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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) balls 9870 Deep Sea **A**, 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls 9523 Dark Leaf **B**, and 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) balls 9518 Teal **C**

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

Size 35 Broomstick lace pin (or size 35 [19mm] knitting needle), 4 stitch markers, yarn needle

GAUGE: 13 sts = 4" [10 cm]; Rows 2–9 = 5" [12.5 cm] over drop stitch pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

4 MEDIUM **RED HEART® Soft®,** Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

SHOP KIT

Dropstitch Cocoon Sweater

Easy to fit and easy to wear, this cocoon-style sweater is perfect as a wardrobe addition that has a relaxed attitude. Sweater is crocheted in a rectangle and then seams are sewn to form armholes. Six sizes are included.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X-Large, 2X-Large, and 3X-Large are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)" [86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127, 137) cm]
Finished Width: 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52)" [106.5 (112, 117, 122, 127, 132) cm]
Finished Length: 40 (40, 45, 45, 50, 50)" [101.5 (101.5, 114.5, 114.5, 127, 127) cm]

Special Stitches
Fdc (foundation double crochet – This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of double crochet stitches in one) =
  First st: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 1 loop on hook (the "chain"), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (the "double crochet").
  Remaining sts: *Yarn over, insert hook in "chain" of previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 1 loop on hook (the "chain"), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (the "double crochet"); repeat from * for desired number of stitches.
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. Sweater is made from a rectangle that is worked in rows of a drop stitch pattern. The work is not turned at the end of rows; right side is always facing.
2. Drop stitch is a simple variation of broomstick lace. The drop stitch pattern in this design includes rows of single crochet (sc), rows of double crochet (dc), and rows of broomstick loops.
3. The drop stitch pattern is worked over two rows: a loop pick up row and a stitch row. First one loop is drawn up in each stitch of the previous row, enlarged and placed on the broomstick lace pin. Next, a crochet stitch is worked in each of the broomstick loops.
4. A border is worked all the way around the outer edge of the drop stitch rectangle. Then the sweater rectangle is folded in half and side seams sewn leaving openings for armholes.
5. The number of broomstick loops needed for the larger sizes may not all fit comfortably on the broomstick pin. If you have this problem, work a portion of the loops onto the broomstick pin, then carefully remove them. Place only the last 2 loops back on the broomstick pin then work another portion of the loops onto the broomstick pin and repeat this process until all broomstick loops have been made.

COCOON SWEATER
Row 1 (right side): With **A**, work 123 (130, 137, 143, 150, 156) Fdc.
Fasten off.
Row 2 (right side): Do not turn, join **C** with sc in back loop of first st, sc in back loop of each remaining st across.

Row 3 (loop pick up row): Ch 1, do not turn, hold broomstick pin in your non-hook hand, enlarge loop on hook and place it on the broomstick pin, work from left to right (work right to left if you crochet left handed), beginning in 2nd st, *insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, ch 1, enlarge loop on hook and place it on the broomstick pin; repeat from * across—123 (130, 137, 143, 150, 156) broomstick loops.

Carefully remove all loops from the broomstick pin. The chain at the base of each stitch anchors it so the loops do not unravel.

Row 4 (stitch row): Do not turn, insert hook in first broomstick loop (this is the last loop that was put on the broomstick pin), bring working yarn up to same height as broomstick loops, yarn over and pull up a loop, ch 1, sc in same broomstick loop; taking care not to twist loops, sc in each remaining broomstick loop across—123 (130, 137, 143, 150, 156) sc.
Fasten off.

Row 5 (right side): Do not turn, draw up a loop of **A** in back loop of first sc, ch 2 (does not count as a st), dc in back loop of each st across.
Fasten off.

Rows 6–8: With **B**, repeat Rows 2–4.
Fasten off.

Row 9: Repeat Row 5.
Repeat Rows 2–9 for 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8) more times.
Repeat Row 2–5 once more.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Border

Round 1: With right side facing, draw up a loop of **A** in any st of outer edge, ch 2, work dc evenly spaced all the way around outer edge, working 3 dc in each corner, 2 dc in the ends of dc rows, 1 dc in the end of sc rows, and 4 dc in the ends of drop stitch loop rows; join with slip st in first dc.
Fasten off.

Round 2: With right side facing, draw up a loop of **B** in back loop of any st of Round 1, ch 2, work dc in back loop of every st around, working 3 dc in center dc of each 3-dc corner; join with slip st in first dc.
Fasten off.

Round 3: With **C**, repeat Round 2.
Fasten off.

Round 4: With right side facing, join **A** with sc in back loop of any st, sc in back loop of each st around, working 3 sc in center dc of each 3-dc corner; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Fold piece in half lengthwise. Beginning at a lower corners (not corners at fold), sew side edges together for 10 (10, 12, 12, 13½, 13½)" [25.5 (25.5, 30.5, 30.5, 34.5, 34.5) cm], leaving remainder of side edges open for armholes.
Weave in any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) in.

fold

COCOON
SWEATER

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20 (20, 22½, 22½, 25, 25) in.

10 (10, 10½, 10½, 11½, 11½) in.

10 (10, 12, 12, 13½, 13½) in.