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KITTIES & BEARS BLANKETS | CROCHET

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Blankets measure approximately 40" x 40".

RED HEART® "Baby Econo®": 3 skeins **MC**, 2 skeins **CA** and 1 skein **CB**

Kitties - 1722 Light Pink **MC**, 1001 White **CA** and 1802 Baby Blue **CB**;
Bears - 1802 Baby Blue **MC**, 1001 White **CA** and 1722 Light Pink **CB**

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US Size I-9].
Yarn needle; 50 buttons for eyes, ½" diameter; sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 5½"; 10 rows = 5½" in dc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: Blankets are made in strips which are appliqued, then sewn together.

STRIP A (Make 4): With **CA**, ch 22.
Row 1 (Right Side): Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 20 sts.

changing to **MC** in last dc of 10th row. Work [10 rows **MC**, 10 rows **CA**] 3 times. Fasten off.

STRIP B (Make 3): Work same as Strip A EXCEPT alternate the colors: begin with 10 rows **MC**, then work [10 rows **CA**, 10 rows **MC**] 3 times.

KITTIES APPLIQUÈ (Make 25)
Face
With **MC**, ch 3; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 3, 9 dc in ring; join with a slip st to top of ch-3 – 10 sts.
Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, [2 dc in next dc] 9 times; join – 20 sts.
Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 9 times; –30 sts.
Next Row – Shape Ears: * Ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, skip next 2 dc *, slip st in next 7 dc; repeat from * to * once; slip st in next dc. Fasten off

Nose: With **MC**, ch 3; [yo and draw up a loop] 4 times all in 3rd ch from hook, yo and draw through all 9 loops on hook. Fasten off tightly.

With **CB**, embroider mouth, whiskers, and outline ears. Sew applique to each **CA** section. Sew button "eyes" on each face. Sew strips together as pictured.

RED HEART® "Baby Econo®", Art. E257, solids - 7 oz, 675 yds; pompadours, multis and prints - 6 oz, 460 yds

ABBREVIATIONS: CA, CB = Color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **lp(s)** = loop(s); **MC** = Main Color; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sp** = space; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble crochet; **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

BEARS APPLIQUÈ (Make 25)
Face
Work Rnds 1-3 same as for Kitties.
Next Row – Shape Ears: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, * (hdc, dc, hdc) all in next dc, sc in next dc *, slip st in next 7 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * to * once; slip st in next dc. Fasten off.

Complete same as for Kitty Appliquè, omitting whisker embroidery. Sew strips together.

EDGING-Rnd 1: With right side facing, attach **MC** in any st; ch 1, work sc evenly around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st to first sc. Fasten off.
Rnd 2: Repeat Rnd 1 with **CB**. Fasten off.

Kitty Rnd 3: With right side facing, attach **MC** in any sc; * ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, skip next 2 sc, slip st in next sc; repeat from * around, adjusting to fit around corners and at end of rnd. Fasten off.

Bear Rnd 3: With right side facing, attach **MC** in any sc; ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, * (hdc, dc, hdc) all in next sc **, sc in next sc; repeat from * around, adjusting to fit around corners and at end of rnd, end at **; join. Fasten off.