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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

## Marly Bird

What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{*}$ Super Saver Pooling ${ }^{\text {® }}: 6$ skeins 8536 Papaya Pooling A

RED HEART ${ }^{\circledR}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\circledR}$ : 1 skein 705 Grenadine B

RED HEART ${ }^{\text {. }}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\text {® }}$, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd ( 333 m ); stripes, prints yd ( 333 m ); stripes, prints, multicolor and heathers 5 oz ( 141 g ), 236 yd ( 215 m ); and flecks 5 oz ( 141 g ), 260 yd ( 238 m ) skeins


## Happy Planned Pooling Blanket

Crochet a blanket in a happy plaid by doing planned pooling. Choose any of the Super Saver Pooling colors to make it easier to create this amazing look. They are evenly dyed for less-stress pooling. For video tutorial, see notes.

## What you will need (continued)

Susan Bates ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Crochet Hook:
5 mm [US H-8]
Extra hooks in neighboring sizes (see notes)
Yarn needle
GAUGE: 3 full sc sts per each length of one color in Moss st. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Blanket measures $39 \times 42^{\prime \prime}$ ( $99 \times 106.5$ cm ) not including edging, or $42 \times 45$ " (106.5 x 114.5 cm ) including edging.

## NOTES

1. It is highly recommended that you watch Marly Bird's tutorial video on planned color pooling before beginning this project.
You may have to tighten or loosen some stitches as you go in order to
2. keep the color pooling intact. Keep a variety of hook sizes on hand to help resize your stitches
3. The last sc of Row 3 and the first sc of Row 4 may have to be replaced with hdc sts in order to keep the pooling intact. You may or may not have to do this; keep an eye on the color alignment to decide.
4. This yarn has been specially designed to get 3 sc in each color in the sequence when worked in Moss st
5. Each color length, or 3 repeats, should measure about $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}(4 \mathrm{~cm})$ across in Moss st. However, it is more important that you follow the percolor gauge than the per-inch gauge.
6. Your blanket may turn out to be a different width depending on the number of colors in your colorway Find how many colors are in the sequence YOU are using, and maintain 3 sc per color for perfect results.
7. When instructed to work into the "camel st", work into the strand just below the back loop, or the 3rd loop, of the st.

## MOSS STITCH

Ch an even number of sts
Row 1: Skip $3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{sc}$ in next ch, * ch
1, skip 1 foundation ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * to end, turn
Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as a st now and throughout), sc in next ch-1 space, * ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end finishing with a sc in last ch-3 space, turn.
Row 3: Ch 2 (counts as a st now and throughout), sc in next ch-1 space, * ch 1 , sc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end finishing with a sc in last ch-2 space turn.
Repeat Row 3 only for Moss st.

## BLANKET

With A, ch for at least 42" (106.5 cm) with the last loop on hook being the first loop of a new color just after a color change in the yarn.
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Row 1 (right side): Skip 3 ch (counts as a st), sc in the 4th ch from hook, * ch 1, sc around the foundation ch (instead of going into a ch st); repeat from * until 5 full color sequences have been completed. The number of sc made in each individual color in the colorway should be 3. Leave remaining ch sts unworked. Undo one st repeat (sc, ch 1), turn.

Note: If at this point you are NOT getting 3 sc per color, then redo the row with a different hook size. Getting 3 sc per color with this yarn is essential to making this technique work
Row 2 (wrong side): Ch 2 (counts as a st now and throughout), sc in next ch-1 space, * ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end finishing with a sc in last ch-3 space, turn.
Note: As you work this row and all remaining rows, you MUST get the correct number of sc in each color in order to maintain the planned color pooling. Change hook sizes, or actual st used, to get the correct color in place. Row 3 (right side): Ch 2 (counts as a st now and throughout), sc in next ch-1 space, * ch 1, sc in the next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end, finishing with a sc in last ch-2 space, turn.
Note: The color of the sts on this row will shift to the left or right by 1 st from the previous right side row depending on the colorway and if you are right or left handed. It doesn't matter which direction the st shifts as long as it is offset by 1 .
Row 4 (wrong side): Ch 2 (counts as a st now and throughout), sc in next ch-1 space, * ch 1, sc in the next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end, finishing with a sc in last ch-2 space, turn.
Note: The color of the sts on this row will shift to the left or right by 1 st from
the previous wrong side row depending on the colorway and if you are right or left handed. It doesn't matter which direction the st shifts as long as it is offset by 1.
Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until 5 full color repeats have been completed lengthwise, ending on a Row 4 (wrong side row).
Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Squish or stretch the sts on foundation chain to match the width of the rest of the Blanket. You can slide the sts around along the foundation chain, as with an adjustable ring. Unravel unused foundation ch sts and weave in yarn tail to secure foundation.

## Edging

With right side facing, join B with slip st in foundation ch st under last sc of Row 1 , being ready to work across foundation edge.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, hdc evenly around, working 3 hdc in each corner st or space; join with slip st in first hdc.
Rounds 2-6: Ch 2, dc in camel st of each st around, working 3 dc in camel st of each corner st, join with slip st in first dc.
Fasten off.
Weave in all loose ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, $\mathbf{B}=$ Color A, Color B; ch = chain; sc = single crochet; $\mathbf{s t}(\mathbf{s})=$ stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

See next page for schematic and alternate photo

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