CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:
2 balls 9620 Baby Green **A**, 2 balls 9932 Puppy Print **B**, 1 ball 9600 White **C**

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

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 13 dc = 4" (10 cm); Rows 1-6 = 3½" (9 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

4 MEDIUM

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

Textured Stripes Baby Blanket

Here is a blanket that will keep baby comfy and is great for busy new mommies that need ease of care. Choose three colors and crochet it in one piece, then add the border— no seams to sew!

SHOP KIT

Finished Size: 36" x 36" (91.5 cm x 91.5 cm)

SPECIAL STITCHES

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops remain on hook), [yarn over, insert hook in SAME stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 sts together) = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

dc3tog (double crochet 3 sts together) = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

BLANKET

With **A**, ch 117.

Row 1 (Wrong side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and each ch across; turn – 115 sts.

Row 2 (Right side): Ch 1, hdc in first st, *ch 1, skip 1 st, hdc in next st; repeat from * across; turn – 58 hdc, 57 ch-1 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 1, hdc in each st and each ch-1 space across; turn – 115 sts.

Row 4: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in first st, ch 3, 3-dc Cl in top of dc just made, skip next st, *dc3tog over the next 3 sts, ch 3, 3-dc Cl in top of dc3tog just made; repeat from * to last 2 sts, dc2tog; turn – 2 dc, 38 3-dc Cl, 37 dc3tog, 1 dc2tog.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in first st, 3 dc in each dc3tog across, 2 dc in last st, turn – 115 sts.

Row 6: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 7: With wrong side facing, join **B** with slip st in first st, ch 3, *dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next st; repeat from * across; turn – 115 sts.

Rows 8-12: With **B**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off at end of last row.

Row 13: With **C**, repeat Row 7.

Row 14: With **C**, repeat Row 2 – 58 hdc, 57 ch-1 spaces.

Row 15: Ch 3, *dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st; repeat from * across – 115 sts.

Row 16: With **C**, repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 17: With **A**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 18-22: With **A**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

Row 23: With **B**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 24-28: With **B**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

Row 29: With **C**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 30-32: With **C**, repeat Rows 14-16. Fasten off.

Row 33: With **B**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 34-38: With **B**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

Row 39: With **A**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 40-44: With **A**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

Row 45: With **C**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 46-48: With **C**, repeat Rows 14-16. Fasten off.

Row 49: With **B**; repeat Row 7.

Rows 50-54: With **B**, repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

Row 55: With **A**, repeat Row 7.

Rows 56-60: Repeat Rows 2-6. Fasten off.

BORDER

Round 1: With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in last st, ch 1, 3 hdc in corner; hdc evenly across side of afghan. (**Note:** Designer recommends working 2 hdc around ends of dc rows, 1 hdc around end of 3-dc Cl rows, and 1 hdc around ends of hdc rows), 3 hdc in corner; working across opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in each ch across, 3 hdc in corner; hdc evenly across next side of afghan, 3 hdc in corner; hdc in each st and ch-1 space across last row of afghan; join with slip at in first st. Ensure that an even number of sts are worked for this Round. Do not turn.

Round 2: (Ch 3, 3-dc Cl) in first st, skip next st, *sc in next st, ch 3, 3-dc Cl in last sc made, skip next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in base of first ch-3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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