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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball 805 Blue Hawaii A and 1 ball 995 Ocean B

Susan Bates® Steel Crochet Hooks: 1.5mm [US 7] and 1.6 mm [US 6]

Straight pins, stitch holders, tapestry needle

GAUGE: 25 sc = 3" (7.5 cm); 25 rows = 3" (7.5 cm) after blocking. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls

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Checkered Hot Pad

Crochet strips and then weave them together... this gives you a hot pad that is double thick and charmingly checkered! It's perfect as a hostess gift, shower gift or to enjoy using in your own kitchen.

Hot pad measures 6" square (15 cm).

Note: Front and Back pieces may not match gauge exactly or be square prior to blocking.

HOTPAD

Front (Make 2)

Using size 7 (1.5 mm) hook, make one using **A** and one using **B**. Ch 51.

Row 1 (Right side): Sc in bottom loop of 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; turn—50 sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across. At end of Row 5, ch 51; turn.

Rows 6-50: Repeat Rows 1-5 nine times. At end of Row 50, do not ch 51. Do not fasten off **A**. Fasten off **B**.

Back

Using size 6 (1.6 mm) hook and **A**, ch 4, join with slip st to form ring.

Round 1 (Right side): Ch 3, * 2 sc in ring, ch 2; repeat from * twice, sc in ring, slip st in beginning ch-3 loop—8 sts, 4 corner loops.

Round 2: Ch 3, sc in ch-3 loop, * 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 loop; repeat from * twice, 2 sc, slip st in beginning ch-3 loop—16 sts, 4 corner loops.

Round 3: Ch 3, sc in ch-3 loop, * 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 loop; repeat from * twice, 4 sc, slip st in beginning ch-3 loop—24 sts, 4 corner loops.

Rounds 4-25: Ch 3, sc in ch-3 loop, * sc across to next ch-2 loop, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 loop; repeat from * twice, sc across to beginning ch-3 loop, slip st in ch-3 loop. Do not fasten off—200 sts, 4 corner loops.

ASSEMBLY

Joining Front Pieces

With right sides up, place edges connecting strips of **A** and **B** at right angles. Weave strips over and under to form the checkerboard

pattern, and pin into position along outer edges. (It may be helpful to use stitch holders or pin pieces to a pillow or cushion while weaving.) Holding both layers together, sc sides of strips to ends of other strips where they meet, working 5 sc per strip as follows:

Using size 7 (1.5 mm) hook with **A** from Front piece, ch 1. * Sc in first st, place stitch holder to mark corner, sc in same st; work 49 sc evenly across side to next corner, turn work so next side is up; repeat from * three times; at end of last side, do not turn, slip st in beginning sc; fasten off—204 sc.

Joining Front and Back

Front and Back may not be the same size, but they will fit together after blocking. With wrong sides together and Front side up, match stitches around the edges of the two pieces. The marked stitches in the Front corners will line up with the Back corner loops. (It may be helpful to use additional stitch holders.) Work through both layers held together.

Using size 7 (1.5 mm) hook with **A** from Back piece, ch 1, * insert hook in marked Front corner sc and Back corner loop, work 3 sc in corner, sc evenly across edge, turn work so next side is up; repeat from * three times; at end of last side, do not turn, slip st in beginning sc to join.

Hanging Loop (Optional)

Do not turn; ch 15, skip sc, slip st in next sc; turn. Slip st in each ch and sc at base of ch; turn. Ch 1, work 30 sc over loop; slip st in sc where loop ends. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

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FINISHING

Block hot pad by soaking in boiling water. Remove with a utensil and dip in cool water. Roll hot pad in a towel to soak up extra water. Lay flat on a padded surface and shape into a 6" (15 cm) square. Pin to surface and let dry.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; * **or** ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

