



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:** 2 balls 9536 Light Grape **A**, 1 ball each 9505 Aqua **B** and 9600 White **C**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:** 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 14 hdc = 4" [10 cm]; 12 rows = 4" [10 cm] in half double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®, Art. E746** available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m); prints 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls



# Sweet Squares Baby Blanket

Make this blanket in colors to match baby's nursery for a gift that's sure to be cherished. The clever stitch pattern creates a checkered effect that's fun to crochet!

**Baby Blanket measures 38" [96.5 cm] x 34" [86 cm].**

## BLANKET

With **B**, ch 112.

**Row 1:** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, skip next ch, hdc in next ch] 55 times – 56 hdc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, [ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next 17 sts, (ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next st) 9 times] 3 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in last st – 80 hdc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, [(ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next st) 9 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next 17 sts] 3 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in last st.

**Rows 4-13:** Repeat Rows 2-3 for five more times.

**Row 14:** Change to **A**, ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, [ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next st] 55 times – 56 hdc.

**Row 15:** Ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, [ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next 17 sts, (ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next st) 9 times] 3 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in last st – 80 hdc.

**Row 16:** Ch 1, turn, hdc in first st, [(ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next st) 9 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in next 17 sts] 3 times, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, hdc in last st.

**Rows 17-26:** Repeat Rows 15-16 for five more times.

**Row 27-39:** Change to **C**, repeat Rows 14-26.

**Rows 40-52:** Change to **B**, repeat Rows 14-26.

**Rows 53-65:** Change to **A**, repeat Rows 14-26.

**Rows 66-78:** Change to **C**, repeat Rows 14-26.

## Border

**Round 1:** Change to **A**, ch 1, turn, hdc in same st, ch 2, hdc in same st for corner, hdc in next 110 sts, ch 2, hdc in same st for corner, turn to work along side edge, hdc in side edge of same hdc, hdc in side edge of next 77 hdc, turn to work along opposite edge of foundation ch, hdc in first ch, ch 2, hdc in same ch, hdc in next 110 ch, ch 2, hdc in same ch as last st, turn to work along opposite side edge, hdc in side edge of same hdc, hdc in side edge of next 77 hdc, slip st in first hdc – 382 hdc.

**Rounds 2-6:** Ch 1, turn, [hdc in each hdc to next ch-2 space, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in ch-2 space] 4 times, hdc in each hdc to first st, slip st in first hdc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

**A, B, C** = Color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **( )** = work directions in parenthesis the number of times specified.



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