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# What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 10 balls 4600 White A and 6 balls 9925 Really Red B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, 16" (40.5 cm) diameter round pillow form, locking stitch marker (optional)

GAUGE: 1 small motif =  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9 cm); 1 large motif =  $7\frac{3}{4}$ " (19.5 cm). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 q), 256 yd (234 m),

print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

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# Peppermint Throw and Pillow

What a delicious way to dress up your home for the holidays! The peppermint motif is very cleverly designed with a smaller filler motif. To complete the look we've included a peppermint pillow.

Throw measures 47" wide x 55" long (119.5 x 139.5 cm).

Pillow measures 16" (40.5 cm) diameter.

#### **Special Stitches**

beg dc2tog = (Ch 2, dc) in next stitch. dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

#### **Special Technique**

Interlocking crochet = Work the current round in front of the previous round but not into its stitches. Insert the hook through the chain space of the previous round and into the indicated stitch or chain space of same color round as your current yarn. As you work the new stitch, bring it forward through the chain space of the previous round. For example, in Round 3 (worked with A), insert the hook in the next chain space of Round 2 and, pulling the stitch forward, work in the indicated stitch of Round 1 (worked with A). Do not work over or into the stitches of Round 2.

#### Notes

- Throw motifs and pillow are made with interlocking crochet technique in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
- Last loop of each round is dropped after round is joined; next color is returned to the hook and worked in front of previous round. Colors are alternated as this sequence is repeated. Be sure to bring working yarn and loop of color not in use to front of piece when instructed. Do not cut yarn until instructed.
- A stitches are only worked in A stitches of odd-numbered rounds and B stitches are only worked in B stitches of evennumbered rounds.

- You may find it helpful to enlarge the dropped loop or place it on a locking stitch marker so it doesn't unravel as you work the next round.
- Pillow is made in one piece with first side worked in increasing interlocked rounds and second side worked in decreasing interlocked rounds. Pillow form is inserted before last rounds are worked.

#### **THROW**

Large Motif (make 42: 10 with Edging #1, 10 with Edging #2, 9 with Edging #3, 9 with Edging #4, 2 with Edging #5, 2 with Edging #6)

With **A**, 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, dc in ring] 6 times, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces worked with **A**. At the end of each round, drop and enlarge the loop on the hook so that it doesn't unravel as you work the next round. If desired, place loop on a stitch marker.

Round 2: With B, working in front of Round 1, join B with slip st in beginning ring between the beginning ch and first dc of Round 1, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in ring between next 2 dc, [ch 1, dc in ring between next 2 dc] 6 times, ch 1, bring A loop and working yarn to the front of piece; working behind the A loop and working yarn, join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces worked with B.

#### Notes for Rounds 3-10

Begin interlocking technique. Current round is always worked in front of previous round but not into its stitches. A stitches are only worked in A stitches of odd-numbered rounds and B stitches are only worked in B stitches of even-numbered rounds.



Round 3: Place A loop back on hook, slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same space, bring B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-1 space] 7 times, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces with A.

Round 4: Place B loop back on hook, slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 3, dc in same space, [ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, ch 2] 7 times, ch 2, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces with B.

Round 5: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next ch-2 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 3, skip next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 space] 7 times, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 8 ch-3 spaces with A.

Round 6: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next ch-2 space, [ch 3, skip next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 space] 7 times, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 8 ch-3 spaces with B.

Round 7: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 4, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space] 7 times, ch 4; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 dc and 8 ch-4 spaces with A.

Round 8: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space, [skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 space, ch 4] 7 times, ch 4, bring dropped A loop and working yarn

to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 dc and 8 ch-4 spaces with **B**.

Round 9: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space] 7 times, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with A.

Round 10: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space] 7 times, ch 5, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with B. Fasten off B.

## **Edging**

## Notes for Large Motif Edgings #1-#6

All edging stitches are worked in **A** stitches of Round 9. As instructed, work in front of or behind, but not into, **B** stitches of previous round. After completion, label each motif with its edging number for easier identification when assembling throw.

Edging #1: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind B sts, 4 dc in same ch-5 space, [working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind B sts, 4 dc in same ch-5 space] 7 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Edging #2: Place A loop back on hook, working in front of B sts, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, working behind

B sts, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made), [working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, working behind B sts, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made)] 7 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Edging #3: Place A loop back on hook, working in front of **B** sts, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, 4 dc in same ch-5 space, [working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind B sts, 4 dc in same ch-5 space] 4 times, working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind B sts, 6 dc in same ch-5 space, [working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, 6 dc in same ch-5 spacel 2 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—88 dc and 6 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Edging #4: Place A loop back on hook, working in front of **B** sts, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, (4 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-5 space (corner made), [working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, working behind **B** sts, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made)1 4 times, working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, working behind B sts, (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made), [working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts. 6 dc in same ch-5 spacel 2 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-88 dc and 6 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Edging #5: Place A loop back on hook, working in front of B sts, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind B sts, 4 dc in next ch-5 space,

[working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, 4 dc in same ch-5 space] 2 times, working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc (corner made), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, 6 dc in same ch-5 space, [working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts, 6 dc in same ch-5 space] 4 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—92 dc and 4 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Edging #6: Place A loop back on hook, working in front of B sts, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts. (4 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-5 space (corner made), [working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, working behind **B** sts, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made)] 2 times, working in front of B sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, working behind **B** sts, (3 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-5 space (corner made), [working in front of **B** sts, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, working behind **B** sts. 6 dc in same ch-5 spacel 4 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-92 dc and 4 corners. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

# Small Motif (make 30)

With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1–2:** Work same as Rounds 1–2 of large motif—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces.



Fasten off B.

Round 3: Place A loop back on hook, slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same space, [ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-1 space] 7 times, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces.

Round 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, \*ch 3, 2 dc in next dc (corner made), 2 hdc in next ch-2 space, sc in next 2 dc, 2 hdc in next ch-2 space, 2 dc in next dc, repeat from \* 3 times, ch 3, 2 dc in next dc (corner made), 2 hdc in next ch-2 space, sc in next 2 dc, 2 hdc in last ch-2 space; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 sts and 4 corners.

## **ASSEMBLY**

With right sides facing, arrange large motifs as shown in assembly diagram. Using photograph as a guide, position rounded edges of motifs with edgings #3–#6 facing outwardly. Place small motifs in spaces between large motifs. Sew all motifs together.

## **FINISHING**

#### **Border**

Round 1: With right side facing, join A with slip st in back loop of any dc, working in back loops only, slip st in each dc around; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

## **PILLOWCASE**

Rounds 1–8: Work same as Rounds 1–8 of large motif—32 dc and 8 ch-4 spaces with **B**. Round 9: Place **A** loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space, bring dropped **B** loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4

space] 7 times, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with **A**.

Round 10: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-4 space] 7 times, ch 5, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with B.

Round 11: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 6, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space] 7 times, ch 6; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 8 ch-6 spaces with A.

Round 12: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space, [ch 6, skip next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-5 space] 7 times, ch 6, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 8 ch-6 spaces with B.

Round 13: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-6 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 7, skip next dc, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next ch-6 space] 7 times, ch 7; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 dc and 8 ch-7 spaces with A.

Round 14: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next ch-6 space, [ch 7, skip next dc, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next ch-6 space] 7 times, ch 7, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 dc and 8 ch-7 spaces with B.

Round 15: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next ch-7 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 8, skip next dc, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next ch-7 space] 7 times, ch 8; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—64 dc and 8 ch-8 spaces with A.

Round 16: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next ch-7 space, [ch 8, skip next dc, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next ch-7 space] 7 times, ch 8, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—64 dc and 8 ch-8 spaces with B.

Round 17: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next ch-8 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 9, skip next dc, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-8 space] 7 times, ch 9; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 dc and 8 ch-9 spaces with A.

Round 18: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next ch-8 space, [ch 9, skip next dc, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-8 space] 7 times, ch 9, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 dc and 8 ch-9 spaces with B.

Round 19: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-9 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 10, skip next dc, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next ch-9 space] 7 times, ch 10; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 ch-10 spaces with A.

Round 20: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next ch-9 space, [ch 10, skip next

dc, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next ch-9 space] 7 times, ch 10, bring dropped **A** loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 ch-10 spaces with **B**.

Round 21: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next ch-10 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 11, skip next dc, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next ch-10 space] 7 times, ch 11; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—88 dc and 8 ch-11 spaces with A.

Round 22: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next ch-10 space, [ch 11, skip next dc, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next ch-10 space] 7 times, ch 11, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—88 dc and 8 ch-11 spaces with B.

Round 23: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next ch-11 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 12, skip next dc, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next ch-11 space] 7 times, ch 12; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—96 dc and 8 ch-12 spaces with A.

Round 24: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in next 9 dc, 2 dc in next ch-11 space, [ch 12, skip next dc, dc in next 10 dc, 2 dc in next ch-11 space] 7 times, ch 12, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—96 dc and 8 ch-12 spaces with B.

Round 25: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc, dc in next ch-12 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 11, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc, dc in next ch-12 space] 7 times, ch 11;



join with slip st in top of beginning ch—88 dc and 8 ch-11 spaces with **A**.

Round 26: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc, dc in next ch-12 space, [ch 11, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc, dc in next ch-12 space] 7 times, ch 11, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—88 dc and 8 ch-11 spaces with B.

Round 27: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 8 dc, dc in next ch-11 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 10, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 8 dc, dc in next ch-11 space] 7 times, ch 10; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 ch-10 spaces with A.

Round 28: Place **B** loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 8 dc, dc in next ch-11 space, [ch 10, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 8 dc, dc in next ch-11 space] 7 times, ch 10, bring dropped **A** loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc and 8 ch-10 spaces with **B**.

Round 29: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc in next ch-10 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 9, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc in next ch-10 space] 7 times, ch 9; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 dc and 8 ch-9 spaces with A.

Round 30: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc in next ch-10 space, [ch 9, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc in next ch-10 space] 7 times, ch 9, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join

with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 dc and 8 ch-9 spaces with **B**.

Round 31: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc, dc in next ch-9 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 8, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc, dc in next ch-9 space] 7 times, ch 8; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—64 dc and 8 ch-8 spaces with A.

Round 32: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc, dc in next ch-9 space, [ch 8, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc, dc in next ch-9 space] 7 times, ch 8, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—64 dc and 8 ch-8 spaces with B.

Round 33: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc, dc in next ch-8 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 7, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc, dc in next ch-8 space] 7 times, ch 7; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 dc and 8 ch-7 spaces with A.

Round 34: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc, dc in next ch-8 space, [ch 7, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc, dc in next ch-8 space] 7 times, ch 7, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 dc and 8 ch-7 spaces with B.

Round 35: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-7 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 6, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-7 space] 7 times, ch 6; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 8 ch-6 spaces with A.

Round 36: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-7 space, [ch 6, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next ch-7 space] 7 times, ch 6, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 8 ch-6 spaces with B.

Round 37: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next ch-6 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next ch-6 space] 7 times, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with A.

Round 38: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next ch-6 space, [ch 5, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next ch-6 space] 7 time, ch 5, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 dc and 8 ch-5 spaces with B.

Round 39: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-5 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 4, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-5 space] 7 times, ch 4; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 dc and 8 ch-4 spaces with A.

Round 40: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-5 space, [ch 4, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next ch-5 space] 7 times, ch 4, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 dc and 8 ch-4 spaces with B.

Insert pillow form inside pillow and work remaining rounds to encase the pillow form. **Round 41:** Place **A** loop back on hook, skip

first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-4 space, bring dropped **B** loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 3, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-4 space] 7 times, ch 3; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 8 ch-3 spaces with **A**.

Round 42: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-4 space, [ch 3, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-4 space] 7 times, ch 3, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 8 ch-3 spaces with B.

Round 43: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next ch-3 space, bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 2, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next ch-3 space] 7 times, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces with A.

Round 44: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, beg dc2tog, dc in next ch-3 space, [ch 2, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next ch-3 space] 7 times, ch 2, bring dropped A loop and working yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc and 8 ch-2 spaces with B.

Round 45: Place A loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, (ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 space (beg dc2tog made), bring dropped B loop and working yarn to front of piece, [ch 1, skip next dc, dc2tog working first "leg" in next dc and 2nd "leg" in next ch-2 space] 7 times, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces with A.

Round 46: Place B loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next dc, (ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 space (beg dc2tog made), [ch 1, skip next dc, dc2tog working first "leg" in next dc and 2nd "leg" in next ch-2 space] 7 times, ch 1, bring dropped A loop and working



yarn to front of piece; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces. Fasten off **B**, leaving a long tail for sewing. **Round 47:** Place **A** loop back on hook, skip first dc, slip st in next ch-1 space, ch 3, bring **B** yarn tail to front of piece, [skip next dc, dc in next ch-1 space] 7 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off **A**, leaving a long tail for sewing—8 dc.

# **FINISHING**

Weave A tail through each A dc on Round 47, pull tightly to close. Do not weave in end. Thread B tail on yarn needle. [Insert needle from front to back through center hole then from back to front through top of next B dc on Round 46 (straight st made)] 16 times—16 straight sts (in 8 pairs) with B. Pull A tail again to tighten, if needed. Weave in ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

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







