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RED HEART

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver™: 3 (6) skeins 316 Soft White **A**, 1 skein each 512 Turqua **B**, 672 Spring Green **C**, 718 Shocking Pink **D**, and 319 Cherry Red **E**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6 mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 1 repeat (center of loop to center of loop) = 3½" (9 cm); 8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Braided Stripes Pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Pulled Taffy Blanket

This unique braided stripes blanket design is brightly colored to keep baby happy, while being sophisticated enough to add the perfect pop of color to an adult relaxing space. So we've shown it in a baby size blanket but also included instructions for a larger size throw.

Directions are for baby size, changes for full-size blanket are in parentheses.

Blanket measures 39 x 36 (56½ x 46)" [99 x 91.5 (143.5 x 117) cm]

NOTES
The loops are worked independently of each other as you go, and are then braided and locked in place at the end.

COLOR SEQUENCE
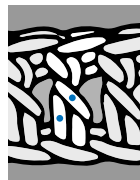Work main body of blanket in the following color sequence:
2 rows with **B**
2 rows with **A**
2 rows with **C**
2 rows with **A**
2 rows with **D**
2 rows with **A**
2 rows with **E**
2 rows with **A**

BRAIDED STRIPES PATTERN
Foundation is a multiple of 10 ch + 8.
Row 1 (wrong side): Skip 3 ch (counts as 1 dc, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each of next 6 ch, * ch 10, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of next 10 ch; repeat from * to last 8 ch, ch 10, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of last 8 ch, turn.

Front and second bars of completed dc are marked with blue dot

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each of next 7 dc, * (2 sc, 15 hdc, 2 sc) in next ch-10 space, dc in each of next 10 dc; repeat from * to last ch-10 space, (2 sc, 15 hdc, 2 sc) in last ch-10 space, dc in each of last 8 dc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each of next 7 dc, * ch 10, skip all loop sts, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of next 10 dc; repeat from * to last loop, ch 10, skip all loop sts, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of last 8 dc, turn.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 to desired length, ending with a Row 2.
Final 2 rows:
Row 1 (wrong side): Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each of next 7 dc, * skip all loop sts, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of next 10 dc; repeat from * to last loop, skip all loop sts, slip st through front and second bars of last completed dc, dc in each of last 8 dc, turn.
Braid loops into place, pulling one loop through the next from bottom of piece upward.
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each of next 6 dc, * work locking dc as follows: yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops (2 loops remain on hook), insert hook in 8th of 15 hdc from 2 rows below, yo and draw through this hdc and both remaining loops on hook at the same time – locking dc completed, dc in each of next 9 dc; repeat from * to last 9 dc, work a locking dc, dc in each of last 8 dc.

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BLANKET

With **B**, ch 108 (158).
Work in Braided Stripes Pattern following color sequence for 66 (86) total rows, including final 2 rows – 10 (15) braids across.
Fasten off.

Border

With right side facing, join **A** with a slip st anywhere along left side edge of blanket.

Round 1: Ch 1, (sc, ch 1) in each row edge to corner, (sc, ch 1) twice in corner st, * (sc, ch 1) in next st, skip next st; repeat from * across bottom edge to next corner, (sc, ch 1) twice in corner st, (sc, ch 1) in each row edge to next corner, (sc, ch 1) twice in corner st, repeat from * to * across top edge to next corner, (sc, ch 1) twice in corner st (sc, ch 1) in each row edge to end of round, join with slip st in first sc, fasten off **A**.

Round 2: With right side facing, join **B** in any ch-1 space along any edge, ch 1, * (sc, ch 1) in each ch-1 space to corner space, (sc, ch 1) twice in corner space; repeat from * 3 more times, (sc, ch 1) in each ch-1 space to end of round, join with slip st in first sc, fasten off **B**.

Round 3: With **C**, repeat round 2.
Round 4: With **D**, repeat round 2.
Round 5: With **E**, repeat round 2.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C** = Color A, Color B, Color C etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.