





Designed by Salena Baca

# What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each 4420 Guacamole A and 9518 Teal B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 7 rows = 4" (10 cm) in double crochet. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



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



# Turtle Newborn Photo Prop

This crocheted turtle set is ideal to use for photos taken while newborn baby is curled up sleeping. Perfect to give for showers or to welcome baby.

SHOP KIT

Turtle shell measures 8" (20.5 cm) diameter. Hat measures 12 (14)" [30.5 (35.5)] cm) circumference at brim.

Directions for hat are for size Small. Changes for size Large are in parentheses.

#### **Special Technique**

Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

#### **Notes**

- 1. This set is intended as a photographic prop for an infant 0–3 months old.
- 2. Hat is made in joined rounds with right side facing.
- 3. Shell is made from 6 pentagon motifs knotted together.
- 4. 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. Cut old color.

## HAT

With **A**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1. **Round 1 (right side):** Work 12 dc in ring; join with slip st in first st—12 dc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 dc in each st around; join with slip st in first st—24 dc.

Round 3: Ch 1, dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 11 times; join with slip st in first st—36 dc.

Round 4: Ch 1, dc in first 5 (2) sts, 2 dc in next st, [dc in next 5 (2) sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 (11) times; join with slip st in first st—42 (48) dc. Rounds 5–7 (8): Ch 1, dc in each st around; change to B; join with slip st in first st. Rounds 8 (9)–11 (12): Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

#### **FINISHING**

Weave in ends.

#### SHELL

#### Pentagon Motif (make 6)

With A, make an adjustable ring, ch 1. Round 1 (right side): Work 10 hdc in ring; join with slip st in first st—10 hdc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around; change to **B**; join with slip st in first st—20 hdc.

Round 3: Ch 1, hdc in first 4 sts, [ch 2, hdc in next 4 sts] 4 times, ch 2; join with slip st in first st—20 hdc and 5 ch-2 spaces.

# **FINISHING**

Cut ten 6" (15 cm) strands of **B**. With right side facing, arrange 5 pentagon motifs around the 6th, aligning ch-2 spaces at inner edges. Using assembly diagram as a guide and joining same color ch-2 spaces, \*thread a strand through any ch-2 space of center motif and the ch-2 spaces of 2 neighboring outer motifs (you'll be threading through 3 ch-spaces). Tie in a knot on the wrong side of piece. Repeat from \* 4 times. Tie each of remaining 5 strands through 2 outer ch-2 spaces of the same color between neighboring motifs, leaving ch-2 space at outer point unworked.

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# **Edging**

Round 1: With right side facing, join B with slip st in any unworked ch-2 space on outer edge, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), 3 hdc in same ch-2 space, \*hdc in each st to next ch-2 space, [4 hdc in next ch-2 space] twice; repeat from \* to last 4 sts, hdc in last 4 sts—100 hdc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

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

# Tie through matching colors

○ ch-2 space

