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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\circ}$ With Love ${ }^{\circ}: 5$ skeins 1502 Iced Aqua

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8] and 6mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle
GAUGE: Rounds 1 and $2=3$ " 7.5 $\mathrm{cm})$; 1 square $=101 / 2^{\prime \prime}(15 \mathrm{~cm})$ with larger hook. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.
 available in solid color $7 \mathrm{oz}(198 \mathrm{~g}), 370 \mathrm{yd}(338 \mathrm{~m})$ and multicolor $50 \mathrm{z}(141 \mathrm{~g}), 230 \mathrm{yd}$ (211m) skeins

## April Showers Throw

Add a breath of springtime to your décor with a beautifully patterned throw in a fresh shade of blue! Squares are joined as you crochet the last round, so there is little finishing to do.

## Throw measures 46 " wide $\times 561 / 2$ " long

 ( $117 \times 143.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) .
## Special Stitches

Beg dc3tog = Ch 3, [yarn over, insert hook in next dc, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook. dc3tog $=$ [Yarn over, insert hook in next dc, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 3 times, yarn over, draw through all 4 loops on hook.

## Special Techniques

ch-2 join = Ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in next ch-2 space of neighboring square, pick up loop, ch 1.
ch-4 join = Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-4 space of neighboring square, pick up loop, ch 2.
corner ch-4 join = Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-4 space of neighboring square of same row, pick up loop, ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in corresponding ch-4 space of neighboring square one row below, pick up loop, ch 2.

## Notes

1. Throw is made from 20 squares worked in joined rounds.
2. Motifs are joined together while working last round using a join-as-you-go technique. Join squares as shown in Assembly Diagram.
3. When instructed to join through ch-4 space of square one row below, work into the square directly below the current square. For example: join Square 7 to Square 2.
4. Work with larger hook throughout entire throw except last round of border.

## THROW

## Square 1

With larger hook, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in ring, [ch $1, d c] 6$ times in ring, ch 1 ; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-8 dc and $8 \mathrm{ch}-1$ spaces.
Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 6 dc in first ch-1 space, *ch 2, skip next dc, skip next ch-1 space, skip next $\mathrm{dc}, 7 \mathrm{dc}$ in next ch-1 space; repeat from * twice; join with hdc in top of beginning ch (counts as last ch -2 space) -28 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in last ch-2 space, *[ch 3, skip next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times, ch 3,3 dc in next ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, [ch 3, skip next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times, ch 3 , skip last dc ; join with slip st in top of beginning ch -12 dc and $16 \mathrm{ch}-3$ spaces.
Round 4: Beg dc3tog, *[ch 3, sc in next ch-3 space] 4 times, ch 3, dc3tog; repeat from * twice, [ch 3 , sc in next ch-3 space] 4 times, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4 dc and 20 ch -3 spaces.

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Round 5: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first dc, *ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-3 space, [ch 3 , sc in next ch-3 space] twice, ch 3 , skip next ch-3 space, (3 dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next dc; repeat from * twice, ch 3 , skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-3 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 space] twice, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3- 28 dc and $16 \mathrm{ch}-3$ spaces. Round 6: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, *dc in next $\mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc , ch $2,3 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, ch 2,2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, skip next ch-3 space, [ch 3 , sc in next ch-3 space] twice, ch 3 , skip next ch-3 space**, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from *3 times ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3-52 dc and 12 ch-3 spaces.
Round 7: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, *dc in next $3 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, ch 2, dc in next $\mathrm{dc}, 3 \mathrm{tr}$ in next dc , dc in next $\mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{ch} 2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, dc in next $3 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, ch 3 , skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-3 space, ch 3 , skip next ch-3 space**, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * 3 times ending last repeat at **; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-$3-12 \mathrm{tr}, 64 \mathrm{dc}$, and $8 \mathrm{ch}-3$ spaces.
Round 8: Ch 4 (counts as first tr), 2 tr in same st as join, *dc in next 6 dc , ch $2,2 \mathrm{dc}$ in next dc, tr in next tr, 3 tr in next tr, tr in next tr, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2 , dc in next $6 \mathrm{dc}, 3 \mathrm{tr}$ in next dc, ch 2, skip next 2 ch-3 spaces**, 3 tr in next dc; repeat from * 3 times ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3-44 tr, 64 dc , and $12 \mathrm{ch}-2$ spaces.
Round 9: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, *[ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st, ch 2, skip next st, (sc, ch 4,
sc) in next st, [ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space**, sc in next st; repeat from * 3 times ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$; join with slip st in first sc- 72 sc , $60 \mathrm{ch}-2$ spaces, and $4 \mathrm{ch}-4$ spaces. Fasten off.

## Squares 2-5, 9, 13, and 17

Work same as Rounds 1-8 of Square 1.
Round 9 (one-sided join): Ch 1 , sc in same st as join, *[ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ch 2 , skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st, ch 2, skip next st**, (sc, ch $4, s c$ ) in next st, [ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next st; repeat from * twice ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$, (sc, ch-4 join, sc) in next st, [ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch-2 join, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ( sc, ch-2 join, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ch-2 join, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st, ch-2 join, skip next st, (sc, ch-4 join, sc) in next st, [ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch 2 , skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch-2 space; join with slip st in first sc-72 sc, 60 ch -2 spaces, and $4 \mathrm{ch}-4$ spaces. Fasten off.

## Squares 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, and 18-20

Work same as Rounds $1-8$ of Square 1.
Round 9 (two-sided join): Ch 1 , sc in same st as join, *[ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st, ch 2, skip
next st*, (sc, ch 4, sc) in next st, [ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch 2 , skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next st; repeat from * to * once, (sc, ch-4 join, sc) in next st, **[ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch-2 join, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch-2 join, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, ch-2 join, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, ch-2 join, skip next st, sc in next st, ch-2 join, skip next st**, (sc, corner ch-4 join, sc) in next st; repeat from ${ }^{* *}$ to ${ }^{* *}$ once, (sc, ch-4 join, sc) in next st, sc in next st, [ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] twice, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, sc in next st, [ch 2, skip next st, sc in next st] 4 times, (sc, ch $2, s c$ ) in last ch-2 space; join with slip st in first sc-72 sc, $60 \mathrm{ch}-2$ spaces, and $4 \mathrm{ch}-4$ spaces. Fasten off.

## Border

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join yarn with slip st in ch-4 space at top corner, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch-1 here and throughout), (dc, [ch 1, dc] twice) in same space (corner made), \{*[ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next ch-2 space] 7 times, ch 1 , skip next sc , dc in next sc, sc in next ch-2 space, dc in next sc, [ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next ch-2 space] 7 times**, [ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next ch-4 space] twice (working on each side of join between squares); repeat from * across ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$, [ch 1, dc] 4 times in next ch-4 space (corner made) 4 times ending last repeat at ${ }^{* *}$; join with slip st in 3 rd ch of beginning ch-332 dc, 18 sc , and $314 \mathrm{ch}-1$ spaces.
Round 2: Ch 3, dc in each ch-1 space and st around working (dc, ch 3, dc) in center ch-1 space of each corner (corner made); join
with slip st in top of beginning ch-668 dc ( 149 dc on top and bottom edges between ch -3 spaces and 185 dc on each side between ch-3 spaces) and $4 \mathrm{ch}-3$ spaces.
Round 3: Ch 4, skip next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc [ch 1, dc] 3 times) in next ch-3 space (corner made), \{ ${ }^{*}$ ch 1 , skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to dc before next ch-3 space, ch 1 , skip next dc, (dc [ch 1, dc] 3 times) in next ch-3 space (corner made) 3 times; repeat from * across to beginning ch; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch- 338 dc and $344 \mathrm{ch}-1$ spaces. Round 4: With smaller hook, slip st in first ch- 1 space, ch 1 , (sc, ch $2, s c$ ) in same space and in each ch-1 space around working (hdc, dc, ch 2, dc, hdc) in center ch-1 space of each corner; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block lightly if desired.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{c h}=$ chain; $\mathbf{d c}=$ double crochet; $\mathbf{h d c}=$ half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) $=$ stitch(es); $\mathbf{t r}=$ 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.

See assembly diagram and close-up
photo on next page

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