RED HEART®

EASY

knitting

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Hugs & Kisses: 2 (3) balls of 9567 Light Orchid.

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5 mm [US 8]

Stitch marker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4″ [10 cm]; 23 rows = 4″ [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® Hugs & Kisses, Art 896 available in 3.5 oz (100 g), 254 yd (232 m) balls.

Precious Petals Knit Baby Blanket

Wrap baby in your love, with a special knit blanket. This modern twist on fair isle is created without changing yarn colors – the yarn gradually changes from one color to a delicate contrast pattern stripe.

Directions are for a 30 x 30″ [76 x 76 cm] square blanket; changes for a 36 x 36″ [91.5 x 91.5 cm] blanket are in parentheses.

Notes

1. Blanket is worked back and forth in rows of Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) with Seed stitch borders.
2. Markers are placed to separate the side borders from the center Stockinette stitch section. Use of these stitch markers is optional.
3. The pattern of stripes, petals, and flower buds is created by the multi-colored yarn.

BLANKET

Cast on 127 (153) sts.

Lower Border

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end. Repeat Row 1 until piece measures about 2″ [5 cm] from beginning.

Body

Row 1 (right side): K1, [p1, k1] 4 times, place marker, knit to last 9 sts, place marker, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times.

Row 2: K1, [p1, k1] 4 times, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times.

Row 3: K1, [p1, k1] 4 times, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures about 28 (34)″ [71 (86.5) cm] from beginning, remove markers as you work the last row.

Top Border

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end. Repeat Row 1 for 2″ [5 cm].

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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Blanket shown is 30" (76 cm) size