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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 1 ball each 9200 Baby Yellow **A**, 9505 Aqua **B**, 9590 Lavender **C**, 9600 White **D**, 9630 Lime **E**, 9700 Baby Pink **F**, and 9702 Strawberry **G**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5].

Yarn needle, three ½" (12mm) yellow buttons, one ¾" (19mm) white button, sewing needle and matching thread for buttons, 3½" (9 cm) diameter cardboard circle, small amount of polyester fiberfill

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" (10 cm); 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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

SHOP KIT

My Doll's Easter Frock

Create the perfect outfit for her 18" doll to wear in the Easter parade. This sweet ensemble includes dress with pretty flower skirt, a headband with bunny ears and an Easter basket filled with colorful eggs.

Clothes designed for 18" (45.5 cm) doll. Dress measures 12" (30.5 cm) circumference around bodice x 11" long (28 cm). Headband measures 12" (30.5 cm) circumference. Basket of Eggs measures 4" (10 cm) in diameter.

Notes
1. Doll set consists of dress, headband, and basket of eggs.
2. Skirt is made from 36 granny squares sewn together. Each granny square is made in two sections of contrasting colors. Bodice is worked from top of skirt.
3. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

Special Stitches
Bpdc (back post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from back side of work to front and to back again around the post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook). Skip the stitch "in front of" the Bpdc.
Fpdc (Front post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook).

Special Technique
Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

DRESS
Skirt
Granny Square (make 36 – 6 each with **A**, **B**, **C**, **E**, **F**, and **G**)
With **A**, ch 2.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc; change to next color (except **A**), turn—6 sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, working in back loops only, 2 sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

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Round 3: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in same st as join, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, *ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * twice, ch 2; join with slip st in first hdc—20 hdc and 4 ch-2 spaces. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flower (make 36 – 6 with A, 5 each with B, C, D, E, F, and G)

Petal round: Working in front loops only of Round 2, join any contrasting color with slip st to any st, *ch 5, skip next st, slip st in next st (petal made); repeat from * around ending last repeat in first slip st—6 petals. Fasten off.

Assembly

Arrange granny squares in 3 rows of 12 squares each, taking care that squares of the same color are not touching. Whipstitch squares together.

Bodice

Row 1 (right side): With right side of long edge facing, join **D** with sc in ch-2 space at outer corner, *[skip next hdc, sc in next hdc] twice, skip next hdc, sc in next 2 ch-2 spaces; repeat from * 10 times, [skip next hdc, sc in next hdc] twice, skip last hdc, sc in last ch-2 space, turn—48 sc.

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; change to **A**, turn.

Row 5: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn—48 dc.

Row 6: Ch 6, slip st in first dc (button loop made), ch 3, dc in each dc across to beginning ch, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—48 dc and 1 button loop.

Rows 7–9: Ch 3, dc in each dc across to beginning ch, dc in top of beginning ch, turn.

Right Back

Row 10 (wrong side): Ch 6, slip st in first dc (button loop made), ch 3, dc in next 8 dc; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 dc and 1 button loop.

Rows 11–14: Repeat Rows 7–9.

Row 14: Ch 6, slip st in first dc (button loop made), ch 3, dc in next 8 dc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Front

Row 10 (wrong side): With wrong side facing, skip next 6 unworked sts of Row 9, join **A** with slip st to next dc, ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, sc in next 4 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, dc in last 5 dc, turn—18 sts.

Rows 11–14: Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, sc in next 4 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, dc in last 4 dc, dc in top of beginning ch, turn.
Fasten off.

Left Back

Row 10 (wrong side): With wrong side facing, skip next 6 unworked sts of Row 9, join **A** with slip st to next dc, ch 3, dc in remaining 8 dc, turn—9 dc.

Rows 11–14: Repeat Row 5.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

Left Shoulder
With wrong sides held together, whipstitch last 5 dc of left back to first 5 dc of front.
Right Shoulder
With wrong sides held together, whipstitch last 5 dc of front to first 5 dc of right back.

Left Shoulder Ruffle

Row 1 (right side): With right side of left front facing and working in ends of rows, join **D** with sc in Row 10, sc in same row, 2 sc in Rows 11–14 of left front and in Rows 14–10 of left back, turn—20 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first 2 sc, 2 hdc in next 2 sc, 2 dc in next 12 sc, 2 hdc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc, turn—40 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first 4 sc, 2 hdc in next 4 hdc, 2 dc in next 24 dc, 2 hdc in next 4 hdc, 2 sc in last 4 sc—80 sts. Fasten off.

Right Shoulder Ruffle

Row 1 (right side): With right side of right back facing and working in ends of rows, join **D** with sc in Row 10, sc in same row, 2 sc in Rows 11–14 of right back and in Rows 14–10 of right front, turn—20 sc.

Rows 2 and 3: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 of left shoulder ruffle.

Skirt Ruffle

Row 1 (right side): With right side of lower edge of skirt facing, join **D** with slip st in first ch-2 space at outer corner, ch 3, dc in same ch-2 space, 2 dc in each hdc and ch-2 space across, turn—168 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * across working last dc in top of beginning ch, turn—252 dc.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc across to beginning ch, dc in top of beginning ch. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Whipstitch back of skirt together.

Bow Strap (make 2)

With **D**, ch 60, dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch count as first dc here and throughout) and in each ch across—58 dc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

FINISHING DRESS

With right side of bodice facing, sew first st of each bow strap to ends of Rows 1–4 at each edge.

With right side facing, sew ½" (12mm) buttons to left edge opposite button loops. Weave in ends.

HEADBAND

With **D**, ch 51.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—50 sc.

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, ch 5; join with slip st in first sc of Row 1 (button loop made). Fasten off.

Bunny Ear (make 2)

Front

With **F**, ch 13.

Row 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 9 ch, 5 dc in last ch; working in opposite side of foundation ch, skip first ch, dc in next 10 ch—25 dc. Fasten off.

Back

Row 1: With **D**, repeat Row 1 of front. Do not fasten off.

Row 2: With wrong sides of front and back held together and working through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc in first 4 dc, hdc in next 4 dc, dc in next 4 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, slip st in 2nd ch from hook) in next st, dc in next 4 dc, hdc in next 4 dc, sc in last 4 dc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

FINISHING HEADBAND

Place headband on doll for button placement. Sew ¾" (19mm) button in place. Referring to photo for placement, sew ears to headband.

Weave in all ends.

BASKET

Cover (make 1 each with E and G)

Ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 6: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 7: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—42 sc.

Round 8: Ch 1, sc in first 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—48 sc. Fasten off.

Body

Rounds 1–8: With **G**, work same as Rounds 1–8 of top base.

Place cardboard circle on top of Rounds 1–8, place **G**-colored cover on top of cardboard circle.

Round 9: Ch 3, working through both thicknesses, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc.

Round 10: Ch 3, fpdc around next 3 sts, bpdc around next 4 sts, *fpdc around next 4 sts, bpdc around next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Rounds 11 and 12: Ch 3, bpdc around next 3 sts, fpdc around next 4 sts, *bpdc around next 4 sts, fpdc around next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Rounds 13 and 14: Repeat Round 10. Stuff lightly with fiberfill.

Round 15: Place **E**-colored cover (grass) in basket, ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

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Easter Egg (make 5 – 1 each with A, C, & F and 2 with B)

Ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—10 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—14 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING BASKET

Stuff each egg lightly with fiberfill. Weave tail through last round and pull gently to close slightly. Sew to grass.

Grass Strands

Cut 30 strands of **E**, each 3" (7.5 cm) long. Fold strand in half to form a loop. Insert crochet hook around any st of grass. Place fold on hook and draw fold through, forming a loop. Thread ends of strand through loop and pull to tighten. Repeat to attach grass strands last in spaces between Easter eggs. Trim ends to desired length.

Handle

With **G**, leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 6.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—4 dc.

Rows 2–21: Ch 3, dc in each dc across to beginning ch, dc in top of beginning ch, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Referring to photograph as a guide, sew handle to opposite sides of Round 15. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.