Crochet Baby Playtime Blanket

Designed by Catherine J. Watson

Blanket measures approximately 30" x 30".

RED HEART® "Soft Baby®": 3 skeins No. 7588 Lilac MC, 2 skeins No. 8885 Giggle Print CC

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 10 rows = 4" in pattern with 2 strands of yarn held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: Hold 2 strands of yarn together as one throughout.

With **MC**, ch 123.

Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each across; turn – 122 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, * ch 2, skip next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, * 4 dc in next ch-2 sp; rep from * to last 2 sc; skip next sc, dc in last sc; turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first 2 dc, * ch 2, skip next 2 dc, sc in next 2 dc; rep from * across working last sc in top of ch-3; turn.

Row 5: Ch 3, * 4 dc in next ch-2 sp; rep from * to last 2 sc; skip next sc, dc in last sc; turn.

Rep Rows 4 and 5 for pattern and work in Stripe Pattern as follows: 10 more rows **MC**, 4 rows **CC**, 2 rows **MC**, 2 rows **CC**, 2 rows **MC**, 4 rows **CC**, 14 rows **MC**, 4 rows **CC**, 2 rows **MC**, 2 rows **CC**, 2 rows **MC**, 4 rows **CC**, 14 rows **MC**.

Next Row: With **MC**, rep Row 4.

Last Row: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

FINISHING-Lower Edging: To give the foundation ch a firm edge, with right side facing, join **MC** with a sl st in first ch and sl st in each ch across. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Fringe: Matching fringe color to rows, cut 10" lengths of yarn. Holding 8 strands together, fold in half, forming a loop; insert hook from wrong side of fabric into a dc row end and into the loop; draw the loop through the fabric; draw the yarn ends through the loop and tighten. Trim ends. Make tassels on both sides of afghan in every dc row.

3 LIGHT

RED HEART® "Soft Baby®", Art. E705, solids – 7 oz (198 g), 575 yd (525 m); multis and twinkles – 6 oz (170 g), 430 yd (393 m)].

ABBREVIATIONS: CC = contrast color; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **MC** = main color; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **sc** = single crochet; **sp** = space; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.