## Yarnspirations"

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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

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What you will need:
RED HEART® ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Super Saver®: 1 (2, 2) skeins each 319 Cherry Red A and 316 Soft White B, 1 skein 385 Royal C

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hooks: 4 mm [G-6 US] and 5.5mm [l-9 US]

Yarn needle, stitch markers
GAUGE: $12 \mathrm{dc}=4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ in pattern; 7 rows $=4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ with larger hook. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

RED HEART ${ }^{\oplus}$ Super Saver®, Art. E300 mEDuM available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print $50 z$ $(141 \mathrm{~g}), 244 \mathrm{yd}(223 \mathrm{~m})$, flecks 50 z $(141 \mathrm{~g}), 260 \mathrm{yds}(238 \mathrm{~m})$ skeins


> Patriotic Stripes Blanket \& Hat

Your little All-American baby looks photoperfect in this crocheted patriotic hat. The bright red and white striped blanket offers the perfect place to rest or play.

## Directions are for size Small. Changes for

 sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses
## Hat measures $16(18,20) "[40.5(45.5,51)$ $\mathrm{cm}]$ circumference at brim

Blanket measures 24 " x 24 " ( 30 " x 30 ", 36 " x 36 ") [61 x $61(76 \times 76,91.5 \times 91.5) \mathrm{cm}]$

## Special Stitch

dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Special Technique

Adjustable-ring method: Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

## Notes

1. Blanket is worked back and forth in rows with color change at end of every other row.
2. Hat is worked in joined rounds with right facing at all times. Earflaps are worked back and forth in rows.
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.

## BLANKET

With larger hook and A, ch $73(91,109)$.
Row 1 (right side): Dc into 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch count as first dc) and in each ch across, turn-72 $(90,108)$ sts.
Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st to beginning ch, dc in top of beginning ch; change to B in last st, turn.
Rows 3 and 4: Repeat Row 2; change to $A$ in last st of Row 4.
Rows 5 and 6: Repeat Row 2; change to $\mathbf{B}$ in last st of Row 6.
Rows 7-42 (7-50, 7-62): Repeat Rows 3-6 nine (eleven, fourteen) times.
Do not change to $\mathbf{B}$ or fasten off.

## BORDER

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1 , sc in each st across; work 2 sc in end of each row to first row; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch; work 2 sc in end of each row to last row; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

## HAT

With larger hook and C, make an adjustable ring. Round 1 (right side): Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-12 sts. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Round 2: Ch 2, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-24 sts.
Round 3: Ch 2, dc in same st as join, dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-36 sts.
Round 4: Ch 2, dc in same st as join, dc in next 2 st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st ] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-48 sts.

## Size Small only

Rounds 5-10: Ch 2, dc in each st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Do not fasten off.

## Size Medium only

Round 5: Ch 2, dc in same st as join, dc in next 7 st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 st] 5 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-54 sts.
Rounds 6-11: Ch 2, dc in each st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Do not fasten off.

## Size Large only

Round 5: Ch 2, dc in same st as join, dc in next 3 st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 st] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch- 60 sts.
Rounds 6-12: Ch 2 , dc in each st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Do not fasten off.

## Right Earflap

Row 1 (right side): Ch 2, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, turn-7 sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc into each st across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 2, [dc2tog, dc in next st] twice-5 sts. Fasten off.

## Left Earflap

With right side facing, join $\mathbf{C}$ with slip st in 17th (19th, 22nd) st to the left of last st of right earflap.
Work same as Rows 1-3 of right earflap.

## Border

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join $\mathbf{C}$ with slip st in any st at back of hat, ch 1 , sc in same st as join, sc evenly around,
working 3 sc in first and last sts of each row of each earflap; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.
Round 2: With right side facing, join B with slip st in any st at back of hat, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

## Star (make 3)

With smaller hook and B, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), work 9 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-10 sts. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.
Round 2: [Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc into next ch, dc in next ch, skip last ch, skip next st, slip st in next st (point made)] 5 times- 5 points. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

## Braids

Cut six 28 " ( 71 cm ) lengths of each color. Separate each 6-strand group into 2 hanks of 3 strands each.
Thread one hank of each color through last row of earflap and fold over so strands are doubled. Braid doubled hanks until $4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ of strands remain, tie an overhand knot tightly, and trim ends evenly. Repeat with remaining hanks for other earflap.
Sew stars on hat as desired.
Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; ch = chain; $\mathbf{d c}=$ double crochet; hdc $=$ half double crochet; sc = single crochet; $\mathbf{s p ( s )}=$ space(s); $\mathrm{st}(\mathrm{s})=$ stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.


