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Pattern of the Month



Your little dancer will reach for the stars when she snuggles under a vivid celestial afghan.



Ballet Star

Design by Maria Merlino

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

48 x 82 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
 - 6 skeins #778 light fuchsia
 - 2 skeins #312 black
- Sizes J/10/6mm and K/10½/6.5mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle
- 23 yarn bobbins
- 8 rubber bands or slider lock-type plastic sandwich bags



GAUGE

Size J hook: 5 edc = 2 inches;
3 edc rows = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Wind 19 bobbins with 15 yards each of black (*1 per star and 1 per outstretched leg and each arm*). For control, wrap a rubber band around each bobbin or use slider lock-type plastic sandwich bag to enclose bobbin. Wind an additional 3-yard black bobbin. Wind two 15-yard light fuchsia bobbins and one 28-yard light fuchsia bobbin.

Use 1 full skein of light fuchsia and the black yarn bobbins when working the star border. Carry light fuchsia across stars. Lightly tug yarn that is being worked over to hide color. Use 2 full skeins of light fuchsia, 1 on each side of the body and a skein of black for the body. Do not carry light fuchsia across body.

Odd-numbered rows are right side and are worked from right to left. Even-numbered rows are wrong side and are worked from left to right. Keep all unused strands of yarn on wrong side of Afghan.

SPECIAL STITCHES

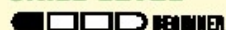
Extended double crochet (edc):
Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through first lp on hook, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 2, dc) in indicated st.

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Girl's Flip-Flop Sox

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

Instructions given fit child's small; changes for medium are in [].

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand Micro-spun light (DK) weight yarn (2½ oz/168 yds/70g per skein): 1 skein #158 buttercup
- Size 1/2.25mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker



GAUGE

5 sts = 1 inch; 6 rnds = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Do not join rounds unless otherwise stated. Use stitch marker to mark rounds.

FLIP-FLOP SOX

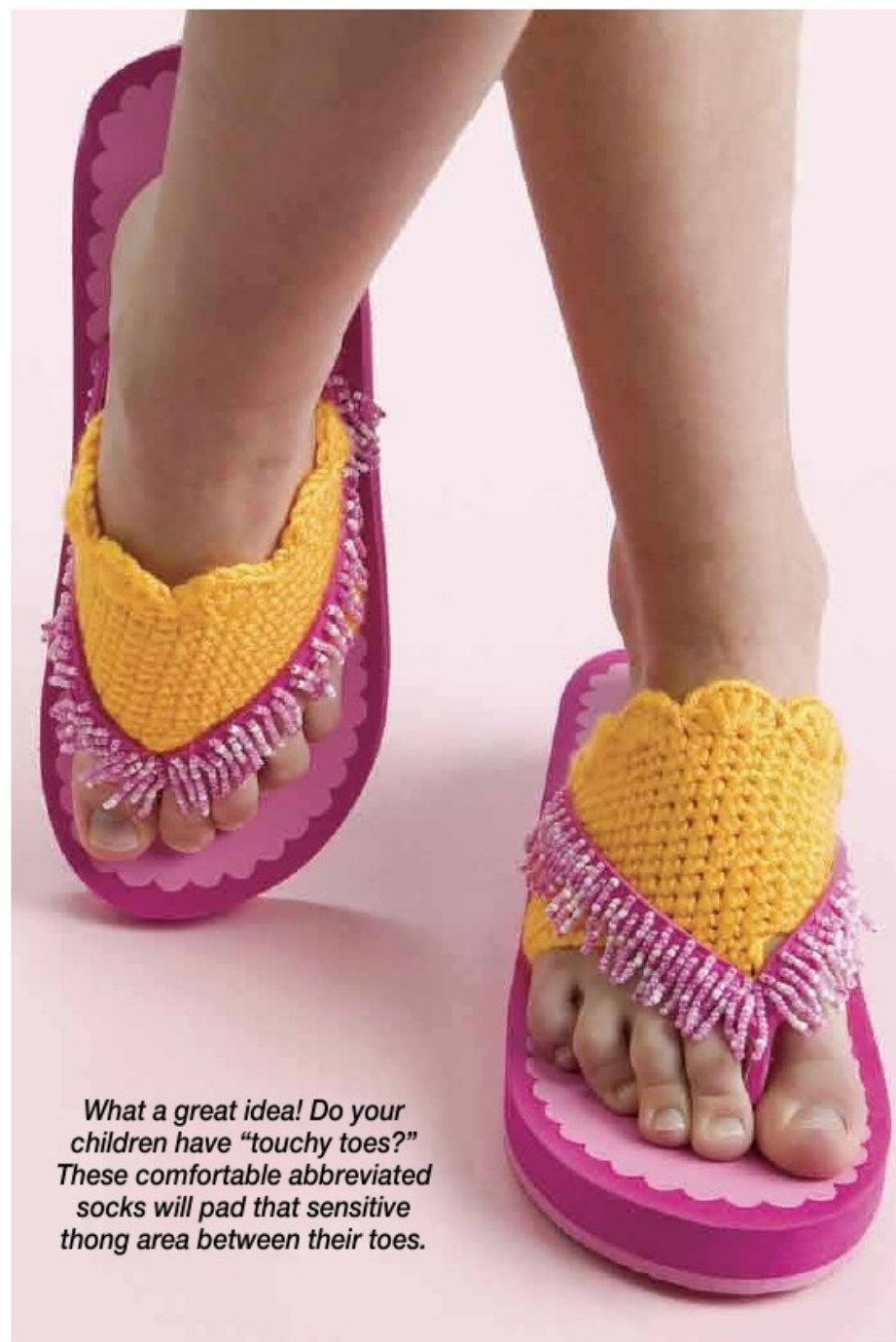
Make 2.

Row 1: Beg at toe section, ch 4 [5], sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (3 [4] sc)

Rows 2–10 [2–12]: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rnd 11 [13]: Now working in rnds, ch 1, sc in each of next 3 [4] sc, ch 9 [10], working on opposite side of foundation ch of row 1, sc in each of next 3 [4] chs, ch 15 [16], use st marker to keep track of rnds.

Rnd 12 [14]: Sc in first sc of previous rnd, sc in each of next 2 [3] sc, sc in each of next 8 [9] chs, sc in each of next 3 [4] sc, sc in each of



What a great idea! Do your children have "touchy toes?" These comfortable abbreviated socks will pad that sensitive thong area between their toes.

next 14 [15] chs, move st marker. (28 [32] sc)

Rnds 13–19 [15–21]: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 20 [22]: [Sl st in next sc, sk 1 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk 1 sc] 7 [8] times, ending with sl st in same st as beg sl st, fasten off. (7 [8] scallops) ☞

String Along With Me

Designs by
Agnes Russell

Double Your Fun

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

Edging: 1½ inches wide

Round doily: 12½ inches
in diameter

Runner: 12¼ x 28½ inches

MATERIALS

- Royale Classic size 10 crochet cotton (350 yds per ball): 2 balls #495 wood violet
- Size 6/1.80mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and violet thread
- ½ yd cotton print fabric
- Straight pins

GAUGE

Rnds 1–4 = 2½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

This edging can be attached to any size fabric. Occasionally press edging and measure on fabric until desired length minus that last scallop. Work the last scallop to join the beginning and the end. Or, if attaching to a straight edge, simply fasten off after length desired.

FABRIC PREPARATION

Cut an 11-inch circle and a 10¾ x 26¾-inch table runner with rounded ends from fabric. On each fabric piece, with WS facing, turn edge under ¼-inch and press with steam

iron, turn under another ¼-inch and press again. With sewing needle and thread, hem edge.

SPECIAL STITCH

Shell: (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in indicated st.

SCALLOPED TABLE RUNNER EDGING

Row 1: Ch 5, **shell** (see *Special Stitch*) in first ch of ch-5, turn.

Row 2: Ch 4, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 3: Rep row 2.

Row 4: Ch 8, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 5: Ch 4, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, do not turn, ch 2, dc in ch-8 sp, (ch 1, dc) 9 times in same ch-8 sp, sl st in next ch-4 sp, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp] 9 times, ch 2, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 7: Ch 4, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 8: Ch 8, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 9: Ch 4, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, do not turn, ch 2, dc in next ch-8 sp, (ch 1, dc) 9 times in same ch-8 sp, sl st in next ch-2 sp, turn.

Row 10: Ch 1, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp] 9 times, ch 2, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Rep rows 7–10 until a total of 39 scallops are completed.

Note: The following final (40th) scallop joins last shell to base of first shell. Make sure Edging is not twisted before joining.

Row 11: Ch 4, shell in ch-3 sp of shell, turn.

Row 12: Ch 8, (2 dc, ch 1, sl st in

opposite side of foundation ch of row 1, ch 1, 2 dc) in ch-3 sp of shell, sl st across top of sts of last shell, sl st into ch-8 sp, ch 4 (counts as first dc, ch 1), dc in same ch-8 sp, (ch 1, dc) 8 times in same ch-8 sp, sl st in next ch-2 sp, turn, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp] 9 times, sl st in next ch-2 sp, fasten off.

Inner Edging

Rnd 1: Attach crochet cotton in any ch-4 sp on opposite side of scallops, ch 1, (sc, ch 3) 4 times in same ch-4 sp, [(sc, ch 3) 4 times in next ch-4 sp] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Press Edging with iron, pin Edging to RS of prepared fabric table runner. With sewing needle and thread, sew Inner Edging to outer edge of fabric table runner.

SCALLOPED ROUND DOILY EDGING

Rows 1–10: Rep rows 1–10 of Scalloped Runner Edging.

Rep rows 7–10 until a total of 19 scallops are completed.

Note: The following final (20th) scallop joins last shell to base of first shell. Make sure Edging is not twisted before joining.

Rows 11 & 12: Rep rows 11 and 12 of Scalloped Runner Edging.

Inner Edging

Rnd 1: Rep rnd 1 of Scalloped Table Runner Inner Edging.

Press Edging with iron, pin Edging to RS of prepared fabric round doily. With sewing needle and thread, sew Inner Edging to outer edge of fabric round doily. ☞

*How versatile is this pattern?
Just look and see—it can be
made as a lovely, round doily or
a long, rectangular table runner.
You choose!*





Pretty Petals Felted Handbag

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

10½ x 16 inches

MATERIALS

- Patons Classic Merino Wool medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/223 yds/100g per skein):
 - 10½ oz #00201 winter white
 - 1 oz #00210 petal pink
- Sizes H/8/5mm and J/10/6mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and thread
- Dry large towels for shaping
- Large zippered lingerie bag
- Washing machine
- White pillowcase
- Laundry detergent
- Rubber band
- 4 stitch markers



GAUGE

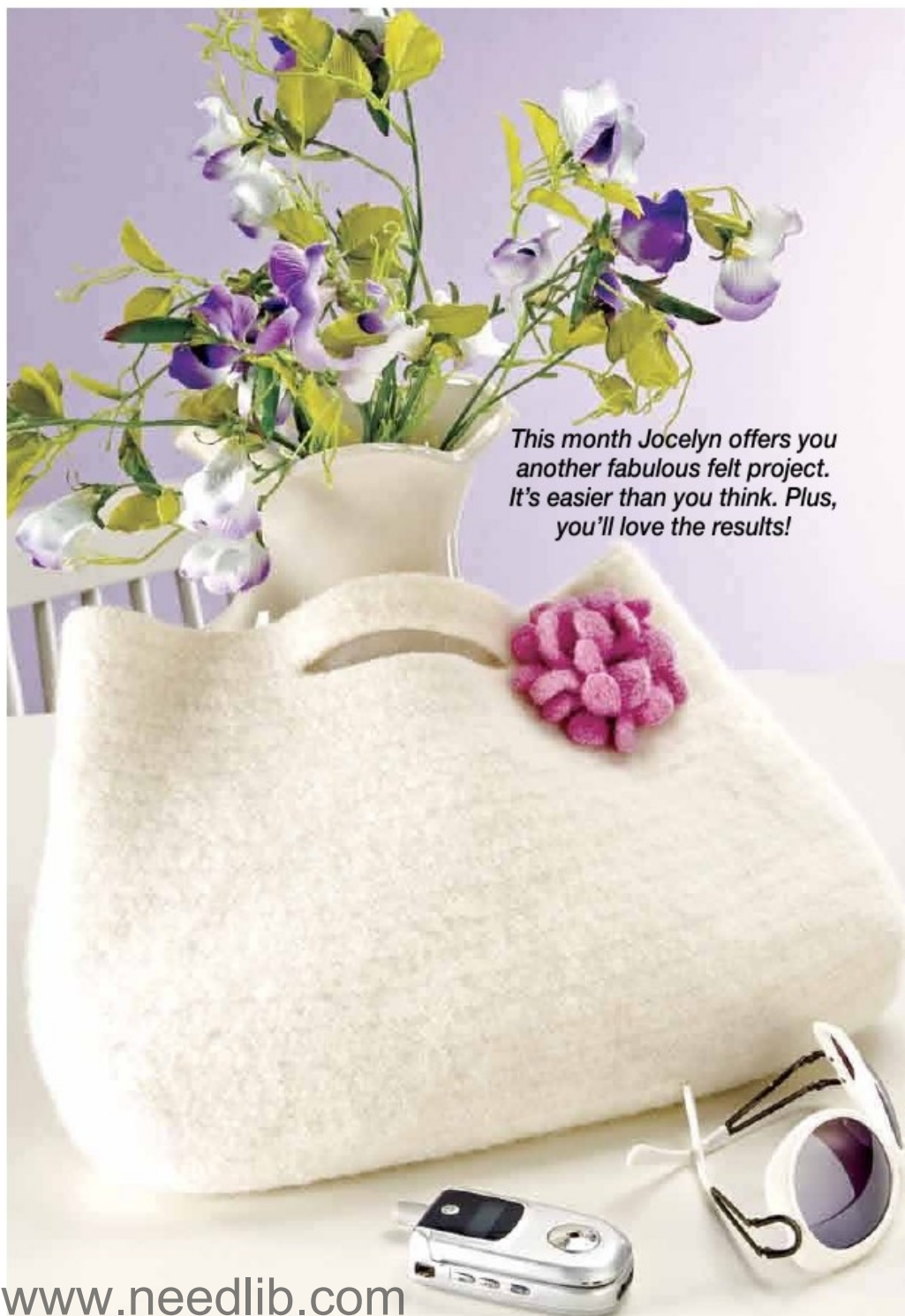
Size H hook: 7 hdc = 2 inches;
3 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

If you are a beginner to the art of felting, since all wool yarns shrink and act differently when felted, it is important that you crochet with the Patons yarn used in this project in order to obtain the same results. Since all stitchers crochet differently, crochet a gauge swatch first, then



This month Jocelyn offers you another fabulous felt project. It's easier than you think. Plus, you'll love the results!

felt it according to directions given in order to see if you will achieve the desired felted results.

FELTING SWATCH

Row 1: Ch 21, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (20 hdc)

Rows 2–18: Ch 1, hdc in each hdc across, turn. At the end of row 18, fasten off. Weave in loose ends. Felt according to directions.

HANDBAG

Bottom

Row 1: Starting at bottom, with size H hook and winter white, ch 81, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (80 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 1, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rows 3–14: Rep row 2. At the end of row 14, do not turn.

Sides

Rnd 15: Now working in rnds, ch 1, 14 sc across ends of rows, work 3 sc in corner (*place st marker in center sc of 3-sc group*), work 78 sc across opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in next corner st (*place st marker in center sc of 3-sc group*), work 14 sc across ends of rows, 3 sc in corner st (*place st marker in center sc of 3-sc group*), work 78 sc across top of row 14, 3 sc in last corner (*place st marker in center sc of 3-sc group*), join in beg sc, do not turn. (196 sc)

Rnd 16: Ch 2 (*counts as first hdc*), hdc in each sc around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2, turn. (196 hdc)

Rnd 17: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Rnds 18–27: Rep rnd 17.

Rnd 28: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 11 hdc, **hdc dec** (*see Stitch Guide*) in next 2 hdc, [hdc in each of next 12 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 sts] around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (182 hdc)

Rnds 29–31: Rep rnd 17.

Rnd 32: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 10 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc, [hdc in each of next 11 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc] around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (168 hdc)

Rnds 33–35: Rep rnd 17.

Rnd 36: Ch 2, hdc in next 9 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc, [hdc in each of next 10 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc] around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (154 hdc)

Rnds 37–41: Rep rnd 17.

Rnd 42: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 8 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc, [hdc in each of next 9 hdc, hdc dec in next 2 hdc] around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (140 hdc)

Rnds 43–47: Rep rnd 17.

Divide for Handle Openings

Notes: To ensure that placement of handle openings are in the proper position, divide the sts of rnd 47 evenly into separate sections of the purse. It is essential that both handle openings be exactly opposite one another and centered on the front and back of the purse. After rnd 48 has been worked, if the handle openings are not exactly opposite one another

and centered on the front and back, rework rnd 48 and adjust the st counts of each section that were made of the sts on rnd 47.

Rnd 47 will be divided into 2 sides of 19 sts each, and 1 front and 1 back of 51 sts each. The markers will assist in making sure that the sides of the purse are in the correct position.

Rnd 48 (RS): Ch 2, hdc in next 18 hdc (*first side*), hdc in next 13 hdc, ch 25, sk next 25 hdc for first handle opening, hdc in next 13 hdc, hdc in next 19 hdc (*2nd side*), hdc in next 13 hdc, ch 25, sk next 25 hdc for 2nd handle opening, hdc in next 13 hdc, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Rnd 49: Ch 2, hdc in next 12 hdc, hdc in each of next 25 chs, hdc in each of next 45 hdc, hdc in each of next 25 chs, hdc in each of next 32 hdc, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (140 hdc)

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A purchased plain T-shirt can be transformed into a great outfit with the addition of a crocheted skirt and tiny buttons sewn onto the neck and sleeves. Cool!

T-Shirt Skirt

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

Instructions given fit youth size 6–8

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENT

Skirt length: 8½ inches

MATERIALS

- Aunt Lydia's Double Strand size 3 cotton (300 yds per ball):
 - 1 ball #443 victory red/mexicana
- Size D/3/3.25mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size 7/1.65mm steel crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and red thread
- Purchased red T-shirt
- 7mm yellow, green and blue buttons: 20
- 15 inches ¼-inch-wide ribbon
- Straight pins

GAUGE

Size D hook: 5 rnds = 2 inches;
[shell, dc] twice = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

For larger sizes purchase 2 or 3 balls of cotton and larger-size T-shirt.

Size 7 steel crochet hook is used for rnd 1 only of skirt.

SPECIAL STITCH

Shell: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated st.

SKIRT

Rnd 1 (RS): Working around bottom of T-shirt with size 7 steel hook, insert hook in bottom side edge, draw up a lp of cotton, ch 1, sc in same sp, using care not to break threads, work a total of 200 sc evenly sp around (*for all sizes work multiples of 4 sc sts*), join in beg sc. (200 sc)

Rnd 2 (RS): Change to size D hook, ch 3 (*counts as first dc*), sk next sc, **shell** (*see Special Stitch*) in next sc, sk next sc, [dc in next sc, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (50 shells, 50 dc)

Rnd 3 (RS): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, [dc in single dc between shells, shell in next ch-1 sp of shell] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnds 4–20: Rep rnd 3.

Rnd 21: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-1 sp of shell, [dc in single dc between shells, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp of shell] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnds 22 & 23: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp of shell, [dc in next dc between shells, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp of next shell] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. At the end of rnd 23, fasten off.

Belt Loop

Make 5.

Leaving a 6-inch length at beg, ch 8, leaving a 6-inch length, fasten off.

Belt Lps are attached 3½ inches up from bottom edge of T-shirt, evenly spaced around. Cut ribbon into 5 equal pieces. These ribbons will be attached on WS to secure the Belt Lps on RS. Pin a Belt Lp to RS of T-shirt and thread rem ends onto tapestry needle and pass through T-shirt, rep with opposite end and pass through T-shirt. On WS, fold a length of ribbon and position over Belt Lp ends, sew Belt Lp ends to each end of ribbon, knot ends and fasten off.

Belt

With size D hook, ch 150, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across, fasten off.

Beg at front, pass Belt through Belt Lps, tie ends in a bow at front.

Buttons

Sew 8 buttons evenly spaced around neckline ribbing. Sew 6 buttons evenly spaced around lower edge of each sleeve. ☞

HINT!

MEASUREMENT REFERENCE

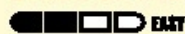
Write down your measurements in a journal or notebook for future reference. Doing this will make it a snap in the future when crocheting more patterns, and you need to know your measurements.

Anna Victoria Reich
Albuquerque, N. M.

King of the Jungle

Designs by Debbie Tabor for Coats & Clark

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

17 inches tall

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Kids medium (worsted) weight yarn (5 oz/290 yds/141g per skein):
2 skeins #2230 yellow (A)
1 skein #2963 happy multi (B)
2 yds #2652 lime (E)
- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/160 yds/85g per skein):
1 skein each #311 white (C) and #312 black (D)
- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/190 yds/99g per skein):
2 yds #513 parakeet (H)
- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein):
1 skein #2254 persimmon (F)
- Moda Dea Espree bulky (chunky) weight yarn (1¼ oz/90 yds/50g per ball):
1 ball #2117 sands (G)
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

GAUGE

13 sts = 3 inches; 13 rnds = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Do not join rounds unless

otherwise stated. Use stitch marker to mark rounds.

Materials listed will make both lions.

Color letters in instructions are given for yellow lion; changes for persimmon lion are in []. When a color letter stands alone it applies to both lions.

HEAD & BODY

Rnd 1: With A [F], ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, 8 sc in ring, place st marker. (8 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] around. (24 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 6: Rep rnd 3. (36 sc)

Rnd 7: Rep rnd 3. (54 sc)

Rnds 8–17: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 18: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc] around. (36 sc)

Rnds 19 & 20: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 21: Rep rnd 18. (24 sc)

Rnds 22 & 23: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 24: Rep rnd 18. (16 sc)

Stuff Head with fiberfill.

Rnds 25–28: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 29: Rep rnd 3. (24 sc)

Rnds 30 & 31: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 32: Rep rnd 3. (36 sc)

Rnds 33–42: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 43: Rep rnd 3. (54 sc)

Rnds 44–49: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 50: Rep rnd 18. (36 sc)

Rnds 51 & 52: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 53: Rep rnd 18. (24 sc)

Rnds 54 & 55: Rep rnd 4. Stuff Body with fiberfill.

Rnd 56: Rep rnd 18. (16 sc)

Rnd 57: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 58: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times. (12 sc)

Rnd 59: Rep rnd 18. (8 sc)

Rnd 60: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc] 4 times. (4 sc)

Rnd 61: Sl st in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc, fasten off.

Tack bottom of Head to the front of

throat and shape Body for larger tummy.

HAND & ARM

Make 2.

Rnd 1: With A [F], ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 8 chs, on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each of next 9 chs. (18 sc)

Rnd 2: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 3: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (24 sc)

Rnds 4 & 5: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 6: Rep rnd 3. (32 sc)

Rnds 7–11: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 12: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, sk next sc] 8 times. (24 sc)

Rnd 13: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 14: Rep rnd 12. (18 sc)

Keeping Hand flat, fill loosely with fiberfill.

Rnds 15–37: Rep rnd 2. Fill wrist and Arm loosely with fiberfill.

Rnds 38 & 39: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc] around. (8 sc)

Rnd 40: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc] 4 times, sl st in next st, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

Tack back of Hand to front of Arm. For fingers, with a length of D, st through rnds 1–4 of Hand, tighten and secure, fasten off. Leaving 4 sts between, make another finger in same manner.

FOOT & LEG

Make 2.

Rnd 1: With A [F], ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, 8 sc in ring. (8 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sc)

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2. (32 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 16 times. (48 sc)

Rnds 6–12: Rep rnd 4.

Rnd 13: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 16 times. (32 sc)

Rnd 14: Rep rnd 4. Stuff Foot with fiberfill.

Rnd 15: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, sk



Our delightful king of the jungle can have two looks by simply changing the colors and types of yarns used. This floppy toy will become a child's favorite!

next sc, sc in next sc] 8 times. (24 sc)

Rnds 16–33: Rep rnd 4. Stuff Leg with fiberfill.

Row 34: Now working in rows, ch 1, fold rnd 33 flat across and working through both thicknesses work 12 sc across, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

For toes, with a length of D, st through rnds 2–10, draw slightly to

indent, secure, fasten off. Leaving 7 sts between, make another toe in same manner.

TAIL

Rnd 1: With A [F], ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 5 chs, on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 6 chs. (12 sc)

Rnds 2–23: Sc in each sc around.

Stuff Tail with fiberfill.

Rnd 24: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, sk next sc] 4 times. (8 sc)

Rnd 25: [Sc in next sc, sk next sc] 4 times. (4 sc)

Rnd 26: Sl st in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc, draw up a lp of B [G], fasten off A [F].

Rnd 27: [Ch 10, sc around bar of

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Crochet Questions

By Dawn Thompson

It's like a patchwork quilt this time, something for everyone. Take a peek and see if something our readers have questioned might help you with your own special projects.

Confusing Graph Colors

Q I'm new at crochet, and I'm trying to crochet the shape of my state using worsted weight yarn from a graph that calls for two colors. I don't understand the graph. It's too advanced in two colors. Can you tell me how I can do this with one color of yarn, and how I would attach the finished shape to a crocheted background?

A I presume attaching the colors is confusing you, so why not disregard those directions and just work in pattern with one color throughout? Read through the pattern and graph, and cross out the color-change directions. Then work in pattern in one color.

When you've finished, you can appliqué your motif to the crocheted background with blind stitches. Then, on the wrong side, make a few rows of running stitches through the back of the motif and background to keep your appliqué from losing its shape with wear. Don't let these "stay" stitches come through on the right side. They just need to catch it through the back of your appliqué piece. Good luck!

What Is "sdc"?

Q I have a pattern that calls for sdc. What is that, please?

A The abbreviation "sdc" stands for "short double crochet." To work it, yarn over, insert in next stitch, draw up a loop, work off all loops at once.

Brackets & fpdc

Q I'm trying to figure out a very confusing pattern that uses

brackets. They are confusing me. Here's what it says: "2 dc in same st, dc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, [dc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next fpdc] 7 times." Can you explain this to me? How many times do I repeat, and what is fpdc?

A Many times patterns will include brackets. You are probably used to using the * for repeats, but some patterns need both. "Fpdc" stands for "front post double crochet." You would work your next double crochet around the front vertical post instead of through the top. It gives a lovely raised texture that is seen often in Irish fisherman sweaters and ribbings.

Here's what you need to do to work this row: First, work everything up to the bracket. Then work everything **between** the brackets the number of times specified in the directions. In this case that would be 7 times. So, you would [double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, front post double crochet around next stitch] 7 times along your row, and then continue according to your pattern. Directions that include brackets are not single repeats. They call for repeating whatever is between the brackets a specified number of times before going on to the next step. Hope this helps.

Bead Crochet Help

Q I saw some lovely beaded crocheted items at our church bazaar, and I would love to try my hand, but I need to know how to do this. Can you help?

A You need to string your beads or sequins on the yarn before you begin. You can either gauge how many you will need for the entire project, or work a row or two, then fasten off at the edge, leaving a piece to secure in later, and string more beads on a new

piece of yarn to continue.

Here's how you do it: Insert your hook in the **back** loop of the stitch, yo, pull up the loop (2 loops on hook). Slide a bead or sequin up close to the 2 loops on hook, yarn over from the far side of the bead/sequin, pull yarn through both loops on hook, securing it. Beads will appear on the wrong side of the work, which will become the right side of your piece. You may also sew your beads in place with like yarn after your piece is finished. Enjoy.

Amigurumi

Q I love to crochet dolls and animals for my grandchildren, and a friend suggested I try "Amigurumi" crocheted dolls and animals. Can you tell me something about these?

A These delightful dolls and creatures called *Amigurumi* are Japanese in origin. They feature the large, expressive eyes common to Anime, or Japanese cartoons. The cutest of these are the pocket kind, small enough for tiny hands to hold and play with. They are quick and easy to work from scrap and leftover yarn. Check at your local craft or needlework store for pattern books. These adorable creatures are fast becoming the rage with young and old alike. Enjoy!

Dollhouse Miniatures

Q I am outfitting a dollhouse, and I want to crochet some tiny accessories. What size thread should I use?

A That will depend upon the item you're crocheting. You will need size 20 cotton, or thinner—even sewing thread is good for some items. You will need to experiment with hook size. The smallest steel hooks are recommended. Your project will determine this. I have

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outfitted two dollhouses, making curtains, pillows, rugs, doilies, comforters, afghans and all sorts of accessories with different-weight threads and hooks.

You will need a good magnifier, or magnifying glasses, and a very strong light to work in miniature, but some very lovely pieces can be produced. Most standard dollhouses are made to 1/12th scale. Working as I have described here will keep you within those requirements. Good luck!

Finger Crochet Technique

Q I've heard about the technique of finger crochet. How do I begin to do this? I'm thinking of using worsted weight yarn.

A This method is as old as crochet itself. Tie the yarn to your finger. Think of it as your starting slip knot in regular crochet. Bring the free end of the yarn in front of the tied-on loop. Draw the back loop over the top of the closest one to your fingertip. The second loop will remain on your finger. Your finger literally becomes your crochet hook. Repeat across. Give it a try. Enjoy!

Bullion Stitch

Q How do you make bullion stitch?

A Bullion stitch is also called roll stitch. Wind your thread around the hook 10 or 12 times, or whatever your pattern calls for. The length of your stitch will be determined by the number of times you wrap your thread around the hook. Be sure to keep your wraps uniform. Insert your hook in a stitch, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through all lps on hook (*you may have to guide them off with your fingers*), yo, draw through last lp on hook. It's a unique stitch!

Keep those questions and Brite Ideas coming! Send them to: Dawn Thompson, 311 West Main St., Apt. 20, Patchogue, NY 11772. Remember to send a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) if you want a personal reply. Questions without SASEs will be answered in my column as space permits. Keep in mind, though, that since we work several months in advance, it might be quite a while before you could see your letter in print.

BRITE IDEA

Anything that will make our crocheting experience more convenient is always a plus, and lone LaParta of Grand Rapids, Mich., has a Brite Idea to share in that regard. Lone purchases page protectors with ring binder holes from her office-supply store. She inserts her pattern into the protector then uses a water-soluble marker to cross out the rows as she works them. Later, these marks can be wiped clean, and the page can be stored neatly in a ring binder for future use. Thank you, lone, for sharing your Brite Idea with us!



Bright ideas are selected on the basis of originality and mass appeal.

That's all this time, but the mailbag is bulging, so you can expect some surprises next time that you won't want to miss. Until, then, here's hoping that all of your questions are answered ...

Dawn

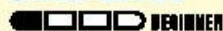
The pairing of yummy, soft fleece fabric squares with 4-ply yarn, makes a great combination for a unique afghan.



Fleece Afghan

Design by Agnes Russell

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

49½ x 66 inches

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
3 skeins #334 buff
1 skein #319 cherry red
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle
- Size 6 knitting needle
- Vanishing fabric marker
- 1 yd fleece
- Scissors
- Ruler



GAUGE

12 dc = 3 inches

8 dots evenly sp across 10-inch edge, 34 dots total around block. Mark each block as you crochet, since the fabric marker disappears.

FLEECE BLOCK

Make 30.

Rnd 1: Gently insert size 6 knitting needle into fabric at any corner dot and remove needle. With size G hook, attach buff yarn, ch 3 (*counts as first dc*), (3 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in same corner sp, *gently insert size 6 knitting needle into fabric at next dot, remove needle and work 4 dc in hole created, rep from * around working (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in each rem corner dot, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Joining

Place Blocks on flat surface in 6 rows vertically and 5 blocks horizontally.

Holding RS tog, matching sts and working through both thicknesses, attach buff and sl st across edge, continue to pick up sets of Blocks and sl st across until 2 sets of 6 Blocks are joined vertically. Continue to join next 6 Blocks to previous 6. Once all are joined vertically, fold first row of Blocks on top of 2nd row (*RS tog*) and working through both thicknesses, with buff, sl st across entire edge, fasten off. Continue to sl st horizontal rows tog until all rows are joined.

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PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Insert the knitting needle into fleece fabric at marked dot (*see Fleece Preparation*). Gently make a hole for the crochet hook. This prevents threads of the fleece from breaking when the hook is inserted into the fleece.

FLEECE PREPARATION

Measure and cut fleece into 30 blocks 9 x 10 inches.

Using ruler as a guide, make a dot with fabric marker in each corner of fleece block, ¼-inch from edge of block. Mark another 7 dots evenly sp across 9-inch edge and another

Pillowcase Art

Designs by Louise Puchaty

SKILL LEVEL

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ BEGINNER

FINISHED SIZE

Trim #1: 18 inches wide

Trim #2: 4 inches wide

MATERIALS

- DMC Cebelia size 10 crochet cotton (284 yds/50g per ball):
156 yds ecru (A)
43 yds #818 baby pink (B)
- DMC Cebelia size 20 crochet cotton (415 yds/50g per ball):
120 yds ecru (C)
- Sizes 7/1.65mm and 10/1.15mm steel crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge
- Sewing needle
- 2 standard-size pillowcases
- Pink satin fabric:
5 x 21 inches
- Ecru sewing thread
- Straight pins

GAUGE

Size 7 hook: 4 rows = 1 inch

Size 10 hook: 14 dc = 1 inch;
6 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Read graph odd-numbered rows from right to left and even-numbered rows from left to right.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Shell: (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp.

Picot: Ch 4, sl st in top of last st.

TRIM #1

Ecru Lace

Row 1: With size 7 hook and A,



Even Van Gogh would appreciate the artistry of these two graceful and decorative pillowcase edgings.

ch 17, dc in 6th ch from hook, 2 dc in same ch, ch 3, 3 dc in next ch, ch 5, sk next 8 chs, 3 dc in next ch, ch 3, 3 dc in last ch, turn. (2 shells)

Row 2: Ch 5, **shell** (see *Special Stitches*) in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, shell in next ch-3 sp, turn.

Row 3: Ch 5, shell in ch-3 sp of next shell, ch 3, working over ch-5 sp directly below and sc into 3rd ch of ch-5 sp of next row below (2 rows below), ch 3, shell in next ch-3 sp, turn.

Rows 4 & 5: Rep row 2.

Row 6: Rep row 3.

Rows 7–136: Rep rows 4–6 or as needed to encompass pillowcase.

Ribbon

Row 1: With size 7 hook and B, ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each of next 2 chs, turn. (4 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in each dc across, turn.

Rep row 2 until Ribbon is long enough to weave through center sps of Ecru Lace, [over next group of 3 ch sps, under next group of 3 ch sps] around. Leaving a length of cotton, fasten off. Sew last row to first row.

Pink Edging

Rnd 1: Attach B with sl st

between any 2 rows of dc on Ecru Lace, *ch 2, 3 sc in next ch-5 sp, **picot** (see *Special Stitches*) in same ch-5 sp, 3 sc in same ch-5 sp, ch 2, sl st between next 2 rows of dc, rep from * around, join with sl st in beg sl st, fasten off.

Finishing

Pin Trim to pillowcase, and working in ch-5 sps on opposite edge of Pink Edging, use sewing needle and ecru sewing thread to sew edge of Trim to pillowcase.

TRIM #2

Filet Strip

Row 1: With size 10 hook and C, ch 60, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, turn. (58 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in each of next 3 dc (block), ch 2, sk next 2 dc (sp), dc in each of next 7 dc (2 blocks), ch 2, sk next 2 dc (sp), [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc] 10 times (10 sps), dc in each of next 7 dc (2 blocks), ch 2, sk next 2 dc (sp), dc in each of next 4 dc (block), turn. (6 blocks, 11 sps)

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A plain, straw wreath gets a make-over with the addition of crocheted flowers, pretty ribbon and glittery embellishments. Great mixed media idea!

Flower Wreath

Design by Sue Childress

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

14 inches

MATERIALS

- Sirdar Silky Look light (DK) weight yarn (1¼ oz/148 yds/50g per skein):
1 skeins each #960 cool pink, #914 lilac, #920 Neptune #924 yellow
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook



or size needed to obtain gauge

- Tapestry needle
- Heavy tacky glue
- Trendsetter Yarns Chips: 1 package each #Z25 pink, #OZ87 denim, #MMI44 purple and #M65 olive
- 2½-inch-wide wire-edge sheer pink ribbon: 2½ yds
- 18-gauge wire: 12 inches
- 14-inch straw wreath

GAUGE

4 sts = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Front post single crochet (fpssc): Insert hook front to back to front again around vertical post of indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook.

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Pretty Pink Booties

Design by Lori Zeller

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZES

Instructions given fit infant's small; changes for large are in [].

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

Sole: 3½ [4] inches

MATERIALS

- Size 10 crochet cotton (350 yds per ball):
150 yds pink
- Size 20 crochet cotton (400 yds per ball):
50 yds white
- Size 6/1.80mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 14-count white Aida cloth
- DMC embroidery floss:
#3716 very light dusty rose
#3733 dusty rose
#3836 light grape
- Double-sided fusible interfacing
- ⅝ -inch-wide white satin ribbon: 20 inches

GAUGE

9 dc = 1 inch; 2 dc rnds = ½ inch
Take time to check gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

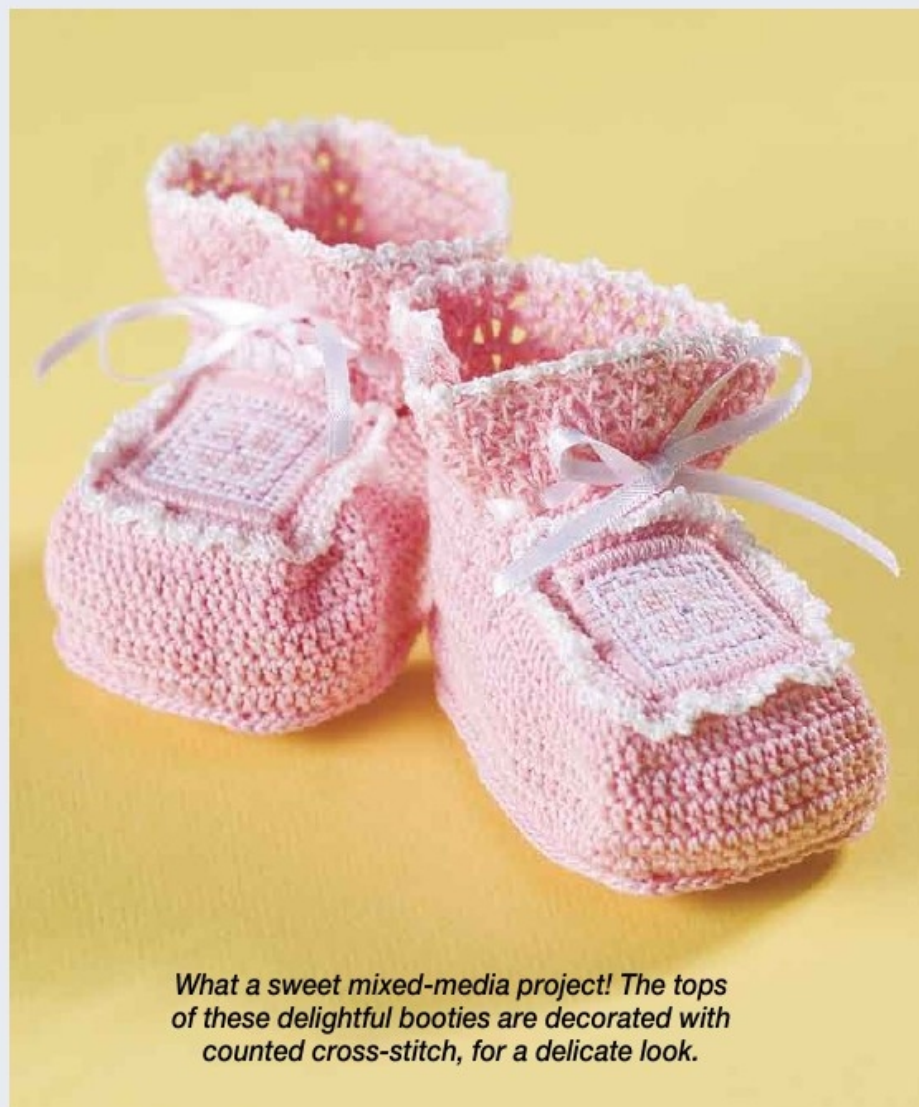
V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

BOOTIE

Make 2.

Sole

Row 1: With pink, ch 7 [8], sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch



What a sweet mixed-media project! The tops of these delightful booties are decorated with counted cross-stitch, for a delicate look.

across, turn. (6 [7] sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (8 [9] sc)

Row 3: Rep row 2. (10 [11] sc)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 5: Rep row 2. (12 [13] sc)

Row 6: Rep row 2. (14 [15] sc)

Rows 7–14 [7–18]: Rep row 4.

Row 15 [19]: Rep row 2. (16 [17] sc)

Row 16 [20]: Rep row 4.

Row 17 [21]: Rep row 2. (18 [19] sc)

Rows 18–30 [22–36]: Rep row 4.

Row 31 [37]: Ch 1, **sc dec** (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sc, sc in each

sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc, turn. (16 [17] sc)

Rows 32 & 33 [38 & 39]: Rep row 31 [37]. (12 [13] sc)

For Size Small Only

Row 34: Working around outer edge, ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, work 32 sc in ends of rows down side, working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 2 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 32 sc in ends of rows up opposite edge, join in beg sc, fasten off.

For Size Large Only

Rnd 40: Working around outer edge, ch 1, sc in first sc, [sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times, work 39 sc in ends of rows evenly sp down side edge, working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across, work 39 sc in ends of rows evenly sp across side edge, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Upper

Embroider design onto Aida cloth. Leaving 3 squares around outer edge of embroidery design, cut out square. Cut a piece of fusible interfacing the same size as square.

Rnd 1: Working over 2 squares of Aida cloth, attach dusty rose with a sc in 2nd square from edge [sc between next 2 squares] 13 [15] times, ch 2, *working along next side, work a sc in 2nd square from edge (*base of this sc will be in the same sp as last sc made*), [sc between next 2 squares] 13 [15] times, ch 2, rep from * twice, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, [sc in each sc across edge, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner ch-2 sp] around, join in beg sc.

With iron, press fusible interfacing to WS of embroidered square.

For Size Small Only

Rnd 3: Working in **back lp** (*see Stitch Guide*) of each st, ch 1, [sc in each sc to next ch-2 sp, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp] 3 times, [ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hook] 13 times (*forming ankle*), 2 sc in 4th corner ch-2 sp, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each of next 51 sc, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, [2 dc in next ch-4 sp, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp] 6 times, dc in each of last 2 sc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (87 dc)

For Size Large Only

Rnd 3: Working in **back lps** (*see Stitch Guide*) of each st, [sc in each st to next ch-2 sp, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp] 4 times, sc in last sc, join in beg sc, turn.

Row 4: Now working in rows, sl st in first 3 sc, ch 1, sc in same sc as last sl st, sc in each of next 19 sc, turn. (20 sc)

Row 5: Ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, sc in each sc across, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (18 sc)

Rnd 6: Now working in rnds, ch 1, sc in ends of row 5 and 4, sc in next 60 sc, sc in ends of rows 4 and 6, [ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hook] 15 times, sc in last sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in next 63 sc, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, [2 dc in next ch-4 sp, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp] 7 times, dc in last 2 sc, join in top of beg ch-3. (102 dc)

For Both Sizes

Rnds 5–8 [8–11]: Ch 3, dc in each dc around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 9 [12]: Lining up sts of Sole on bottom of Upper and working through both thicknesses, sc in each st around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Cuff

Small Size Only

Rnd 1: Attach pink around side of center back dc at top of Upper, work another dc in same sp, [2 dc around side of next dc, 3 dc around side of next dc] 3 times, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sc, **dc dec** (*see Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sc, dc in next 7 sc, dc in next ch-2 sp, [3 dc around side of next dc, 2 dc around side of next dc] 3 times, dc in same sp as beg ch-3, join in top of beg ch-3.

Large Size Only

Rnd 1: Attach pink around side of center back dc at top of Upper, work another dc in same sp, [3 dc around side of next dc, 2 dc around side of next dc] 3 times, 3 dc around side of next dc, dc in next 18 sc, [3 dc around side of next dc, 2 dc around side of next dc] 3 times, 3 dc around side of next dc, join in top of beg ch-3.

For Both Sizes

Rnd 2: Ch 4 (*counts as first dc, ch 1*), sk next dc, [dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

Rnds 3–5 [3–6]: Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4, dc in same ch-1 sp, **[V-st** (*see Special Stitch*) in next ch-1 sp] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. At

the end of last rep, fasten off.

Cuff Trim

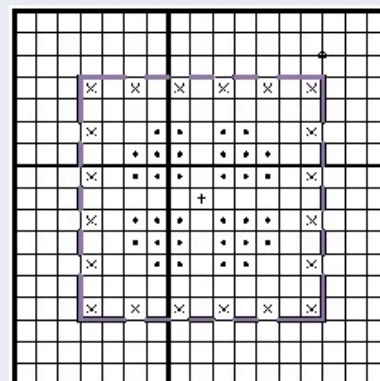
Rnd 1: Attach white in any ch-1 sp of V-st, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same ch-1 sp, ch 2, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 2] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Toe Trim

Rnd 1: Working in rem free lps of rnd 2 of Upper, attach white in any st, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same st, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each st around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Ribbon

Cut ribbon in half. Starting at center front, weave ribbon through ch-1 sps of rnd 2 of Cuff. Tie ends in a bow at center front. ☞



Embroidery Diagram

COLOR & STITCH KEY

- ☐ Very light dusty rose cross-stitch
- ☒ Dusty rose cross-stitch
- ☒ Light grape cross-stitch
- ☒ Light grape backstitch
- ☐ Attach crochet cotton here

HINT!

A FAVORITE PATTERN

Here's a helpful tip for those who use the same pattern over and over. Cover your pattern with transparent stick-on paper. Use a dry marker to mark your place. Dry markers wipe off very easily and you can reuse the page repeatedly.

Gloria Hankins
via e-mail

Pink Twinkle Camisole

Design by Katherine Eng

SKILL LEVEL



INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZES

Instructions fit woman's small;
changes for medium and
large are in [].

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 30–32 [34–36, 38–40]
inches

MATERIALS

- N.Y. Yarns Twinkle
medium (worsted)
weight yarn (1¾ oz/92
yds/50g per skein):
4 skeins #50 pastels
- Size I/9/5.50mm crochet
hook or size needed to
obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 15mm pink shank buttons: 7
- Stitch markers



GAUGE

Completed motif = 3 inches
square
Take time to check gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work
progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch
unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

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

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Motif

Make 10 [11, 12].

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 4, sl st in first ch
to form a ring, ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 3]
7 times, sc in ring, hdc in beg sc to
form last ch sp, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same sp as
beg ch-1, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp]
7 times, hdc in beg sc to form last ch
sp, turn.

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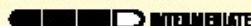
*Glittery yarn does
indeed lend soft
twinkles to this
fun and summery
camisole, perfect
for the younger set.*



Beaded Shell Collar

Design by Pat Goodwin

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

One size fits most

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

Neck opening: 5 inches

Collar width: 2¼ inches

MATERIALS

- South Maid size 10 crochet cotton (400 yds per ball):
1 ball #1 white
- Size 6/1.80mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Beading needle
- Sewing needle
- 5mm pearl beads: 50
- ⅝-inch white shank button

GAUGE

Rnds 1 and 2 = ½ inch



PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Before beginning, thread 50 beads onto crochet cotton, and push beads along cotton until needed.

SPECIAL STITCHES

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

Double V-stitch (double V-st): (Dc, ch 1) twice and dc in indicated st.

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in indicated st.

Double shell: (2 sc, ch 2) twice and 2 dc in indicated st.

Bead chain (bead ch): Push 1 bead up next to hook. To lock, ch 1 over bead.

COLLAR

Row 1: Leaving a 6-inch length at beg, ch 160, sc in 10th ch from hook (buttonhole), ch 4 (counts as first dc,

ch 1), dc in same ch as sc, [ch 1, sk next 2 chs, **V-st** (see *Special Stitches*) in next ch] across, turn. (51 V-sts)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, [**double V-st** (see *Special Stitches*) in next ch-1 sp of next V-st, V-st in next ch-1 sp of next V-st] across, ending with dc in last dc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, [ch 1, sk next 2 dc and next ch-1 sp, double V-st in center dc of next double V-st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp and next 2 dc, V-st in next ch-1 sp of V-st] across, ending with dc in last dc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, [**shell** (see *Special Stitches*) in center dc of next double V-st, V-st in next ch-1 sp of next V-st] across, ending with dc in last dc, turn.

Row 5: Ch 3, V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, [ch 1, shell in next shell, ch 1,

V-st in ch-1 sp of next V-st] across, ending with dc in last dc, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, V-st in next ch-1 sp of V-st, [**double shell** (see *Special Stitches*) in ch-2 sp of shell, V-st in next ch-1 sp of next V-st] across, turn.

Row 7: Ch 3, V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, ch 1, *[shell in ch-2 sp of shell, ch 1] twice**, sc in next ch-1 sp of next V-st, rep from * across ending last rep at **, V-st in last ch-1 sp of last V-st, turn.

Row 8: Ch 3, V-st in ch-1 sp of V-st, ch 2, *sc in next ch-2 sp of shell, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 4, rep from * 23 times, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, V-st in next ch-1 sp of V-st, dc in last dc, turn.

Row 9: Ch 3, V-st in next ch-1 sp

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Old-fashioned crocheted collars have made a comeback in trendy boutiques. Here's one that you can make for pennies, using size 10 bedspread cotton. You'll avoid those high boutique price tags!

Scrubbing Wonders

Designs by Lori Bargman

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

Dishcloth: 9½ inches square

Scrubber: 3½ inches in diameter

MATERIALS

- Peaches & Crème medium (worsted) weight cotton yarn (2 oz/98 yds/56g per ball):
1 ball #151 fairy tales
- J.&P. Coats Crochet Nylon medium (worsted) weight yarn (150 yds per tube):
2 tubes #1 white
- Sizes H/8/5mm and K/10½/6.5mm crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle



GAUGE

Size H hook: [Dc, ch 1] 4 times = 2 inches; 4 rows = 2¼ inches

Size K hook: Sc, dc and sc rows = 2 inches; 7 dc = 2 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

3-double crochet cluster (3-dc cl): [Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo, draw through all 4 lps on hook.

DISHCLOTH

Scrubbing Side

Row 1: With size H hook and white, ch 36, dc in 6th ch from hook, [ch 1, sk 1 ch, dc in next ch] 15 times, turn. (17 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as first dc,



Nylon and heavy cotton threads combine to create a tough and resilient dishcloth and pot scrubber. Great bazaar items!

ch 1), dc in next dc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc] 15 times, turn.

Rows 3–16: Rep row 2. At the end of row 16, fasten off.

Washing Side

Row 1: With size K hook and fairy tales, ch 32, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, turn. (30 dc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each dc across, turn. (30 sc)

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 4–21: Rep rows 2 and 3. At the end of row 21, do not fasten off, turn.

Joining

Rnd 1: With size K hook, place Scrubbing Side on top of Washing Side and working through both thicknesses, ch 1, [work 2 sc in corner, sc evenly sp in each st across edge to next corner] 4 times, join in beg sc, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, [sc in each of next 2 sc, ch 2] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

POT SCRUBBER

Rnd 1: With size H hook and white, ch 30, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, ch 3, **3-dc cl** (see *Special Stitch*) in next ch, [dc in next ch, 3-dc cl in next ch] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn. (15 dc, 15 cls)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join in beg sc, turn. (30 sc)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 3-dc cl in next st, [dc in next st, 3-dc cl in next st] around, join, turn.

Rnds 4–7: Rep rnds 2 and 3. At the end of rnd 7, leaving a 12-inch length of white, fasten off.

Weave rem length through sts of rnd 7, pull to close opening, knot to secure. Pass needle through joined center and weave through opposite side of foundation ch, pull to close opening, knot to secure, weave in rem length, fasten off. ☞

Mending Kit

Design by Heather Sprout

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

2¾ x 4½ inches folded and tied

MATERIALS

- Size 10 crochet cotton (300 yds per ball):
100 yds teal
- Size 5/1.90mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Gray crafting felt: 1 sheet
- ¼-inch-wide gray ribbon: 23 inches
- Gray sewing thread
- Plastic needlepoint bobbin filled with small amounts of sewing threads
- 2 lobster-claw clasps
- 2 jewelry 1-inch safety pins
- 2 gold safety pins
- 2 small buttons
- 2 sewing needles
- Folding scissors
- Plastic coffee can or butter tub lid

GAUGE

9 dc = 1 inch; 4 dc rows =
1½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Reverse slip stitch (reverse sl st): Working from left to right, [insert hook in next st to the right, yo, draw up a lp and draw through st on hook] around, fasten off.

KIT

Row 1: Ch 45, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next ch, [ch 1, sk next ch, dc in each of next 3 dc] across, turn. (11 groups 3-dc)

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as first dc,

ch 1), sk next dc, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, rep from * across, turn.

Rows 4–13: Rep rows 2 and 3. At the end of row 13, do not fasten off.

Edging

Rnd 1: Now working in rnds, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), working in ends of rows, work 2 hdc in end of each row, working across opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in each ch, working across ends of rows, work 2 hdc in each row end across, work 1 hdc in each st across row 13 and 2 hdc in each corner st, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, working in **front lp** (see *Stitch Guide*), dc in each hdc around, working 3 dc in each corner, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Work **reverse sl st** (see *Special Stitch*) in each st around, fasten off.

Lining

Using crocheted piece as a pattern, cut 2 pieces gray felt to measure the same size through rnd 1 of edging.

Lay felt pieces on top of one another and with sewing needle and thread, sew tog down the center through both thicknesses (felt will look like a little book with 4 pages). Using a page of the lining as a pattern cut 2 pieces of plastic from plastic lid. With sewing needle and thread, beg at top left corner using a blanket st, sew through both layers of felt attaching to unworked sts

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Take one of these along in your suitcase or purse to make emergency repairs.

Tapestry Laptop Bag

Design by Carol Ventura

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

11 x 11 x 2 inches deep,
excluding Flap

MATERIALS

- DMC Senso size 3 crochet cotton (100oz/150 yds/50g per ball):
 - 4 balls #1011 blue (A)
 - 3 balls #1002 ecru (B)
- Size 1/2.25mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker

GAUGE

8 sc = 1 inch; 7 rnds = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Do not join rounds unless otherwise stated. Use stitch marker to mark round, move marker as work progresses.

SPECIAL STITCH

Tapestry crochet: To do tapestry crochet, colors are switched while 2 lps of the sc st are still on the hook. With A, insert hook in next sc, yo, draw up a lp (2 lps on hook), drop A, pick up B, yo, draw through 2 lps of A on hook. Work over color not in use.

TAPESTRY BAG

Rnd 1: With A, leaving a 14-inch length at beg, make a slip knot, then ch 85 sts, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch and working over rem beg tail, sc in each ch across to last ch, 2 sc in same ch as beg sc, place marker. (170 sc)

Rnd 2: Pick up B leaving a 2-inch tail and working over B with A, sc in each sc around, inc 4 sc each curved end of piece. (178 sc)

Note: Continue to carry B along piece working over B with A until, when working with B, you will work over A.

Rnd 3: With A working over B, sc in each sc around, inc 4 sc each curved end of piece. (186 sc)

Rnd 4: Rep rnd 3. (194 sc)

Rnd 5: Working with A while carrying B, [sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 87 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts] twice. (202 sc)

Rnd 6: Working with A while carrying B, [sc in next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in 89 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts] twice. (210 sts)

Rnd 7: Following Graph 1 as a guide, work **tapestry crochet** (see *Special Stitch*) around, [with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 8: [With A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 9: [With A, sc in 3 sts, with B, sc in 4 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 10: [With A, sc in 4 sts, with B, sc in 3 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 11: [With A, sc in 5 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 12: [With B, sc in next st, with A, sc in 4 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 13: [With B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in 3 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts] 30 times.

[Rep rnds 7–13] 3 times.

Rnd 14: [With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 15: [With A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 16: [With A, sc in each of next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 17: [With A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 18: [With A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 30 times.

Rnd 19: [With A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 20: [With A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts, with A, sc in 3 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 21: [With A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 22: [With A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 23: [With A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 24: [With A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 25: [With A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 26: [With B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 27: [With B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 28: [With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 29: [With A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 30: [With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 31: [With A, sc in next 4 sc, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 32: [With A, sc in each of next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A,



Slip your laptop into this unusual tapestry cozy and catch plenty of compliments from admirers of this creative piece.

sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 33: [With B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 34: [With B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.
[Rep rnds 7–13] 4 times.

Rnd 35: [With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 36: [With B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 15 times.

Rnd 37: Working with B while working over A, sc in each st around.

Flap

Notes: Rows 1–23 correspond to Graph 2.

The Flap is crocheted differently than usual to eliminate the ridges produced by every other row showing the front and back of the sts.

Row 1: Now working in rows, with B, sc in 37 sts (left-handed crocheters must crochet with B 121 sts instead, then ch 1, turn, before crocheting the following sequence, in order to crochet in the proper direction, and should beg the sc st across all of the odd-numbered rows by inserting the hook from the back of the piece to the front), [with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, with B, turn.

Row 2: With B, ch 1, right-handed crocheters should beg the sc st across

all of the even-numbered rows by inserting the hook from back of piece to the front, [with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 3: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 4: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 5 sts, with A, sc in 4 sts, with B, sc in 5 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 5: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 4 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 6: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 4 sts, with A, sc in 6 sts, with B, sc in 4 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 7: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 3 sts, with A, sc in 7 sts, with B, sc in 4 sts] 6 times, turn.

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Offset Bobbles Baby Set

*Designs by Dianna D'Amico
for Coats & Clark*

Soft baby yarn in alluring colors, combining bobbles and fan stitches, creates a stunning three-piece baby set: blanket, cardigan and hat.

SKILL LEVEL



INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZES

Instructions given for Cardigan and Hat fit 6–9 months; changes for 9–12 months are in [].

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cardigan chest: 22 [24] inches
Blanket: 35½ x 43½ inches
Hat: 16 inches in circumference

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Soft Baby light (light worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/575 yds/198g; prints: 6 oz/430 yds/170g per skein): 17 [19] oz #7588 lilac (A) 10 [11] oz #7915 koolaid print (B) 3 [3] oz #7321 powder yellow (C)
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- ½-inch buttons: 6



GAUGE

5 dc = 1 inch; 6 dc rows = 3¼ inches
Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Bobble stitch (bobble st): Working over vertical post of indicated st, (yo, insert hook around vertical post, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) 5 times around the same post, yo, draw through all 6 lps on hook.

Puff stitch (puff st): (Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp) 4 times in indicated st, yo, draw through all 9 lps on hook.

BLANKET

Fan Stitch Panel

Make 2.

Foundation row: With A, ch 26,

sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (25 sc)

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), sk next 3 sc, [(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next sc (fan st), sk next 3 sc] 5 times, dc in last sc, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, [(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, dc in last dc, turn.

Rows 3–69: Rep row 2 or until Panel measures 41 inches.

Row 70: Ch 1, sc in first dc, sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 4 dc, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 4 dc, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 4 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, fasten off. (25 sc)

Border

Rnd 1: With RS facing, attach B to right top corner of last row, (ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp of fan st, ch 1] 5 times, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner sp, working across long edge of Panel, ch 1, [2 dc in end of next row, ch 1] across long edge*, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner sp, ch 1, [3 dc in ch at base of fan st, ch 1] 5 times, rep from * to * across long edge, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Sl st into corner ch-2 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 2, [dc in next ch sp, ch 2] across to next corner ch-2 sp, *4 dc in corner ch-2 sp, ch 2, [dc in next ch sp, ch 2] across to next corner ch-2 sp, rep from * around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in each dc and each ch-1 sp around outer edge, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Off-Set Bobble Panel

Make 2.

Row 1: With B, ch 27, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, **change color** (see *Stitch Guide*) to A in last st, turn. (25 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc, **bobble st** (see *Special Stitches*) around the vertical post of previous dc, ch 1, sk next dc**, dc in each of next 3 dc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 2 dc, change color to B

in last st, turn. (13 dc, 4 bobble sts, 8 ch-1 sps)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc, dc in each ch-1 sp and dc in each bobble st across, change color to A in last st, turn. (25 dc)

Rows 4–75: Rep rows 2 and 3 or until Panel measures 41 inches.

Border

Rnd 1: Rep rnd 1 of Border of Fan Stitch Panel with the exception on short sides, work 3 dc in every 3rd dc total of 7 groups of 3-dc.

Rnds 2 & 3: Rep rnds 2 and 3 of Border of Fan Stitch Panel.

Italian Square Panel

Motif

Make 4 with A.

Make 5 with C.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, (yo, insert hook in same st as beg ch-3, yo, draw up a lp) 3 times, yo, draw through all 7 lps on hook, [ch 1, **puff st** (see *Special Stitches*) in next dc] twice, ch 4, *puff st in next dc, [ch 1, puff st in next dc] twice, ch 4, rep from * twice, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (12 puff sts, 4 ch-4 sps)

Rnd 3: Sl st into next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (yo, insert hook in same sp as beg ch-3, yo, draw up a lp) 3 times, yo, draw through all 7 lps on hook, ch 1, puff st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 5 dc over ch-4 sp, ch 2, *puff st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, puff st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, rep from * around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (8 puff sts, 20 dc)

Rnd 4: Sl st into next ch-1 sp, ch 3, (yo, insert hook in same sp as beg ch-3, yo, draw up a lp) 3 times, yo, draw through all 7 lps on hook, *ch 3, dc in first dc of 5-dc group, ch 1, dc in next dc, (ch 1, dc) 3 times in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] twice, ch 3**, puff st in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off. (4 puff sts, 28 dc)

Note: For rnd 5, square crocheted with C change to A; square crocheted with A change to B.

Rnd 5: Attach with sl st in 4th dc of 7-dc group of any corner, ch 4 (*counts as first dc, ch 1*), dc in same st as beg ch-4, *[ch 1, dc in next dc] 3 times, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next puff st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 3 times**, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next dc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4, fasten off.

Alternating colors, whipstitch the 9 Squares into a strip.

Assembly

Whipstitch all 5 panels tog from center outward at each side. With the Italian Square Panel at center, whipstitch a Fan Stitch Panel to each side of an Italian Square Panel and an Off-Set Bobble Panel to outer edge next to each Fan Stitch Panel.

Border

Rnd 1: Attach A in top right corner sp to the left of corner 4-dc group, ch 3, 4 dc in same ch sp, *[sc in next single dc, 5 dc in next ch sp] 8 times, sk 1 dc, sc in next dc of corner, 5 dc in joining of Panels, sc in 3rd dc of next corner group, [5 dc in next ch sp, sc in next single dc] 6 times, 5 dc in next ch sp, sk next dc, sc in next dc, 5 dc in joining of Panels, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, sc in center dc of next dc group, 5 dc in next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, 5 dc in next ch sp, sc in 2nd dc of corner, 5 dc in joining of Panels, sc in 3rd dc of corner dc, [5 dc in next ch sp, sc in next dc] 6 times, 5 dc in next ch sp, sc in 2nd dc of corner, 5 dc in joining of Panels, sc in 2nd dc of corner, [5 dc in next ch sp, sc in next dc] 8 times, 5 dc in next ch sp, sc in center dc of corner, [3 dc in next ch sp, sc in next dc] 76 times, 3 dc in next ch sp, sc in center dc of corner**, 5 dc in next corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off.

CARDIGAN

Body

Row 1 (RS): With B, ch 89 [99], dc

in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, **change color** (*see Stitch Guide*) to A, turn. (87 [97] dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in next 2 [1], *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc, **bobble st** (*see Special Stitches*) around vertical post of previous dc, ch 1, sk next dc**, dc in each of next 3 dc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, dc in each of next 3 (2) dc, change to B, turn. (14 [16] bobbles)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc, dc in each ch-1 sp and dc in each bobble st across, change color to A, turn. (87 [97] dc)

Rep rows 2 and 3 until Body measures 4½ [5] inches, ending with row 3.

Right Front

Maintaining pat of rows 2 and 3, work across on 21 [25] sts until Right Front measures 5 [5½] inches from armhole, ending with row 3, change color to A.

Rep row 2, leaving 7 [7] sts at neckline edge unworked, change to B, turn. Sl st in next 2 [3] sts, sl st in next st, ch 3, rep row 3 across rem sts, fasten off. (12 [15] dc)

Left Front

With WS facing attach A, maintaining pat of rows 2 and 3, work across 21 [25] sts until Left Front measures 5 [5½] inches from armhole, ending with row 3, change color to A.

Sl st in each of next 8 [8] sts, ch 3, rep row 2 across, change to B, turn, rep row 3 across to last 2 [3] sts, fasten off. (12 [15] sts)

BACK

With WS facing, attach A in next unworked st of last row of Body, rep rows 2 and 3 until Back measures same as Fronts, fasten off. Sew shoulder seams.

Sleeve

Make 2.

Row 1: With B, ch 37 [45], dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, change color to A in last st, turn. (35 [43] sts)

Row 2: Rep row 2 of Body.

Row 3: Rep row 3 of Body.

Rows 4–9: Rep rows 2 and 3.

Row 10: Rep row 2.

Row 11: Ch 3, [dc dec (*see Stitch Guide*) over next 2 sts] across, change color to A in last st, turn.

Sleeve Ribbing

Row 12: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 14: Ch 3, [fpdc (*see Stitch Guide*) around post of next dc, bpdc (*see Stitch Guide*) around post of next dc] across, turn.

Row 15: Ch 3, fpdc around each fpdc, bpdc around each bpdc across, fasten off.

Body Bottom Ribbing

Row 1: Attach A in opposite side of foundation ch, ch 3, dc in each ch across, turn.

Rows 2 & 3: Rep rows 14 and 15 of Sleeve.

Front & Neckline Ribbing

Row 1: Attach A at bottom Right Front corner, ch 3, dc in same st as beg ch-3, 2 dc in side edge of each row to neckline edge, work 3 dc in corner, work 15 [16] dc to shoulder seam, dc evenly sp across back of neck, 15 [16] dc across Left Front to neckline edge, 3 dc in corner, 2 dc in side edge of each row to bottom Left Front corner, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc (*buttonhole made*), sc in each of next 4 dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next 6 dc] 3 times, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in each dc to last 3 dc of Left Front before neckline edge, ch 2, sk last 2 sts, sc in next st (*6 buttonholes completed*), [fpdc around next dc, bpdc around next dc] rep around neckline, sc in each dc down Right Front, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc up Right Front, [fpdc around fpdc, bpdc around bpdc] around neckline, sc in each sc and each ch down Left Front, fasten off.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

HAT

Italian Squares

Make 3 with A.

Make 3 with C.

Rnds 1–3: Rep rnds 1–3 of Italian Square Panel Motif. At the end of rnd 3, fasten off. (8 puff sts, 20 dc)

Rnd 4: Attach B in center corner dc, ch 1, [2 sc in center corner dc, sc in each of next 2 dc, 2 sc in next ch sp, sc in next puff st, sc in next ch sp, sc in next puff st, 2 sc in next ch sp, sc in each of next 2 dc] 4 times, fasten off.

With B, alternating Square colors, sew the Italian Squares tog to form a ring.

Crown

Rnd 5 (RS): Attach A in top edge, ch 1, sc in each st around, join in beg sc, turn.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in each sc around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, [dc dec (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sts] around, join in

3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 8: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st as beg ch-3 (beg fan st), [(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) 7 times evenly sp around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (8 fan sts)

Rnd 9: Sl st into ch sp, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch sp, work 4 dc in each ch sp around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in each dc around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, [sc dec (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sts] around, join in beg sc, leaving a length of cotton, fasten off. Sew opening closed.

Brim

Rnd 1: Attach B in opposite edge of joined Squares, ch 1, sc evenly spaced around, join in beg sc, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in each sc around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, [fpdc (see *Stitch Guide*) around next dc, bpdc (see *Stitch Guide*) around next dc] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, [fpdc around fpdc,

bpdc around bpdc] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Finishing

Make a 2-inch pompom from each A and B, attach to top of Hat. ☞

Fleece Afghan

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Border

Rnd 1: Attach buff in any corner, ch 1, *work 3 sc in corner ch-3 sp, [sc in each dc across to junction of 2 joined Blocks, sc in ch sp, sc in junction of joined Blocks, sc in next ch sp] across to next corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Rnd 2: Attach cherry red in first sc of corner 3-sc group, ch 1, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in each of next 3 corner sc sts, [sk next sc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next sc] across to next corner, rep from * around, join in beg sc, fasten off. ☞

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Row 8: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 3 sts, with A, sc in 8 sts, with B, sc in 3 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 9: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 2 sts, with A, sc in 9 sts, with B, sc in 3 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 10: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 2 sts, with A, sc in 10 sts, with B, sc in 2 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 11: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 12: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next st] 6 times, turn.

Row 13: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in 1 st, with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 14: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 15: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts,

with B, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 16: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 17: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 18: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 19: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 20: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 21: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 22: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 23: With B, ch 1, [with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, turn.

Row 24: With B, ch 1, working over A, with B, sc in each st across, turn.

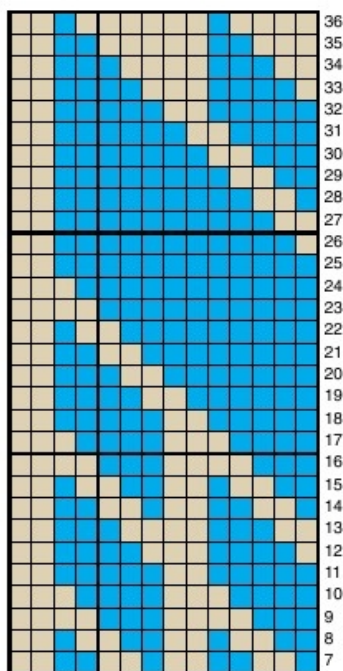
Border

Rnd 1: While carrying A, with B, ch 1, with B, sc across the Flap (*left-handed crocheters should crochet across 1 more time in order to be able to crochet the Border left to right*), down the Flap side working 1 st in edge of each row, along top edge, then up Flap side working 3 sc sts in each outer corner and **sc dec** (see *Stitch Guide*) 1 st in each inner corner around.

Rnds 2-5: While carrying B and working over it with A, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each outer corner and sc dec 1 st at each inner corner around.

Rnd 6: While carrying B and working over it with A, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each outer corner and sc dec 1 st at each inner corner around, ending with fasten off B, with A, sl st in next st, leaving an 8-inch length, fasten off A, yo, draw all the way through lp on hook and weave in rem length.

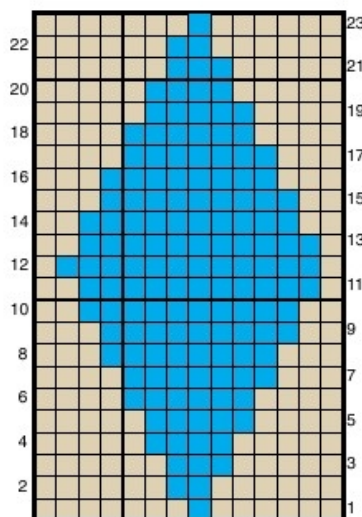
Block with steam iron block. Slide Flap inside top edge to close. ☞



Graph 1

Graph 1 (for right-handed crocheters) is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

Left-handed crocheters should look at the reversed image of the graph in a mirror.



Graph 2

Graph 2 is read back and forth from bottom to top.

COLOR KEY

Blue

Ecru

Mending Kit

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of rnd 2 of Edging, inserting a piece of plastic between felt layers before closing this side. Continue to sew around, inserting rem piece of plastic between layers of felt before closing.

Cut a 20-inch length of gray ribbon, fold Mending Kit in half and knot ribbon around center group of 3-dc sts of row 7 of Kit. Fold end of rem 3-inch length of ribbon under ¼-inch, sew folded end to inside of kit. Attach gold safety pins and buttons to ribbon. Attach 1 lobster-claw clasp to the scissors and 1 to the thread bobbin. Secure folding scissors and bobbin with jewelry safety pins to felt. Insert sewing needles into felt. Use long ribbon to tie Kit closed. ☞

Pink Twinkle Camisole

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Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same sp as beg ch-1, ch 2, [(sc, ch 4, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Join ch-4 sps, continuing in pattern st for rnd 3, ch 2, drop lp, draw lp under to over through opposite ch-4 sp, ch 2 and continue.

To join ch-2 sps, continuing in pattern, ch 1, drop lp, draw lp under to over through opposite ch-2 sp, ch 1 and continue.

When all sps are joined, designate top and bottom.

Bottom

Row 1 (RS): Work on bottom edge across length, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, [ch 1, sk next sc, 2 sc in next sp] across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), [sk next 2 sc, V-st (see Special Stitch)

in next ch-1 sp] across to last 2 sts, sk next sc, dc in last sc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of next V-st, [ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp of next V-st] across, ending with ch 1, sc in last dc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, [sk over ch sps, V-st in next sc] across, ending with dc in last sc, turn.

Rows 5–18: Rep rows 3 and 4.

Border

Rnd 1: Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in first dc (first corner), sk over other sts and sps, work (sc, ch 3, sc) in each V-st, end of each sc row and in each sc around working (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner dc and in next 2 corner ch-4 sps, join last sc to first, sl st into next ch-3 sp.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 3) 3 times and sc in first ch-3 sp (corner), (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp and work corner pattern in each rem corner sp, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Strap

Make 2.

Mark 15th and 16th [16th and 17th, 18th and 19th] ch-3 sps from first ch-3 sp to the left and right of top 2 corner ch-3 sps.

Row 1 (RS): Work strap through sps, draw up a lp in first ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in first sp, ch 2, sc in next sp, turn.

Rows 2–32: Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 2, sc in next sc, turn.

Row 33: Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-2 sp, sl st in next sc, fasten off.

Finishing

Sew buttons on at every 3rd ch-3 sp on left edge of front and use natural ch-3 sps on opposite side for buttonholes.

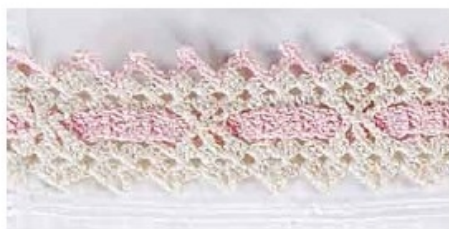
Sew a button onto 5th ch-3 sp from corner sp or as desired at each side of top. Use ch-2 sps of Strap as buttonhole, so that length is adjustable. ☞

Pillowcase Art

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Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in each of next 4 dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st] twice, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st] 4 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st] 5 times, dc in each of next 3 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in each of next 4 sts, turn.

Rows 4–115: Following graph, work sps and blocks as indicated, work rows 3–20, then rep as for row 1, working dc in each st across, fasten off.



Trim #1

Finishing

Prepare satin fabric for lining by sewing ¼-inch hem on each side.

Position Filet Strip over satin lining and pin in place, sew lining to Filet

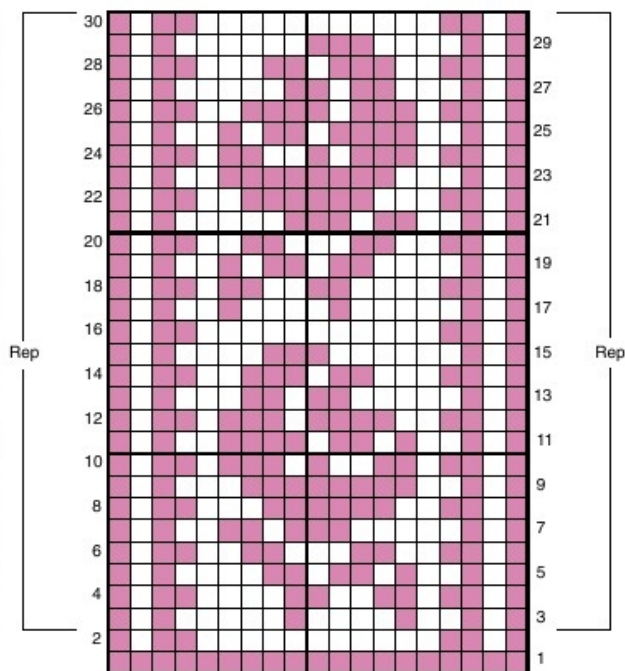


Trim #2

Strip. Position Filet Strip/lining 4 inches from pillowcase edge and sew in place. ☞

STITCH KEY

■ Block
□ Sp



Pillowcase Trim #2

Ballet Star

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Change color: Work edc until 2 lps rem on hook, drop working

color to WS of work, draw through with new color to complete st.

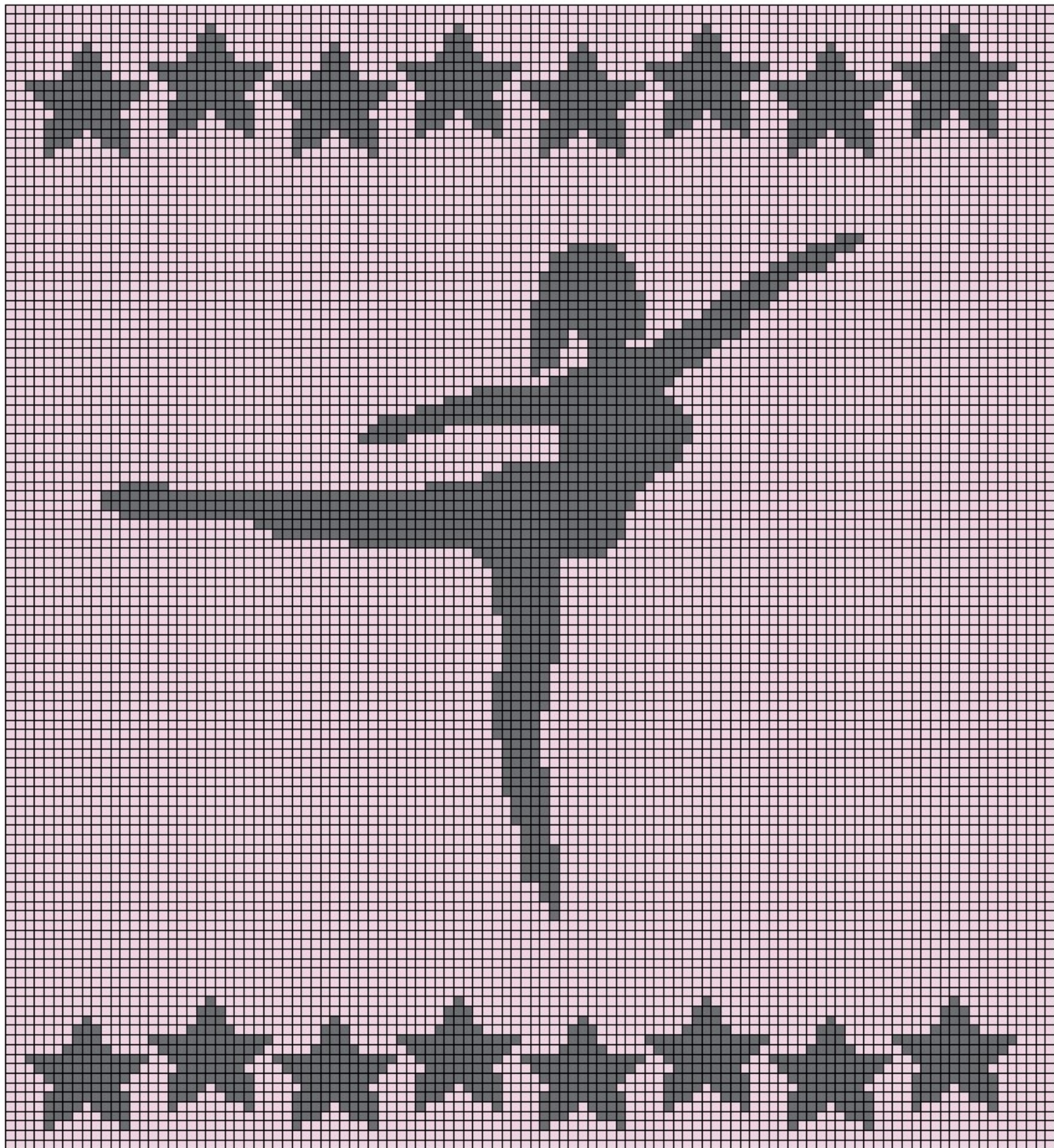
AFGHAN

Row 1: With size K hook and light fuchsia, ch 112, change to size

J hook, **edc** (see *Special Stitches*) in 3rd ch from hook, edc in each rem ch across, turn. (110 edc)

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), edc in each edc across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, edc in each of next



Ballet Star

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19 sts, **change color** (see *Special Stitches*) to black, edc in next st, change color to light fuchsia, edc in each of next 7 sts, change color to black, edc in next st, change color to light fuchsia, [edc in each of next 17 sts, change to black, edc in next st, change color to light fuchsia, edc in each of next 7 sts, change color to black, edc in next st, change to light fuchsia] 3 times, edc in each of next 4 sts, turn.

Rows 4–120: Ch 2, follow graph rows 4–120, changing color as indicated, turn at the end of each row.

Edging

Rnd 1: Working down side edge of Afghan with light fuchsia, work 2 sc

over side edge of each row (240 sc), working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each of next 110 chs, work 2 sc over side edge of each row to top (240 sc), sc in each of next 110 sts across row 120, join in beg sc. (700 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2), dc in same st as beg ch-5, sk next 2 sc, [V-st (see *Special Stitches*) in next sc, sk next 2 sc] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-5, fasten off. (234 V-sts)

Rnd 3: Attach black with sl st in first ch-2 sp of previous rnd, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in each ch-2 sp, join in beg sc, fasten off. ☞

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Pretty Petals Felted Handbag

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Rnds 50–53: Rep rnd 17. At the end of rnd 53, fasten off.

Flower

Rnd 1: With size J hook and petal pink, ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 11 dc in ring, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 9, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, sc in **back lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) of next st of rnd 1, [ch 9, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, sl st in back lp of next st of rnd 1] around.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, working in rem **front lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) of each st of rnd 1, [ch 9, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, sl st in front lp of next st of rnd 1] around, fasten off.

Felting

You will actually be shrinking the crocheted piece in hot water to achieve the desired size and texture so don't be alarmed by these instructions.

Set washing machine water cycle to the smallest load and fill with hot water. Add a small amount of

detergent. Place item into zipped mesh lingerie bag and zip closed and place into washer.

Since you will be felting pieces with two different colors, it's recommended that you place the petal pink Flower into a pillowcase and secure with a rubber band so the petal pink fibers cannot get onto the winter white purse. The felting process can be different for different wool yarns and different machines. The Flower felted perfectly after a 15-minute, hot-water wash cycle. The purse felted perfectly after two 30-minute hot-water wash cycles. After the first wash cycle, evenly redistribute the purse within the mesh bag. After the felting process is completed on the Flower, remove from bag, squeeze out excess water and twist the petals into the desired shape. When the purse is felted to your satisfaction, take mesh bag out of the washer and place into a large bowl. You can hand rinse it in the kitchen sink with cool water to stop the felting/shrinking process.

Wring the purse out as thoroughly as possible and wrap in a clean bath towel.

Stretch and mold the purse into shape. Don't be afraid to pull and tug the purse into shape. The fabric is very pliable! Stuff the purse with

clean, dry bath towels to achieve the desired shape. Leave both items to dry in a warm, dry place. After several hours you can replace the bath towels with clean dry towels. Under ordinary circumstances, it should take about 2 days for the purse to dry completely. Remove the towels completely from the purse after about 24 hours. Make sure it is dry before applying any embellishment. With sewing needle and thread, sew Flower to upper right side of purse. ☞

King of the Jungle

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next sc] around until sts of rnds 26 on tail through rnd 24 are covered with ch-10 lps, fasten off.

EAR

Make 2.

Row 1: With A [F], ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, tr, ch 1, dc) in next ch, sc in next ch, turn. (5 sts, 4 ch-1 sps)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next dc, ch 1, 2 dc in next tr, ch 1, sc in next dc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (8 sts, 2 ch-1 sps)

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next ch, sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next ch, sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (12 sc)

MUZZLE

Rnd 1: With C, ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, 8 sc in ring. (8 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sc)

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2. (32 sc)

Rnds 4-8: Sc in each sc around. At the end of rnd 8, sl st in next st, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

NOSE

Rnd 1: With D, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, sc in next ch, on opposite side of foundation ch,

sc in next 3 chs, 2 sc in same ch as beg sc. (12 sc)

Rnds 2 & 3: Sc in each sc around. At the end of rnd 3, sl st in next st, fasten off.

EYE

Make 2.

Rnd 1: With D, ch 4, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, 4 sc in ring, draw up a lp of E [H], fasten off D. (4 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around, draw up a lp of C, fasten off E [H]. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 4 times, sl st in next st, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

EYELID

Make 2.

Row 1: With A [F], ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 7 chs, turn. (8 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 3 sc, ch 1, 2 dc in each of next 2 sc, ch 1, sc in each of next 3 sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (10 sts)

ASSEMBLY

On the Nose, the tip of the triangle is the bottom. Lightly fill with fiberfill and whipstitch the bottom of the Nose to the Muzzle.

Lightly fill Muzzle with fiberfill and st to the Head near the bottom of the face area.

Whipstitch each Eye to the face—placement should be near each side of the Nose. Whipstitch each

Eyelid to top of each Eye—placement should be over upper fourth of the pupil (*black section*) and upward. Expression will vary depending on the slant of each Eyelid.

With a length of C make a French knot (3 times around needle) at top corner of pupil.

Whipstitch each Ear to top of Head.

Whipstitch rnd 1 of Tail to the back of Body, positioning near bottom, but it should not interfere with the ability of the Lion to sit.

Whipstitch each Leg to Body near bottom edge of tummy in sitting position.

Tack first Arm through the Body and then through the other Arm at shoulder area, pass needle back and forth several times to secure.

MANE

With B [G], sl st to join in vertical bar nearest to the left side of the left Ear, ch 10, sc around the next vertical bar, *[ch 10, sc around the next vertical bar] rep as desired down the side of face. Working the Mane in rows and toward the back of the Head, ch 10, turn, sc in the vertical bar of row 2, rep from * across, fasten off as needed when a row ends at each Ear. Before turning always ch 10. As rows inc or dec for Mane shape, do so by working diagonally from finish or start point. Position Mane from side-to-side on the back of the Head, down to the top of the neck, or as desired. ☞

Flower Wreath

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COOL PINK FLOWER

Make 12.

Rnd 1: Leaving a slight length at beg, ch 4, 16 dc in 4th ch from hook, join in top of beg ch-4. (17 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1 (sc, ch 4, sc) in same dc as beg ch-1, (sc, ch 4, sc) in each dc around, join in beg sc. (17 ch-4 sps)

Rnds 3 & 4: Ch 1, fpssc (see *Special Stitch*) around post of dc of rnd

1, ch 4, [fpssc around post of next dc of rnd 1, ch 4] around, join in beg sc.

YELLOW FLOWER

Make 14.

Rnd 1: Ch 6, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), 11 hdc in ring, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (12 hdc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same hdc as beg ch-1, ch 5, [sc in next hdc, ch 5] around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, (3 sc, ch 3, 3 sc) in next ch-5 sp,

[sc in next sc, (3 sc, ch 3, 3 sc) in next ch-5 sp] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

LARGE NEPTUNE FLOWER

Make 6.

Rnd 1: Ch 5, sl st to join in first ch to form a ring, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 14 dc in ring, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (15 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same dc as beg ch-1, 3 hdc in next dc, [sc in next dc, 3 hdc in next dc, sc in next dc] around, join in beg sc. (5 petals)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, ch 4, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 4, sk next st] around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, ch 6, [sc in next sc, ch 6] around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

SMALL NEPTUNE FLOWER

Make 18.

Rnds 1–3: Rep rnds 1–3 of Large Neptune Flower. At the end of rnd 3, fasten off.

LILAC FLOWER

Make 13.

Rnd 1: Ch 6, sl st in first ch to

form a ring, ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 6] 9 times, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, (3 hdc, 3 dc, 3 hdc) in each ch-6 sp around, join in beg hdc, fasten off.

Finishing

Wind wire around wreath and form a hanging lp. Glue Flowers and Chips randomly over front and sides, leaving a small opening at front of wire hanger for bow placement. Cut an 18-inch length of ribbon, fold in half and attach at front of wire position. Make a big bow from ribbon and attach onto wreath over previously attached ribbon. ☞

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Thread rem beg length onto sewing needle, sew button to row 1 opposite buttonhole. ☞

Beaded Shell Collar

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of V-st, ch 3, *shell in next ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, shell in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, rep from * across, ending with V-st in last ch-1 sp of V-st, turn.

Row 10: Ch 1, sl st in first dc, sl

st in next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp of V-st, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **bead ch** (see *Special Stitches*), sc in same ch-3 sp, ch 2, *sc in next ch-2 sp of shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, bead ch, sc in same ch-3 sp, ch 2, rep from * across, ending with sc in ch-1 sp of V-st, sl st in next 2 dc, fasten off.

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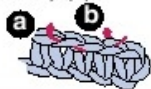
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STITCH GUIDE

Front Loop (a) Back Loop (b)



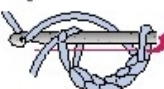
Chain (ch)

Yo, draw lp through hook.



Slip Stitch Joining

Insert hook in beg ch, yo, draw lp through.



Yarn Conversion

OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
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2 56.7	40 1 1/2
3 85.0	50 1 3/4
4 113.4	100 3 1/2

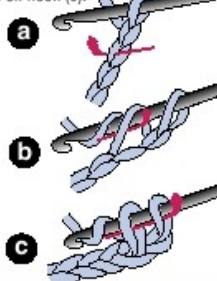
Stitch Abbreviations

The following stitch abbreviations are used throughout this book.

beg	begin/beginning
bpdc	back post double crochet
bpsc	back post single crochet
bptr	back post treble crochet
CC	contrasting color
ch	chain stitch
ch-1	refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp	chain space
cl	cluster
cm	centimeter(s)
dc	double crochet
dec	decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr	double treble crochet
fpdc	front post double crochet
fpdc	front post single crochet
fpdc	front post treble crochet
g	grams
hdc	half double crochet
inc	increase/increases/increasing
lp(s)	loop(s)
MC	main color
mm	millimeter(s)
oz	ounce(s)
pc	popcorn
rem	remain/remaining
rep	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sk	skip(s)
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
trtr	triple treble
WS	wrong side
yd(s)	yard(s)
yo	yarn over

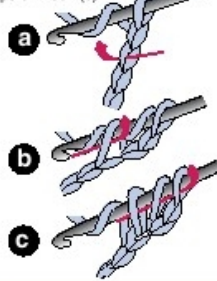
Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook in st (a), yo, draw lp through (b), yo, draw through both lps on hook (c).



Half-Double Crochet (hdc)

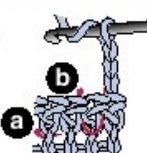
Yo, insert hook in st (a), yo, draw lp through (b), yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook (c).



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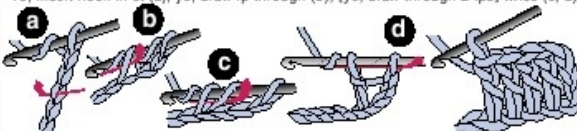
Fpdc (a): Yo, insert hook from front to back and to front again around the vertical post (upright part) of next st, yo and draw yarn through, yo and complete dc.

Bpdc (b): Yo, reaching over top of piece and working on opposite side (back) of work, insert hook from back to front to back again around vertical post of next st, yo and draw yarn through, yo and complete dc.



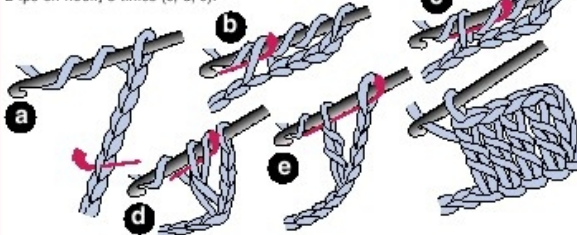
Double Crochet (dc)

Yo, insert hook in st (a), yo, draw lp through (b), [yo, draw through 2 lps] twice (c, d).



Treble Crochet (tr)

Yo hook twice, insert hook in st (a), yo, draw lp through (b), [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times (c, d, e).



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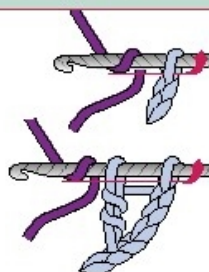
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SPECIAL STITCHES

Chain Color Change (ch color change)

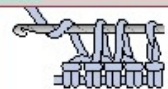
Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



Double Crochet Color Change (dc color change)

Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.

DECREASING



Single Crochet Decrease

Dec 1 sc over next 2 sts as follows: Draw up a lp in each of next 2 sts, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.



Double Crochet Decrease

Dec 1 dc over next 2 sts as follows: [Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw up lp on hook, yo, draw through 2 lps] twice, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Reverse Single Crochet (reverse sc)

Working from left to right, insert hook in next st to the right (a), yo, draw up lp on hook, complete as for sc (b).

