RED HEART®

LM6550

INTERMEDIATE

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 4 balls 9702 Strawberry **A**, 2 balls 9600 White **B**, 3 balls 9700 Baby Pink **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 8 mm [US L-11]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: (2 strands held together) Rounds 1-4 = 5" (12.5 cm); Finished Motif = 11" (28 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge**

BUY YARN

4 MEDIUM

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

Fancy Flowers Baby Blanket

This classic design got an update with this ombre effect! Your favorite flower-loving kiddo will snuggle up under the pretty flowers and have sweet dreams!

Blanket measures 36" x 36" (91.5 cm x 91.5 cm).

NOTES
1. Motifs are worked in joined rounds with right side facing throughout.
2. Piece is worked holding 2 strands of yarn throughout. Some rounds use 2 strands of the same color while others use one strand of two different colors for ombre color changes.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
hdc2tog: [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.
beg popcorn: Ch 3, 3 dc in same space, drop hook from working loop and insert into top of ch-3, pick up loop again and draw through all sts on hook.
Popcorn: 4 dc in indicated space, drop hook from working loop and insert into top of first dc, pick up loop again and draw through all sts on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE
Adjustable loop ring: Holding yarn a few inches [cms] from end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure loop and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring

BLANKET
Motif (make 9)
With 2 strands of **A** held together, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1 (does not count as a st now and throughout), [hdc2tog in ring, ch 2] 8 times, slip st in top of first hdc2tog to join – 8 hdc2tog and 8 ch-2 spaces.

Round 2: Slip st in first ch-2 space, beg popcorn in same space, ch 2, [popcorn in next ch-2 space, ch 2] 7 times, slip st in top of beg popcorn to join – 8 popcorns and 8 ch-2 spaces. Fasten off both strands.
Round 3: Join 2 strands of **B** in any ch-2 space with a slip st, (ch 1, sc) in same space, ch 3, [sc in next ch-2 space, ch 3] 7 times, slip st in first sc to join – 8 sc and 8 ch-3 spaces.
Round 4: Slip st in first ch-3 space, ch 3 (counts as first dc now and throughout), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space for corner, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 space for corner] 3 times, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 space, ch 1, change to 1 strand of **B** and 1 stand of **C**, slip st in top of ch-3 and next 2 dc – 12 3-dc shells, 4 corner ch-2 spaces and 8 ch-1 spaces.

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Round 5: With 1 strand of **B** and **C** held together, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, slip st in top of ch-3 and next 2 dc – 8 3-dc shells, 28 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces, 8 ch-1 spaces. Cut **B**.

Round 6: With 2 strands of **C**, slip st in corner ch-2 space, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, [ch 1, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space] 3 times, ch 1, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, change to 1 strand of **A** and 1 stand of **C**, slip st in top of ch-3 and next 2 dc – 8 3-dc shells, 44 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces, 8 ch-1 spaces.

Round 7: With 1 strand of **A** and **C** held together, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1 [2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, slip st in top of ch-3 and next 2 dc – 8 3-dc shells, 60 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces, 8 ch-1 spaces. Cut **C**.

Round 8: With 2 strands of **A**, slip st in corner ch-2 space, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 space, ch 1] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, slip st in top of ch-3 – 8 3-dc shells, 76 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces, 8 ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY
Lay Motifs in three rows with 3 Motifs in each row. Hold Motifs with wrong sides together. Using 1 strand of **A** and working through back loops only of each st, slip st or sew all Motifs together.

Edging
Round 1 (right side): Join 2 strands of **C** in any corner ch-2 space with a slip st, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same space, [dc in each st or space across to next corner, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ch-2 space] 3 times, dc in each st or space across to beginning ch-3, slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

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