



## Cuddly Baby Blanket

*This soft blanket has puff stitches that add to the cuddle factor and is crocheted from the center out—so there are no pieces to sew together. It's the perfect blanket to make while waiting for baby!*

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**Blanket measures 36 x 36" square.**

**RED HEART® Buttercup™:** 7 skeins 4278 Carnival  
**A. RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:** 1 skein each  
9505 Aqua **B**, 9620 Baby Green **C**.

**Crochet Hook:** 8mm [US L-11].  
Yarn Needle.

**GAUGE:** 10 sts = 4"; 10 rows = 4", in single crochet; 5 sc rows plus one puff st row = 2¾"; 8 puffs = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

### Special Stitch

**Puff** = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop (3 loops on hook), [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 7 loops on hook.

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With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1 (Right Side):** Ch 1, [2 sc in ring, ch 2] 4 times; join with slip st in first sc—8 sc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, [(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space (corner made), sc in next 2 sc] 3 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch-2 space; join with slip st in first sc—16 sc, and 4 corner ch-2 spaces.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next 2 sc, [(sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space, sc in next 4 sc] 3 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last corner ch-2 space, sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc, and 4 corner ch-2 spaces.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in each sc to first corner ch-2 space [(sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 space, sc in each sc to next corner ch-2 space] 3 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last corner ch-2 space, sc in each sc to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—32 sc, and 4 corner ch-2 spaces.

**Round 5:** Repeat Round 4—40 sc, and 4 corner ch-2 spaces. Drop, but do not fasten off **A**.

**Round 6:** With Right Side facing, join **B** with slip st in first st, ch 2, Puff in same st, ch 1 (to close puff), \*Puff in next st, ch 1; repeat from \* to first corner ch-2 space, [(Puff, ch 2, Puff) in corner ch-2 space, ch 1, \*\*Puff in next st, ch 1; repeat from \*\* to next corner ch-2 space] 3 times, (Puff, ch 2, Puff) in last corner ch-2 space, ch 1, \*\*\*Puff in next st, ch 1; repeat from \*\*\* to end of round; join with slip st in first Puff—48 Puffs and 4 corner ch-2 spaces. Fasten off **B**.

**Round 7:** Draw up loop of **A** in last ch-1 space of previous round, ch 1, sc in each ch-1 space to first corner ch-2 space, [(sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 space, sc in next Puff, sc in each ch-1 space to next corner ch-2 space] 3 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last corner ch-2 space, sc in next Puff, sc in each ch-1 space to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—56 sc and 4 corner ch-2 spaces.

**Rounds 8–11:** Repeat Round 4 four times—88 sc and 4 corner ch-2 spaces at the end of Round 11. Drop, but do not fasten off **A**.

**Round 12:** With **C**, repeat Round 6—96 Puffs and 4 corner ch-2 spaces. Fasten off **C**.

**Rounds 13–17:** Repeat Rounds 7–11—136 sc and 4 corner ch-2 spaces at the end of Round 17.



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**Rounds 18–29:** Repeat Rounds 6–17.

**Rounds 32–36:** Repeat Rounds 6–12; do not fasten off **C** at end of Round 36. Fasten off **A**.

**Round 37:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each ch-1 space around, working 3 sc in each corner ch-2 space; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off **C**.

**FINISHING**

Weave in ends.



**RED HEART® Buttercup™**

Art N396 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 72 yd (66 m) balls.

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®**,

Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m); multi color 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) and smart print 3 oz (85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls.

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

