RED HEART®

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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each of 319 Cherry Red **A**, 672 Spring Green **B**, 512 Turqua **C**, and 706 Perfect Pink **D**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5]

Yarn needle, fabric sealant (optional), fabric stiffener

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

BUY YARN

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RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Colorful Snowflakes

For the less traditional, crochet some snowflakes in any bright color you desire! Then hang your flakes on the tree or wherever you need to add a bit of joyful color. Perfect for gift trims too!

Snowflake measures 4″ (10 cm) across points.

Special Technique

Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

SNOWFLAKE (make 1 each with A, B, C, & D)

Make an adjustable ring, ch 1.
Round 1: Work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc. Pull tail gently to tighten ring.
Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, (ch 2, sc) in each sc around, ch 2; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc and 6 ch-2 spaces.
Round 3: *Ch 5, slip st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 4, 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, slip st in next ch, slip st in previously worked 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from hook, slip st in last 2 ch of beginning ch-5 (point made), slip st in next ch-2 space, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, slip st in next sc; repeat from * around—6 points. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.
For each snowflake, cut a 7″ (18 cm) strand of **A**. Tie a knot to form a hanging loop. Insert hook in top of any point, place fold of loop on hook and draw through point. Pull knot through loop and gently tighten. Trim ends of knot and apply drops of fabric sealant on knot if desired.

Taking care not to stiffen hanging loop, apply stiffener to snowflake, pinning out each point. Allow to dry thoroughly before handling.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.