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RED HEART

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EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Baby Hugs™ Medium: 3 balls each 4410 Dolphin **A** and 4001 Frosting **B**; 1 ball 4724 Pinkie or 4625 Sprout **C** (for letters)

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 3.75mm [US F-5] and 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 10 dc = 3″ (7.5 cm); 8 rows = 6″ (15 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® Baby Hugs™ Medium, Art. E404 Oeko-Tex Certified 100% Acrylic baby yarn available in 4.5 oz (127 g) 247 yds (225 m) balls

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Personalized Baby Blanket

Crochet a gift blanket that is as special as a new baby! The modern grey stripes will look great with any color you use for baby's name. This quality yarn has been tested and certified free of over 300 harmful substances, perfect for a handmade token of your love.

SHOP KIT

Blanket measures 38″ x 38″ (96.5 x 96.5 cm).
Letter measures 2″ (5 cm) long.

Special Stitch
Shell = 5 dc in indicated stitch.

Notes
1. 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. Carry old color along wrong side of piece until next needed. Do not cut until instructed.
2. Letters are made separately and sewn to blanket.

BLANKET
With **A** and larger hook, ch 121.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—120 sts.
Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each sc across; change to **B** in last dc, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each dc across, turn.
Row 4: Repeat Row 2; change to **A** at end of row.
Row 5: Repeat Row 3.
Rows 6–89: Repeat last 4 rows 21 times.
Row 90: Repeat Row 2; do not change color. Cut **B**.

Edging
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; *working in ends of rows, work 1 sc in each sc row and 2 sc in each dc row* across first side; working in opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch, sc in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch; repeat from * to * across other side; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Slip st in next st, *skip next 2 sc, shell in next sc, skip next sc, slip st in next st, ch 3, slip st in next st; repeat from * around, skipping additional sts as needed to ease fit across edges (do not work shells around corners); join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

LETTERS
Note: Work all letters with smaller hook and **C**.

A
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch (center bar), sc in next 3 ch of beg ch-8, turn, ch 4, slip st in end of center bar, ch 5, turn, sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 3 ch, sc in slip st, sc in last 4 ch, slip st in first st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

B
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—7 sc.
Row 2: Ch 5, skip first 3 sc, sc in next sc, ch 6, skip next 2 sc, slip st in last sc, turn.
Row 3: Skip slip st, sc in first 6 ch, slip st in sc, sc in last 5 ch, slip st in edge of Row 1. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

C
Ch 13.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Shape into a "C" while sewing in place.

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D
Ch 17.
Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 6 ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 ch, 2 sc in last ch; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

E
Ch 8.
Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch**, sc in next 3 ch of beg ch-8; repeat from * twice, ending last repeat at **, slip st in end of last sc worked in beg ch-8. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

F
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in next 3 ch of beg ch-8, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in last ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

G
Ch 15.
Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in same ch as slip st, sc in last 13 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Shape into a "G" while sewing in place.

H
Left Side
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch (center bar), sc in next 3 ch of beg ch-8. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Right Side
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Sew Sides together at center bar.

I
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

J
Ch 10.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in end of last sc made in beg ch-10, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in last sc made in beg ch-10. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Shape into a "J" while sewing in place.

K
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, slip st in last sc made in beg ch-8, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, slip st again in last sc made in beg ch-8, sc in remaining ch of beg ch-8. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

L
Ch 12.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, skip next ch, sc in last 7 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

M
Ch 21.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 9 ch, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, sc in last 10 ch of beg ch-21. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Shape into an "M" while sewing in place.

N
Ch 25.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 6 ch, skip next ch, sc in next 8 ch, skip next ch, sc in each remaining ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Shape into an "N" while sewing in place.

O
Ch 17; join with slip st in first ch.
Round 1: Sc in each ch around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

P
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn.
Row 2: Ch 5, skip first 3 sc, slip st in next sc, leave remaining sts unworked, turn.
Row 3: Sc in first 4 ch of ch-5, slip st in last ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Q
Ch 17; join with slip st in first ch.
Round 1: Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in each ch of beg ch-17; join with slip st in first ch, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

R
Ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn.
Row 2: Ch 5, skip first 3 sc, sc in next sc (center sc), ch 5, turn, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, slip st in center sc, sc in first 4 ch of first ch-5, slip st in end of Row 1. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

S

Ch 17.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shape into an "S" while sewing in place.

T

Ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in end of last sc made in beg ch-8, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in last sc made in beg ch-8. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

U

Work same as **S**.

Shape into a "U" while sewing in place.

V

Ch 18.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 7 ch, skip next ch, sc in last 8 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shape into a "V" while sewing in place.

W

Work same as M, reversing direction while sewing in place.

X

Arm (make 2)

Ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shape arms into an "X", crossing in center, while sewing in place.

Y

Row 1: *Ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch*; repeat from * to *, slip st in first ch; repeat from * to *, slip st in same ch as first slip st made. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Z

Ch 16.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, skip next ch, sc in next 5 ch, skip next ch, sc in last 4 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shape into a "Z" while sewing in place.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.