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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials™: 3 balls 7405 Greyhound **A** and 2 balls 7305 Biscuit **C**

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™: 3 balls 7930 Linen Stripe **B**

Tunisian Crochet Hook: 12mm [US 17]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4″ (10 cm); 8 rows = 4″ (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® Soft Essentials™, Art. E856 available in 5 oz (151 g), 131 yd (120 m) balls

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™, Art. E856 available in 4 oz (113 g), 110 yd (101 m) balls

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Tunisian Peek-a-Boo Baby Blanket

Crochet a wonderfully cozy blanket using the Tunisian crochet technique. Combining the colors gives this design a muted shaded effect that will take baby into toddler years.

Blanket measures 35″ x 35″ (89 x 89 cm).

Notes
1. Tunisian crochet is worked from the right side only; do not turn at the end of a row. Each row consists of a forward pass and a reverse pass.
2. Always skip the first vertical bar when working the Forward Pass. Insert the hook into the second vertical bar at the beginning of the row. In last stitch, always work from front to back through 2 vertical strands.
3. If you hold the hook in your right hand, you will work the forward pass, picking up loops, from right to left. And you will work the return pass, working off loops, from left to right. If you hold the hook in your left hand, work the forward and return passes in the opposite directions.
4. When instructed to change color, drop color not in use and carry along wrong side of right edge. Do not cut or fasten off until instructed.
5. After center of blanket is completed, edging in standard single crochet is worked in turned rows in ends of rows.
6. It is normal for lower edge to curl as work proceeds. Border will counterbalance the roll.
7. Border is worked in Tunisian crochet in 4 sections: top, lower, right edge, left edge. Corners are joined as each side edge is worked.

Special Stitches
Tss (Tunisian simple stitch) = Working from right to left, holding working yarn behind work, insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over and pull up a loop.
Tps (Tunisian purl stitch) = Bring yarn to front, insert hook under next front vertical bar as if to work Tunisian simple stitch, bring yarn across front of vertical bar and to back, yarn over and pull up a loop.

BLANKET
Center
With **A**, ch 88.
Row 1 (right side):
Forward Pass: Working in back bars, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yarn over and pull up a loop, [insert hook in next ch, yarn over and pull up a loop] across; leaving all loops on hook, drop **A**—88 loops.
Return Pass: With **B**, working from left to right, yarn over and draw through first loop on hook, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] across—88 Tss.
Row 2:
Forward Pass: [Skip next st, Tss in next st, Tss in skipped st] across, working Tss in last st; leaving all loops on hook, drop **B**.

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Return Pass: With **A**, repeat Row 1 Return Pass.

Row 3:

Forward Pass: Tss in next st, [skip next st, Tss in next st, Tss in skipped st] across to last 2 sts, Tss in next st, Tss in last st; leaving all loops on hook, drop **A**.

Return Pass: Repeat Row 1 Return Pass—88 Tss.

Rows 4–59: Repeat last 2 rows 28 times.

Row 60: Repeat Row 2.

Bind Off Row: Skip first st, [inserting hook as for Tss, sc in next st, inserting hook as for Tss, sc in skipped st*, skip next st] across to last 2 sts, ending last repeat at *, inserting hook as for Tss, sc in last 2 sts. Cut **B**.

Edging

First Side Edge: With **A** and working in ends of rows, skip Bind Off Row, sc in each row across—60 sc. Fasten off.

Second Side Edge: With right side facing and working in ends of rows, join **A** with sc in end of Row 1, sc in each row across, slip st in end of Bind Off Row—60 sc.

BORDER
Top Border

Row 1:

Forward Pass: With right side of Bind Off Row facing, insert hook in first st, pull up a loop with **C**, [insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop] across; leave all loops on hook—87 loops.

Return Pass: Working from left to right, yarn over and draw through first loop on hook, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] across—87 Tss.

Rows 2:

Forward Pass: Insert hook in first horizontal bar, yarn over and pull up a loop, Tps in each st to last st, insert hook in last horizontal bar, yarn over and pull up a loop, Tss in last st; leave all loops on hook—89 loops.

Return Pass: Repeat Row 1 Return Pass.

Rows 3–5: Repeat Row 2—95 sts.

Bind Off Row: Slip st in horizontal bar of first st, inserting hook as for Tss, slip st in each vertical bar across, slip st in last horizontal bar, inserting hook as for Tss, slip st in last st. Fasten off.

Lower Border

With right side of first row of blanket facing and working Row 1 in opposite side of foundation ch, repeat Top Border.

Side Border (work twice)
Row 1:

Forward Pass: With right side of side edge facing, insert hook in end of Row 1 of Lower Border, pull up a loop with **C**, insert hook in same st as last st worked in Row 1 of Lower Border, yarn over and pull up a loop, insert hook in first st of 2nd Side Edging, yarn over and pull up a loop, [insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop] across to Top Border, insert hook in same st as first st worked in Row 1 of Top Border, yarn over and pull up a loop, insert hook in end of Row 1 of Top Border, yarn over and pull up a loop; leave all loops on hook—64 loops.

Return Pass: Repeat Row 1 Return Pass of center—64 Tss.

Row 2:

Forward Pass: Remove loop from hook, insert hook in end of next row of Lower Border, pick up loop and pull up to right side, working in previous row, Tps in first st, insert hook in next horizontal bar, yarn over and pull up a loop, Tps in each st across to last st, insert hook in next horizontal bar, yarn over and pull up a loop, Tps in last st, insert hook in end of next row of Top Border, yarn over and pull up a loop; leave all loops on hook—68 sts.

Return Pass: Repeat Row 1 Return Pass of center—68 sts.

Rows 3–5: Repeat Row 2—80 sts.

Bind Off Row: Remove loop from hook, insert hook in last bind off st of Lower Border, pick up loop and pull up to right side; working as for Tss, slip st in each Tss across. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block to finished measurements.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.