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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Baby®: 2 balls 6624 Sweet Mint **A** and 3 balls 9624 Soothing Sea **B**

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

Stitch markers, yarn needle

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

[4 MEDIUM] **RED HEART® Soft Essentials Baby®**, Art. E879 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m); prints 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls

SHOP KIT

Perfect Cuddles Baby Blanket

Baby snuggles are always a good thing! Especially if you have a sweet blanket to wrap up in or play under.

Throw measures 35″ [89 cm] x 37″ [94 cm]

NOTES
Blanket is worked back and forth in rows. Edging is worked around outside edges in joined rounds with right side facing throughout.
Linked Treble Crochet is worked into side edge of previous st.
When changing colors, work last step of last st of previous color with new color. Carry colors not in use loosely along side of work.
Move stitch markers up each round to st or space directly above.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
Beg Ltr (Beginning Linked Treble Crochet): Ch 3, insert hook into second ch from hook, yo, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook into third ch from hook, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), skip next ch, insert hook into first stitch of previous row, yo, pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), [yo, pull through two loops] three times.
Ltr (Linked Treble Crochet): Working along side edge of previous st, insert hook through upper section of st, yo, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next section of same st, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), insert hook in next st along row, yo, pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), [yo and pull through two loops] three times.
Puff st: Yo, insert hook in indicated st and pull up a loop, yo, insert hook in same st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through all 5 loops.
sc2tog: [Draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

BLANKET
With **A**, ch 87.
Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 86 sc.
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as a dc here and throughout), turn, dc in next st, Puff st in each st to last 2 sts, dc in last 2 sts, changing to **B** in last st – 4 dc and 82 Puff sts.
Row 3: With **B**, ch 3, turn, Beg Ltr in first st, Ltr in each st across – 86 Ltr.
Row 4: Ch 1, turn, working in front loop only, sc in each st across, changing to **A** in last st – 86 sc.
Row 5: With **A**, ch 1, turn, working in back loop only, sc in each st across – 86 sc.
Rows 6-8: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, changing to **B** in last st of Row 8.
Rows 9-10: With **B**, repeat Rows 3-4, changing to **A** in last st of Row 10.
Row 11: With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Rows 12-81: Repeat Rows 2-11. Cut **B**.
Row 82: Repeat Row 2. Do not fasten off.

Border
Round 1: With **A**, ch 1, turn, 3 sc in first st, mark center st for corner, sc in each st to last st, 3 sc in last st, mark center st for corner, working over post of last st along row ends, working sc in each sc row, 2 sc in each dc row, sc2tog twice in each Ltr row, to first row, turn to work along opposite edge of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch, mark center st for corner, sc in each ch to last ch, 3 sc in last ch,

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mark center st for corner, turn to work along opposite side edge, sc evenly spaced as for opposite side edge to first st, slip st in first sc to join.

Round 2: Ch 3, working in back loops only, [(dc, ch 2, dc) in marked st, dc in each st to next marked st] 3 times (dc, ch 2, dc) in marked st, dc in each st to first st, slip st in top of beginning ch-3, changing to **B** in last st.

Round 3: With **B**, Beg Ltr in first st, [Ltr in each st to marked ch-2 space, 5 Ltr in marked ch-2 space] 4 times, Ltr in each st to first st, slip st in top of Beg Ltr.

Round 4: Ch 3, working in back loops only, [dc in each st to marked center st, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in marked st] 4 times, dc in each st first st, slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Round 5: Ch 3, [dc in each st up to marked corner ch-2 space, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in marked ch-2 space] 4 times, dc in each st to first st, slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = Color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **tr** = triple or treble crochet; **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **( )** = work directions in parenthesis the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.