



Baby Steps Blanket

Designed by Michele Thompson.

Blanket measures approximately 36" x 40".

RED HEART® "Soft Baby®": 2 skeins each 7881 Powder Blue **CA** and 7737 Powder Pink **CB**; 1 skein 7001 White **CC**.

Crochet Hooks: 6mm [US J-10] and 5.5mm [US I-9]. Yarn needle.

GAUGE: Square = 3" x 3"; Rectangle = 3" x 5" using 2 strands yarn and larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTE: Hold 2 strands of the same color together throughout.

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = beginning; **CA, CB, CC** = Colors A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **sp** = space; **st** = stitch; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

SQUARE A (Make 35): With larger hook and **CA**, ch 3; join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 3, [3 dc in ring, ch 3] 3 times; join with a sl st to top of ch-3.

Rnd 2: Sl st across next 2 dc and into sp; ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same ch-3 sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next ch-3 sp, ch 1] 3 times; join with a sl st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

SQUARE B (Make 30): Work same as Square A with **CB**.

RECTANGLE A (Make 28): With larger hook and **CB**, ch 14.

Row 1 (Right Side): Dc in 6th ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next 3 ch, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in last ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 1: With right side facing, attach **CC** in ch 1 sp at end of last row; ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 3, 3 dc over dc at end of row, ch 3, 3 dc over last skipped ch, ch 1, 3 dc over next skipped ch, ch 1, (3 dc, [ch 3, 3 dc] twice) all in beg ch-5 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; join with a sl st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With right side facing, attach **CA** in first ch-3 corner sp after the joining; ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same sp, * ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1] twice **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next corner ch-3 sp; rep from * to **; join with a sl st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

RECTANGLE B (Make 24): Work same as Rectangle A EXCEPT use **CA** to start and for Row 1; **CC** for Rnd 1; and **CB** for Rnd 2.

FINISHING: Sew pieces together as follows:

Strip A (Make 7): [Square A, Rectangle A] 4 times, Square A.

Strip B (Make 6): [Square B, Rectangle B] 4 times; Square B.

Now sew strips together as follows: [Strip A, Strip B] 6 times, Strip A. Weave in ends.

Edging-Rnd 1: With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CC** in any corner; ch 1, * work 3 sc in corner, sc to next corner taking care to keep work flat; rep from * around; join with a sl st to first sc.

Picot Edging-Rnd 2: * Ch 2, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, skip next sc, sl st in next 2 sc; rep from * around, adjusting as necessary at corners and end of rnd to keep work flat; join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



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7 oz, 575 yds