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Christmas Poinsettia Afghan

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DIRECTIONS

Intermediate

SIZE

52 x 63½ inches

MATERIALS

- 4-ply yarn:
 - 24 oz wine red
 - 18 oz each bright green and deep emerald green
 - 12 oz white
 - 1 oz pastel yellow
- Crochet hook size F/5
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

Block = 9 inches square; 7 sts = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Treble (tr): Yo hook twice, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times.

Double treble (dtr): Yo hook 3 times, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 4 times.

V-stitch (V-st): 1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc in indicated st.

FLOWER MOTIF (make 24)

Center

Rnd 1: With pastel yellow yarn, ch 4, join to form a ring, ch 3 (first dc), work 3 dc in ring, draw up a lp, remove hook, insert hook in top of beg ch-3, pick up dropped lp, draw through st on hook, ch 1, [4 dc in ring, draw up a lp, remove hook, insert hook in first dc of 4-dc group, pick up dropped lp, draw through st on hook, ch 1] 3 times, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 2: Attach wine red yarn in any ch-1 sp of Rnd 1, ch 1, sc in same ch-1 sp, ch 4, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 4]

rep around, sl st to join in beg sc. (4 ch-4 lps)

PETALS

Row 3: Ch 1, work 2 sc in next ch-4 sp, turn. (2)

Row 4: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each next 2 sc, turn. (4)

Row 5: Ch 1, work 2 sc in first sc, sc in each next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (6)

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each next 5 sc only, turn. (5)

Row 7: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sc only, turn. (4)

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in next 3 sc only, turn. (3)

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in next 2 sc only, turn. (2)

Row 10: Ch 3, sk first sc, sl st in 2nd sc, fasten off.

Rep Rows 3–10 in same ch-4 sp as previous petal.

*[Rep Rows 3–10] twice in next ch-4 sp, rep from * in each rem ch-4 sp. (8 petals)

BLOCKS (make 24)

Note: Make 12 blocks with deep emerald green center and bright green outer edge and 12 blocks with bright green center and deep emerald green outer edge.

Rnd 1: With appropriate center yarn, ch 4, join to form a ring, ch 3 (first dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3. (12)

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (first dc), 1 dc in the same st as beg ch-3, 2 dc in each rem dc around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3. (24)

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (first dc), 2 dc in next dc, [1 dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] rep around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3. (36)

Rnd 4: Rep Rnd 3. (54)

Rnd 5: Ch 3 (first dc), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in each next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] rep around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3. (72)

Note: Rnd 6 joins the flower to the block.

Rnd 6: Holding a flower on top of block, ch 3 (first dc), yo, insert hook through ch-3 lp of flower petal and next dc of Rnd 5, complete dc st, [1 dc in each next 8 dc of Rnd 5, working through both thicknesses, next ch-3

lp of flower petal and next dc of Rnd 5, complete dc st] rep around until all 8 flower petals are joined, dc in each next 7 dc, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 7: Attach white yarn in dc that is directly above a joining of petal to block, ch 5 (first dtr), dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr in same st as beg ch-5, 1 dtr in next dc, 1 tr in next dc, dc in each next 2 dc, hdc in each next 2 dc, sc in next 5 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc, tr in next dc, 1 dtr in next dc, [2 dtr, ch 2, 2 dtr in next dc, dtr in next dc, tr in next dc, dc in each next 2 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, sc in next 5 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc, tr in next dc, dtr in next dc] rep around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-5.

Rnd 8: Sl st into ch-2 sp, ch 3 (first dc), dc, ch 2, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 15 sts, dc in next 3 sts, [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 15 sts, dc in next 3 sts] rep around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 9: Attach appropriate outer yarn color in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (first dc), 1 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in same ch sp, hdc in each next 25 sts, [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 25 sts] rep around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 10: Attach wine red yarn in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (first dc), 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, [sk 2 sts, V-st in next st] 9 times, sk 2 sts, *3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, [sk 2 sts, V-st in next st] 9 times, sk 2 sts, rep from * around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3.

PANEL ASSEMBLY (make 4)

With yarn needle and length of wine red yarn, holding wrong sides tog, matching sts and working in back lps only through both thicknesses, alternating different colored blocks, sew 4 panels of 6 blocks each.

PANEL EDGING

Rnd 1 (Right side): Starting at bottom right-hand corner of panel, attach bright green yarn in corner ch-3 sp, ch 3 (first dc), 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch sp, *[sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in next 9 V-sts, sk next dc, V-st in next dc, sk next dc, V-st in next ch-1 sp before joining, V-st in next ch-1



Twenty-four flower motifs comprise the body of our lovely holiday afghan; the panels are edged with V-stitches.

sp after joining] rep until last corner sp of edge, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, working across top of panel, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, sk next dc, V-st in next 9 V-sts, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, sk next dc, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in next corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around rem of panel, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 2 (Right side): Attach deep emerald green yarn in bottom right ch-3 corner sp, ch 3 (first dc), 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in same corner ch-3 sp, *sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, sk next dc, V-st in each V-st across to within last 3 dc before corner, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, 3

dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around entire outer edge, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 3 (Right side): With red wine yarn, rep Rnd 2.

Rep panel edging on rem 3 panels.

JOINING PANELS

With yarn needle and length of red wine yarn, holding wrong sides tog, matching sts and working in back lps only through both thicknesses, sew panels tog.

AFGHAN BORDER

Rnd 1 (Right side): Attach bright green yarn in bottom right-hand cor-

ner ch-3 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, *sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in each V-st across long edge to within 3 dc before corner ch-3 sp, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, working across short edge of afghan, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in each V-st to within 3 dc before panel joining, [sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in next ch sp, sk joining, V-st in next ch sp, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in each V-st to within 3 dc before panel joining] rep across to within 3 dc before corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 2 (Right side): Attach deep emerald green yarn in bottom right-hand corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, *sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, V-st in each V-st across edge to within 3 dc before corner ch-3 sp, sk 1 dc, V-st in next dc, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, sl st to join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Rnd 3 (Right side): With wine red yarn, rep Rnd 2. ∞