## Yarnspirations"

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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL

EASY

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## What you will need:

RED HEART ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\text {® }: ~} 1$ skein each 520 Minty A, 885 Delft Blue B, and 381 Light Blue C

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, fabric stiffener (optional)

GAUGE: 1 motif $=4^{\prime \prime}$ wide $x$ $61 / 4$ " long [ $10 \times 16 \mathrm{~cm}$ ]. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.


## Star Table Mat

Perfect for entertaining for Hanukkah or any winter event, this star will keep your furniture protected and add the shining touch to your table setting.

Mat measures 14" [35.5 cm] from point to opposite point, blocked.

## NOTE

Mat is made of six points, 2 of each color, which are sewn together to make a star.

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

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 2nd round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Do not close ring completely.
Invisible join = After last stitch in round is made, cut yarn leaving a long tail Pull tail completely through last stitch. Thread the tail onto yarn needle and weave the end under the top 2 loops of the first stitch of the round and then back down into the center of the top of the last stitch of the round. Weave tail through wrong side of piece to first stitch to be sewn.

## MAT

Motif (make 2 each with A, B, and C) Make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, *(sc, hdc, dc, tr, ch 3, tr, dc, hdc) in ring; repeat from * once; join with slip st in first sc - 14 sts and 2 ch-3 spaces.
Round 2: Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2), dc in first sc, *dc in next 3 sts, ( 3 dc, ch 4,3 dc) in next ch-3 space, dc in next 3 sts*, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc; repeat from * to * once; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch - $28 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{ch}-2$ spaces, and 2 ch -4 spaces. Pull gently on tail to tighten ring but do not close completely.

Round 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), *(dc, ch $3, \mathrm{dc}$ ) in next ch-2 space, dc in each st around to next ch-4 space, (3 dc, ch 5, 3 dc ) in next ch-4 space*; dc in each st around to next ch-2 space; repeat from * to * once, dc in each remaining st; join in top of beginning ch with invisible join, leaving a long tail for sewing - $44 \mathrm{dc}, 2$ ch-3 spaces, and 2 ch-5 spaces.

## FINISHING

Arrange six pieces as shown in photo or in color scheme desired with ch-5 spaces at center and outer points. With right sides of 2 motifs held together, working through both sets of loops and beginning in center ch of nearest ch-3 space, whipstitch in each st and ch across, ending in center ch of next ch-5 space at center of Mat. Secure and cut tail. Repeat to join each remaining motif to previous motif.
Weave in ends.
Block to finished measurement, pinning out outer ch- 5 spaces to accentuate each point and straighten edges. Spray with fabric stiffener if desired.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, B, C; ch = chain; cm = centimeters; $\mathbf{d c}=$ double crochet; $\mathbf{h d c}=$ half double crochet; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{s c}=$ single crochet; $\mathbf{s t ( s )}=$ stitch(es); tr $=$ triple or treble crochet; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ${ }^{* *}$ as indicated


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