





Designed by Shari White

## What you will need:

RED HEART° Soft Baby Steps°: 2 balls 9630 Lime **D** and 1 ball each 9505 Aqua **A**, 9530 Jadie **B**, and 9800 Baby Blue **C** 

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10.5]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 4 pattern repeats = 3" (7.5 cm) (one pattern repeat consists of one puff stitch and one ch-1 space); Rounds 1–5 = 6" (15 cm). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®, Art. E746 available in solid color

5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m); prints 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls

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# Beach Time Hexagon Blanket

Start at the center and crochet six-sided rounds for this easy hexagon blanket. Whether for beach time or overnights at grandma's, it will offer comfort to a precious baby or child.

Blanket measures 37" (94 cm) diagonally from point to point.

### **Special Stitches**

Beg puff st (beginning puff stitch) = Pull up loop on hook 1/4" (1.5 cm), yo, insert hook in indicated space, pull up a loop [yo, insert hook in same space, pull up a loop] twice (7 loops on hook) yo, pull thru all 7 loops on hook.

Beg puff V-st (beginning puff V-stitch) = (Beg puff st, ch 2, puff st) in indicated space. Lg shell (large shell) = (dc, [ch 1, dc] 4 times) in indicated stitch.

**Puff st (puff stitch)** = Yo, insert hook in indicated space, pull up a loop [yo, insert hook in same space, pull up a loop] 3x (7 loops on hook) yo, pull thru all 7 loops on hook.

**Puff V-st (puff V-stitch) =** (Puff st, ch 2, puff st) in indicated space.

**Sm shell (small shell)** = (dc, [ch 1, dc] 2 times) in indicated stitch.

#### **Notes**

- 1. When instructed to work into a puff V-st, work into the ch-2 space of that stitch.
- 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.

## **BLANKET**

With **A**, ch 6, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Beg puff st in ring, \*ch 2, puff st in ring; repeat from \* 4 times, ch 2; join with slip st in beg puff st—6 puff sts and 6 ch-2 spaces. **Round 2:** Slip st in first ch-2 space, beg puff V-st in same space, \*ch 1, puff V-st in next ch-2 space; repeat from \* 4 times, ch 1; join with slip st in beg puff st—6 puff V-sts and 6 ch-1 spaces.

**Round 3:** Slip st in ch-2 space of first puff V-st, beg puff V-st in same space, \*ch 1, puff st in next ch-1 space, ch 1, puff V-st in next puff V-st; repeat from \* 3 times, ch 1, puff st in last ch-1 space, ch 1; join with slip st in beg puff st—6 puff V-sts and 12 ch-1 spaces. **Round 4:** Repeat Round 3—6 puff V-sts and 18 ch-1 spaces.

**Round 5:** Repeat Round 3; change to **B**—6 puff V-sts and 24 ch-1 spaces.

Rounds 6–29: Repeat Round 3 twenty-four times and change color as in the following color sequence: Work 1 round with **B**, 5 rounds with **D**, 1 round with **B**, 5 rounds with **C**, 1 round with **B**, 5 rounds with **A**, 1 round with **B**, and 5 rounds with **D**—6 puff V-sts and 168 ch-1 spaces at end of Round 29. Fasten off.

## **Edging**

Join **B** with slip st in ch-2 sp of any puff V-st, ch 4 (counts as first dc, ch 1), (dc, [ch 1, dc] 3 times) in same space (first lg shell made), \*[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, sm shell in next ch-1 space] across to next puff V-st\*\*, ch 1, lg shell in next puff V-st; repeat from \* around, ending last repeat at \*\*; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

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



