double stitch twins

Showtime Feather Belt/Collar

If you've been fascinated by the feather and bead accents in fashion accessories, here's the perfect way to combine them with your crochet skills! Wear it as a belt or as a collar.

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EASY

Designed by Double Stitch Twins.

Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses.
Finished Length: 28 (31, 34)", without ties.

REDHEART® "Soft Yarn": 1 Ball 9388 Wheat.

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].

Feather Trim on Bias Tape, 26 (29, 32)" long, 250 (280, 310) bronze seed beads, 45 red seed beads, beading thread, small beading needle, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 14 hdc = 4"; 12 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

BELT/COLLAR
Ch 101 (111, 121).
Row 1: Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 100 (110, 120) sts.
Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn, hdc in each hdc across.
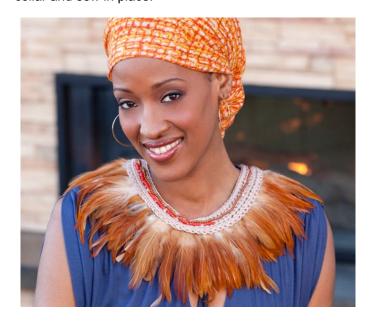**Row 3:** Repeat Row 2.
Fasten off.

Ties
Ch 78, with right side facing, join yarn at edge of Row 2, ch 1, sc in edge of Row 3, sc in each hdc across, sc in opposite edge of Row 3, sc in edge of Row 2, ch 75.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.
Center right side of feather trim along wrong side of belt/collar and sew in place.

Beading

String bronze seed beads onto beading thread. Beginning 2" from one short edge of belt/collar and working down center of Row 3, *anchor beading thread to belt/collar, slip 10 beads off needle, take a stitch onto belt/collar to anchor thread and secure beads in place; repeat from * across length of belt/collar, ending 2" from opposite short end of belt/collar.

String red beads onto beading thread. Mark center 7" on belt/collar. In same manner, sew a length of red beads in center 7", working 5 beads between each anchor stitch.

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® "Soft Yarn", Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (140 g), 256 yd (234 m) and print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); ***** or ****** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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