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INTERMEDIATE

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver® Stripes: 11 skeins 4968 Parrot Stripe

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

Yarn needle

GAUGE: Rounds 1-6 = 4½″ [11 cm]; Square = 8¾″ [22 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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

Floral Beauty Throw

We love this modern take on a floral square. It is crocheted with just one color of Super Saver Stripes yarn. That means there are very few ends to weave in, as it changes colors all by itself. Yeah!

Throw measures 48″ [122 cm] x 55″ [140 cm].

NOTES

Throw is made up of 30 Squares which are worked in rounds with right side facing throughout. Squares are arranged in rows and are crocheted together. An Edging is worked around joined Squares. To keep colors flowing in same sequence as skeins, keep track of order that they were worked.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Bphdc: (back post half double crochet) Yo, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, yo and draw through all loops on hook. Skip st in front of the Bphdc.

Bpdc: (back post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice. Skip st in front of the Bpdc.

Bpslst: (back post slip stitch) Insert hook from back to front then to back, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop and draw through loop on hook. Skip st in front of the Bpslst.

Fpdc: (front post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice. Skip st behind the Fpdc.

Fpdc Cluster: (front post double crochet Cluster) [Yo, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times in same st, yo and draw through all loops on hook. Skip st behind the Fpdc Cluster.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Adjustable loop ring: Holding yarn a few inches [cms] from end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure loop and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring

SQUARE (make 30)

Round 1: Make an adjustable loop, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), work 17 dc in ring, slip st in top of beginning ch-3, tighten ring – 18 sts.

Round 2: Bpslst around first st, ch 1, Bpdc around same st, [ch 1, Bpdc around next st] around, ch 1, slip st in top of first Bpdc – 18 Bpdc and 18 ch-1 spaces.

Round 3: Bpslst around first st, ch 1, Bpdc around same st, [ch 2, Bpdc around next st] around, ch 2, slip st in top of first Bpdc – 18 Bpdc and 18 ch-2 spaces.

Round 4: Ch 1, 3 sc in each ch-2 space around, slip st in first sc – 54 sc.

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in each st around, slip st in first sc.

Round 6: Ch 1, Fpdc Cluster around Bpdc of Round 3, [skip next sc, sc in next 2 sts of Round 5, Fpdc Cluster around next Bpdc of Round 3] around, sc in last 2 sts of Round 5, slip st in first st – 18 Fpdc Clusters and 36 sc.

Round 7: Ch 1, 2 sc in top of Fpdc Cluster, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in top of next Fpdc Cluster, sc in next 2 sc] around, slip st in first sc – 72 sc.

Round 8: Ch 1, sc in first st, [ch 4, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st] around to last 3 sts, ch 4, skip last 3 sts, slip st in first sc – 18 sc, 18 ch-4 spaces.

Round 9: Slip st in first ch-4 space, ch 1, sc in same space, [8 dc in next ch-4 space, sc in next ch-4 space] around, slip st in first sc – 72 dc and 9 sc.

Round 10: Bpslst around first dc, ch 1, Bpdc in same dc, [ch 1, Bpdc in next dc] around, ch 1, slip st in first Bpdc – 72 Bpdc and 72 ch-1 space.

Round 11: Slip st to first ch-1 space, ch 3, dc in next 16 ch-1 spaces, [(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 space, dc in next 17 ch-1 spaces] around, (dc, ch 3, dc) in last ch-1 space, slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 76 dc and 4 ch-3 spaces.

Round 12: Working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in each corner ch-3 space, slip st in first st – 88 sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Arrange 6 rows with 5 Squares in each row. Work Joining Row to join 5 Squares together to make a row.

Joining Row: With right sides of facing and aligning sts, hold 2 Squares together, join yarn in one corner of first Square with a slip st, ch 1, sc in corner st of second Square, [ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st of first Square, ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st of second Square] across to sc in corner st of first Square, ch 1, sc in corner st of second Square. Fasten off.
Repeat to make 6 rows with 5 Squares in each row.

In same manner, repeat Joining Row across long edges of rows to join 6 rows together.

Edging

Round 1: With right side facing, join yarn with a slip st in any st, ch 2, *[hdc in each st to a joining, 2 hdc in first space of joining, hdc in second space of joining] to corner st, 3 hdc in corner st; repeat from * around, slip st in first st.

Round 2: Bpslst in first st, ch 1, Bphdc in same st, [Bphdc in each st across to 3 corner sts, Bphdc in first corner st, ch 1, Bphdc in next corner st, ch 1, Bphdc in 3rd corner st] around, slip st in first Bphdc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch-1 space around, slip st in first st. Fasten off.
Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Bpdc = Back post double crochet; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **Fpdc**= Front post double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **( )** = work directions in parenthesis the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.