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RED HEART

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Bunches of Hugs™: 1 ball each 5322 Banana **A**, 5368 Cabbage **B**, and 5312 Licorice **C**.
Note: Only a small amount of **C** is needed.

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

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 10 sts = 3″ [7.5 cm]; 5 rounds = 3″ [7.5 cm] in double crochet (dc). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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RED HEART® Bunches of Hugs™, Art E866 available in solid color 14 oz (397 g), 948 yd (836 m); print 10 oz (284 g), 678 yd (620 m) balls

[SHOP KIT]

Happy Face Toddler Blanket

Turn this reversible blanket over and the sleeping eyes are ready to go to dreamland! Kids will love having this cheerful face with them as they take a nap or cuddle in bed.

Blanket measures 38 x 38″ [96.5 x 96.5 cm] square.

Special Stitch
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.

Notes
1. Blanket is worked in joined rounds beginning at center of blanket.
2. The first 21 rounds are worked with **A** and form the round face. The next 13 rounds are worked with **B** and form the background square. The last 2 rounds are worked with **A** and form the shell border.
3. Eyes and mouths are worked separately and sewn to both sides of blanket.

BLANKET
Face
With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining slip st, 2 dc in each remaining dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—24 dc.
Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—36 dc.
Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—48 dc.
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—60 dc.

Round 6: Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—72 dc.
Round 7: Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—84 dc.
Round 8: Ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—96 dc.
Round 9: Ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—108 dc.
Round 10: Ch 3, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—120 dc.
Round 11: Ch 3, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—132 dc.

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Round 12: Ch 3, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—144 dc.

Round 13: Ch 3, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—156 dc.

Round 14: Ch 3, dc in next 11 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—168 dc.

Round 15: Ch 3, dc in next 12 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—180 dc.

Round 16: Ch 3, dc in next 13 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—192 dc.

Round 17: Ch 3, dc in next 14 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—204 dc.

Round 18: Ch 3, dc in next 15 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 16 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—216 dc.

Round 19: Ch 3, dc in next 16 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 17 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—228 dc.

Round 20: Ch 3, dc in next 17 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 18 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—240 dc.

Round 21: Ch 3, dc in next 18 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 19 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—252 dc.
Fasten off **A**.

Background

With right side facing, draw up a loop of **B** in back loop only of any dc immediately before a 2-dc increase.

Round 22: Ch 3, working in back loops only, tr in next dc, ch 3, tr in next dc (corner made), * dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next 57 dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, tr in next dc, ch 3, tr in next dc (corner made); repeat from * 2 more times, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next 57 dc, hdc in next dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—252 sts and 4 corner ch-3 spaces.

Round 23: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining slip st, sc in next tr, 5 sc in corner ch-3 space, *sc in each st to next corner ch-3 space, 5 sc in corner ch-3 space; repeat from * 2 more times, sc in each st to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—272 sc.

Round 24: Ch 3, dc in next 3 sc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next sc (center sc of 5-sc corner), * dc in each sc to center sc of next 5-sc corner, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in center sc of 5-sc corner; repeat from * 2 more times, dc in each sc to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—288 dc and 4 corner ch-2 spaces.

Rounds 25-34: Ch 3, * dc in each dc to next corner ch-2 space, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-2 space; repeat from * 3 more times, dc in each dc to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—448 dc and 4 corner ch-2 spaces in Round 34.
Fasten off **B**.

Border

Round 35: With right side facing, join **A** with sc in same st as joining slip st, *sc in each dc to next corner ch-2 space, 3 sc in corner ch-2 space; repeat from * 3 more times, sc in each dc to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—460 sc.

Round 36: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining slip st, *skip next sc, 5 dc in next sc (shell made), skip next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * to last 3 sc, skip next sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next sc; join with slip st in first sc—115 shells.
Fasten off **A**.

MOUTH (make 2)

With **C**, ch 71.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—70 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, skip first sc, slip st in next 5 sc, sc in next 58 sc, slip st in next 4 sc, skip next sc, slip st in last sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

OPEN EYE (make 2)

With **C**, ch 4.
Round 1: Work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as first dc); join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining slip st, 2 sc in each remaining dc around; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

CLOSED EYE (make 2)

With **C**, ch 13.
Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining dc across—12 slip sts.
Row 2: Ch 3, turn, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch (eyelash made), skip first st of Row 1, slip st in next st, *ch 3, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, skip next st of Row 1, slip st in next st; repeat from * 4 more times, slip st in edge of Row 1—6 eyelashes.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide to placement, with **C**, sew open eyes and a mouth to right side of face. Sew each piece carefully in place, sewing only part way through the blanket so that the sewing stitches do not show on the other side. Turn blanket over and sew closed eyes and mouth in place, directly behind the open eyes and mouth on front of blanket.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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