



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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# Flower Baby Blanket

*Wrap a precious baby in this pretty blanket!  
Crochet it to welcome a newborn and it  
will be there to comfort and warm into the  
toddler years.*

## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:**  
3 balls of 9702 Strawberry A; 1  
ball each of 9600 White B, 9620  
Baby Green C, 9700 Baby Pink D,  
and 9937 Giggle E

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
5 mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** First 3 rounds of square =  
4¾" (12 cm) in diameter. Square =  
6¾" (17 cm) square. **CHECK YOUR  
GAUGE.** Use any size hook to  
obtain the gauge given.



**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

**SHOP KIT**

Blanket measures 37" x 37" (94 x 94 cm)

## Special Abbreviations

**beginning cluster (beg cluster):** Ch 4, \*yarn over (twice), insert hook in st, draw up a loop, [yarn over draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from \* once in same st, yarn over and draw through 3 loops on hook.

**cluster:** \*Yarn over (twice), insert hook in st, draw up a loop, [yarn over draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from \* twice in same st, yarn over and draw through 4 loops on hook.

**long sc:** Working over ch-1 space in previous round, sc in corresponding cluster, 2 rounds below.

**small shell (sm shell):** 5 dc in same st.

**large shell (lg shell):** 7 dc in same st.

**ch-2 join:** Ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, draw dropped loop through, ch 1.

**ch-4 join:** Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-4 space on previous Square, draw dropped loop through, ch 2.

**Note:** Make 25 squares total; 10 using C; 8 using D, and 7 using E in Round 3 for flower color.

## BLANKET

### First Square

With B, ch 4, join into a ring with a slip st in first ch.

**Round 1 (wrong side):** Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; join with a slip st in first sc—8 sc.

**Round 2:** Work beg cluster in first sc, \*ch 3, cluster in next sc; repeat from \* to \* around, ch 3; join with a slip st in top of beg cluster. Fasten off.

**Round 3:** With wrong side facing, join C, D or E in any ch-3 space, ch 1, \*5 sc in ch-3 space, ch 1; repeat from \* around, ending last repeat

at \*\*; join with a sc in first sc (counts as last ch-1 space); turn.

**Round 4 (right side):** Ch 1, \*long sc over next ch-1 space in corresponding cluster 2 rounds below, skip next 2 sc, sm shell in next sc; repeat from \* around; join with a slip st in first long sc. Fasten off.

**Round 5:** With right side facing, join A in center dc of any sm shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, \*ch 3, dc in next long sc\*\*, ch 3, sc in center dc of next sm shell; repeat from \* around, ending last repeat at \*\*; join with a slip st in first sc.

**Round 6:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, 3 sc in next ch-3 space, hdc in next dc, (2 hdc, dc) in next ch-3 space, (2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next sc, (dc, 2 hdc) in next ch-3 space, hdc in next dc, 3 sc in next ch-3 space\*\*, sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, ending last repeat at \*\*; join with a slip st in first sc.

**Round 7:** Ch 1, sc in each st around working (sc, ch 3, sc) in each corner ch-2 space; join with a slip st in first sc—21 sc on each side.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first sc, \*\* \*ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc\*; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch 1, skip next sc (sc, ch 4, sc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from \*\* around; repeat from \* to \* to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Make 24 more Squares following Assembly Diagram for placement, and joining to previous Squares while completing last round as follows:

### Square Joined on One Side

Work same as First Square through Round 7.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first sc, \*\* \*ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc\*; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch

Continued...



1, skip next sc (sc, ch 4, sc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from \*\* once; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch 1, (sc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, sc) in next ch-3 space, [ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch-2 join in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, sc) in next sc] across to next corner, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, sc) in next ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from \* to \* to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Square Joined on Two Sides

Work same as First Square through Round 7.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first sc, \*ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc\*; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch 1, skip next sc (sc, ch 4, sc) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch 1, \*(sc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, sc) in next ch-3 space, [ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch-2 join in corresponding ch-2 space on previous Square, sc) in next sc] across to next corner, ch 1, skip next sc\*; repeat from \*\* to \*\* once, (sc, ch-4 join in corner ch-4 space of previous Square, sc) in next ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from \* to \* to beginning of round; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off. Continue to work Border.

### Border:

**Round 1:** Slip st in next ch-2 space, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc shell in same space, sc in next ch-2 space, \*sm shell in next ch-2 space, sc in next ch-2 space\*; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, lg shell in next corner

ch-4 space, sc in next ch-2 space; repeat from \*\* around; repeat from \* to \* to beginning of round; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off **A**.

**Round 2:** With right side facing, join **E** in first sc to the left of any corner lg shell, ch 1, sc in same sc, \*\* \*ch 2, (sc, ch 2, sc) in center dc of next shell, ch 2, sc in next sc\*; repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in each of next 3 dc, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, sc in next sc; repeat from \*\* around; repeat from \* to \* across to beginning; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off **E**.

**Round 3:** With right side facing, join **A** in first sc, \*\* \*2 sc in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch 2 space (at point of shell), ch 1, skip next sc, 2 sc in next ch 2 space, sl st in next sc; \*repeat from \* to \* across to next corner, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch 2 space, ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next sc, 2 sc in next ch 2 space; repeat from \*\* around, join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block lightly with wrong side facing.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C, D, E** = color A, B, C, D, E; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **sl st** = slip st; **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.



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| 5<br>join one side<br>C   | 4<br>join one side<br>E   | 3<br>join one side<br>C   | 2<br>join one side<br>E   | FIRST SQUARE<br>C        |
| 10<br>join two sides<br>D | 9<br>join two sides<br>C  | 8<br>join two sides<br>D  | 7<br>join two sides<br>C  | 6<br>join one side<br>D  |
| 15<br>join two sides<br>E | 14<br>join two sides<br>D | 13<br>join two sides<br>E | 12<br>join two sides<br>D | 11<br>join one side<br>E |
| 20<br>join two sides<br>D | 19<br>join two sides<br>C | 18<br>join two sides<br>D | 17<br>join two sides<br>C | 16<br>join one side<br>D |
| 25<br>join two sides<br>C | 24<br>join two sides<br>E | 23<br>join two sides<br>C | 22<br>join two sides<br>E | 21<br>join one side<br>C |

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM