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sc.

Round 18: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc. Stuff head lightly.

Round 19: [Sc2tog] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave tail through last round and pull stitches closed. Do not cut tail.

Trunk

Beginning at tip of trunk, with **B**, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join—6 sc.

Round 2: Working in back loops only, sc in each sc around.

Rounds 3–6: Sc in each sc around. Stuff trunk lightly as you go.

Round 7: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc—7 sc.

Rounds 8 and 9: Sc in each sc around.

Round 10: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc—8 sc.

Round 11: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc—9 sc.

Round 12: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc—10 sc.

Round 13: Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc—11 sc.

Round 14: Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next 4 sc, [sc2tog] 3 times—12 sc.

Round 15: Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; join with slip st in first sc —14 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Finish stuffing lightly.

Ear (make 2 each with A and B)

Ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn—5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc, turn—10 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in last 4 sc, turn—12 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc—10 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Trunk

Using photograph as a guide, sew trunk to head through last round. Do not cut yarn. Ease needle through trunk and pull tail out through first round. Sew over one stitch at lower end of first round. Ease needle back through trunk and pull tail out at last round. Pull gently to force trunk to curl under to desired curve; secure and cut the tail. With floss, embroider satin stitch eyes.

Ears (work twice)

Row 1: With wrong sides of **A** and **B** ear held together, working through both thicknesses, join **B** with sc in opposite side of last foundation ch, sc in end of each row of first side, 3 sc in first sc, sc in each sc to last sc, 3 sc in last sc, sc in end of each row of other side, sc in opposite side of first ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Whipstitch remaining foundation ch

together and sew this edge to side of head. Working through unworked front loops only of Round 17, sew head to center of blanket.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

Altogether, you work into or skip 16 + 51 + 4 = 71 chains.
You work 11 + 51 + 6 = 68 double crochet.

Remember to count
this beginning chain
as one double crochet
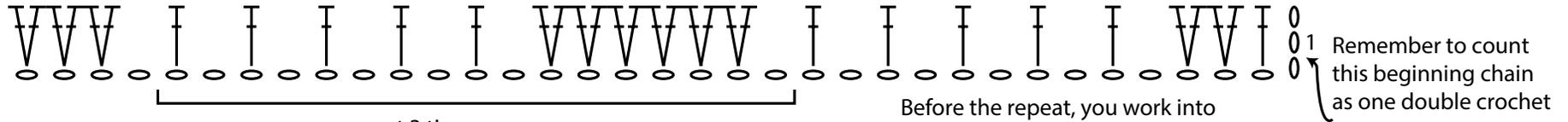
At the end of the row,
you work into or skip 4
chains and work 6 double
crochet stiches.

repeat 3 times

In the repeat, you work into or skip
17 chains and work 17 double
crochet stitches. The instructions in
the repeat are worked 3 times. So,
a total of 17 x 3 = 51 chains are used
and 51 double crochet are produced.

Before the repeat, you work into
or skip 16 chains and work 11 double
crochet stitches.

KEY

⬭ = chain (ch)

T = double crochet (dc)