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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver:

3 skeins each of 505 Aruba Sea A, and 316 Soft White B, and 1 skein each of 706 Perfect Pink C, 373 Petal Pink D, 360 Café Latte E, and 322 Pale Yellow F

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:

5.5mm [US I-9] and 3.75mm [US F-5] (for ladybug spots only)

Yarn needle

GAUGE: Rounds 1-3 of square measure about 2 x 2" (5 x 5 cm). One complete square measures about 9¼ x 9¼" (23.5 x 23.5 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Buy Yarn



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color

7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins



Bugs and Blooms Blanket

This sweet blanket is perfect for cuddling with your precious new baby and it's large enough to grow with her and be a prop during creative playtimes. Crocheted in squares, it's a good take-along project while waiting for baby to arrive.

Throw measures 48 x 58" (122 x 147.5 cm)

Special Stitches

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

2-tr Cl (2 treble crochet cluster) = * [Yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

4-dc Cl (4 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 3 times, yarn over, draw through all 5 loops on hook.

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes

1. Throw is made from 30 granny squares sewn together. A ladybug is sewn to 15 of the squares and a set of flowers are sewn to the other 15 squares.
2. Each square is worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times. The color is changed for the last round of the square.
3. A border is worked around the entire outer edge of the throw.

SQUARE I (make 15)

With A, ch 5; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, [ch 3, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc and 4 corner ch-3 spaces.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next corner ch-3 space, [dc in next 3 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next corner ch-3 space] 3 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—28 dc and 4 corner ch-3 spaces.

Round 3: Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next corner ch-3 space, [dc in next 7 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next corner ch-3 space] 3 times, dc in last 2 dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—44 dc and 4 corner ch-3 spaces.

Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc (beginning ch-3 and following dc count as first 2-dc Cl), [ch 1, skip next dc, 2-dc Cl in next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, (2-dc Cl, ch 3, 2-dc Cl) in next corner ch-3 space, *[ch 1, skip next dc, 2-dc Cl in next dc] 5 times, ch 1, skip next dc, (2-dc Cl, ch 3, 2-dc Cl) in next corner ch-3 space; repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 1, skip next dc, 2-dc Cl in next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip last dc; join with slip st in top of beg ch—28 clusters.

Round 5: Slip st in next dc, (slip st, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 space, [*ch 1, 2-dc Cl in each ch-1 space; rep from * to next corner ch-3 space, ch 1, (2-dc Cl, ch 3, 2-dc Cl) in next corner ch-3 space] 4 times, **ch 1, 2-dc Cl in each ch-1 space; repeat from ** to end of round, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 clusters.

Round 6: Repeat Round 5—36 clusters. Fasten off A.

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Round 7: With right side facing, draw up a loop of **B** in first ch-1 space, ch 3, dc in same ch-1 space, [*ch 1, 2-dc Cl in each ch-1 space; repeat from * to next corner ch-3 space, ch 1, (2-dc Cl, ch 3, 2-dc Cl) in next corner ch-3 space] 4 times, **ch 1, 2-dc Cl in each ch-1 space; repeat from ** to end of round, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 clusters. Fasten off.

SQUARE II (make 15)

Make same as square 1 using **B** for Rounds 1–6 and **A** for Round 7.

LADYBUG (make 15)

Body (make 1 for each ladybug)

With **C**, ch 8.

Round 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in next 3 ch, 3 dc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 3 ch, dc in next ch; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same st as joining, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 5 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—19 dc.

Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—37 dc. Fasten off.

Head & Antenna (make 1 for each ladybug)

With **E**, ch 10.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—9 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, 2 sc in next sc, [sc2tog] twice, turn—6 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc2tog, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—6 sc.

Row 4: Slip st in first 2 sts, ch 14 for antennae, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, slip st in next 2 sc of head, ch 14 for antennae, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, slip st in last 2 sc of head. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to body.

Oval Spot (make 3 for each ladybug)

With smaller hook and **E**, ch 3.

Round 1: Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, 2 sc in next ch; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing spot to body.

Round Spot (make 2 for each ladybug)

With smaller hook and **E**, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing spot to body.

Heart Spot (make 1 for each ladybug)

With smaller hook and **E**, ch 3.

Round 1: Work (hdc, ch 3, slip st, ch 3, hdc, 3 sc) in 3rd ch from hook; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing spot to body.

FLOWERS (make 45)

Petals: With **D**, ch 4, (2-tr Cl, ch 4, slip st, [ch 4, 2-tr Cl, ch 4, slip st] 4 times) in 4th ch from hook. Fasten off and pull tight. Tie ends of yarn securely in knot on wrong side of piece. Trim ends close to knot.

Center: With **F**, ch 3, 4-dc in Cl in 3rd ch from hook. Fasten off, leaving a long tail, and pull tight. Using tail, attach center securely to petals with knot on wrong side. Trim ends close to knot.

FINISHING

Assemble Squares: Whip stitch one head to each ladybug body. Sew one heart spot to center of each ladybug body. Sew oval and round spots about ¼" (6mm) in from outside edge of body, as follows: Beginning at center top of body and working clockwise, sew one oval spot, one round spot, one oval spot, one oval spot, and one round spot, spacing the spots evenly around. Note: Angle the oval spots downward slightly, using photograph or assembly diagram as a guide. Using assembly diagram as a guide and sewing with matching color yarn, sew one ladybug to center of each square **I**, using small running stitches and ensuring that the stitches do not show on wrong side of piece. Take care to curl the tips of the antennae as you sew them to the square. With **B**, sew 3 flowers to center of square **II**, attaching just the tips of the flower petals. Press all squares lightly, blocking into shape, using warm steam iron and placing a double thickness of cloth between iron and square, and making sure not to pass iron over flowers so as not to flatten them.

Assemble Throw: Arrange squares as shown in assembly diagram. Whip stitching through back loops only on back side of squares, sew squares together.

Weave in ends. Block lightly from wrong side.

Border

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **D** with sc in any corner ch-3 space, 2 sc in same ch-3 space, sc evenly spaced around entire outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner ch-3 space; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2: With right side facing, join **A** with sc in center sc of any 3-sc corner, 2 sc in same sc, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in center sc of each corner; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 3: With right side facing, join **C** with sc in center sc of any 3-sc corner, ch 5, sc in same sc, *ch 5, skip next 3 sc, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next sc; repeat from * all the way round throw, working (sc, ch 5, sc) in each corner sc and adjusting the number of stitches skipped near corners as needed. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Press border lightly with warm steam iron.

ABBREVIATIONS

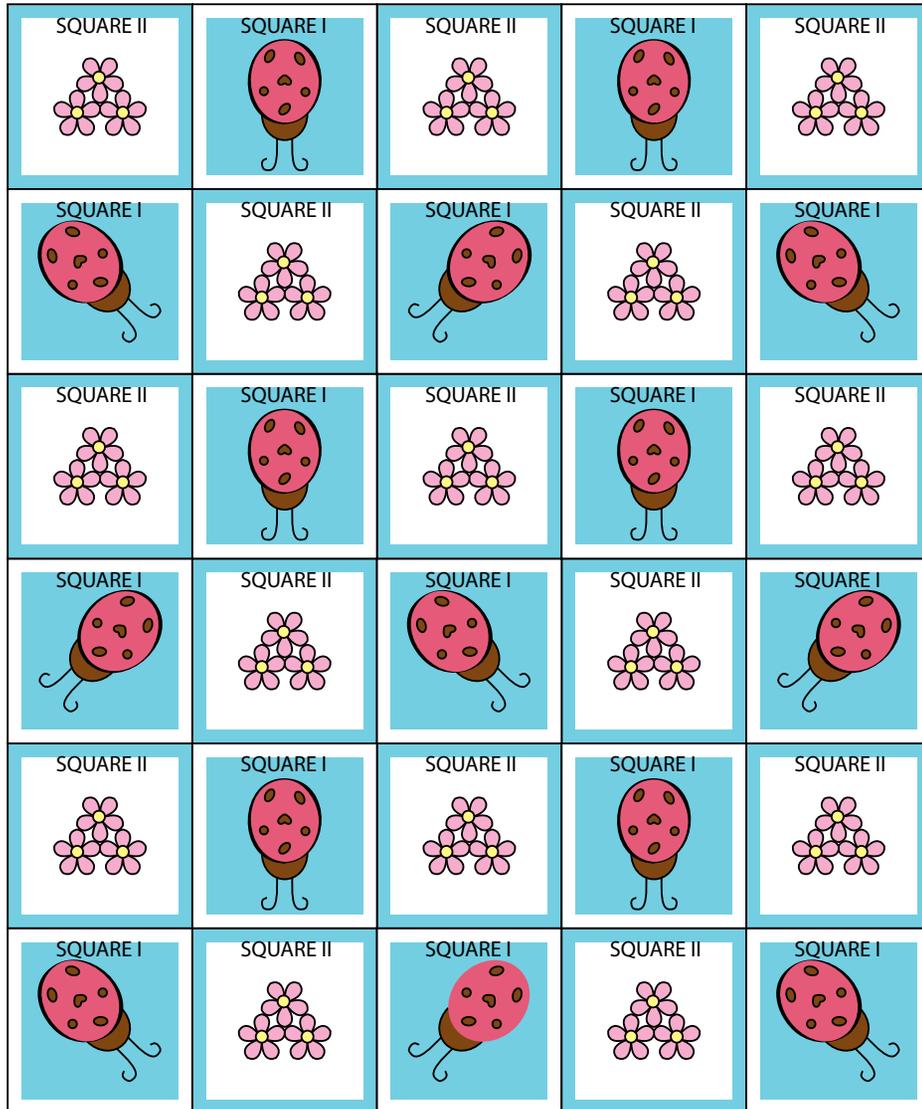
A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C etc;
ch = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tr** = treble crochet; **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified;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

See next page for chart and detail of blanket.



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