What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
3 skeins 316 Soft White **A**, 1 skein each of 320 Cornmeal **B**, 726 Coral **C**, 373 Petal Pink **D**, 376 Burgundy **E**, 505 Aruba Sea **F**, 347 Light Periwinkle **G**, 668 Honeydew **H**, 3862 Jade **I**, 774 Light Raspberry **J**, 3901 Rouge **K**, and 3945 Blue Suede **L**

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

36 stitch markers or scraps of yarn (18 red and 18 blue), yarn needle.

GAUGE: One Hexagon = 12" [30.5 cm] measured from point to point. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Buy Yarn

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

Mandala Sampler Throw

Every hexagon in this mesmerizing throw is unique and interesting to crochet. A total of 19 hexagons using 12 light-hearted colors are a visual treat wherever this throw is displayed.

Throw measures about 51 x 55" [129.5 x 139.5 cm]

Special Stitch

long-sc (long single crochet) = Insert hook in indicated stitch 3 rows below, yarn over and pull up a loop even with current row, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Special Technique

surface slip st = Hold yarn on wrong side of piece, insert hook from right side to wrong side in indicated space or stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (1 loop on hook), *insert hook from right side to wrong side in next indicated space or stitch, yarn over and draw loop through fabric and through loop on hook (one surface slip st made); repeat from * as instructed. Fasten off.

Notes

1. Throw is made from 19 Hexagons sewn together following Assembly Diagram.
2. Hexagons are worked in joined rounds with right side always facing. Six increases are worked in each round, dividing the stitches into six sections.
3. Change yarn color, as instructed, by fastening off old color at the end of a round and joining new color in any corner ch-2 space.
4. To continue using the same yarn color in the next round, simply slip st into the first corner ch-2 space then work the round as usual.
5. Surface slip stitch patterns are worked on the right side of each Hexagon.

HEXAGON I

With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, sc in ring, [ch 2 (for corner), sc in ring] 5 times, ch 2; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces. Fasten off.

Round 2: Draw up a loop of **K** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in each of remaining 5 corner ch-2 spaces; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (2 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces).

Round 3: Continuing with **K**, (slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc) in first corner ch-2 space, [skip next sc, sc in next sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, skip next sc, sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (3 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 4: Draw up a loop of **A** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, [skip next sc, sc in next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, skip next sc, sc in last 2 sc; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (4 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 5: Draw up a loop of **L** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, [skip next sc, sc in each sc to next corner ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, skip next sc, sc in each sc to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—30 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (5 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces).

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Round 6: Continuing with **L**, (slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc) in first corner ch-2 space, [skip next sc, sc in each sc to next corner ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, skip next sc, sc in each sc to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—36 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (6 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 7: With **A**, repeat Round 5—42 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (7 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Rounds 8 and 9: With **B**, repeat Rounds 5 and 6—54 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (9 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 10: With **A**, repeat Round 5—60 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (10 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Rounds 11 and 12: With **C**, repeat Rounds 5 and 6—72 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (12 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 13: With **A**, repeat Round 5—78 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (13 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces).

Rounds 14 and 15: With **I**, repeat Rounds 5 and 6—90 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (15 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Round 16: With **A**, repeat Round 5—96 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (16 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Surface Slip Stitch Dividing Lines

Hold **A** on wrong side of piece, insert hook from right side to wrong side through beginning ch-4 ring, yarn over and draw up a loop; **work a line of surface slip sts from beginning ch-4 ring to outer edge, as follows:

*Insert hook in corner ch-2 space of next round, yarn over and draw loop through fabric and through loop on hook (one surface slip st made); repeat from * working last surface slip st in corner ch-2 space of Round 15. Work a surface slip st in each st of Round 15 to next corner ch-2 space, work a surface slip st line in corner ch-2 spaces back to beginning ch-4 ring; repeat from ** 2 more times. Fasten off.

HEXAGON II

Make same as Hexagon **I**, using **A** for Round 1, **B** for Rounds 2 and 3, **A** for Round 4, **I** for Rounds 5 and 6, **A** for Round 7, **L** for Rounds 8 and 9, **A** for Round 10, **K** for Rounds 11 and 12, **A** for Round 13, **C** for Rounds 14 and 15, and **A** for Round 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines.

HEXAGON III

Make same as Hexagon **I**, using **A** for Round 1, **L** for Rounds 2 and 3, **A** for Round 4, **C** for Rounds 5 and 6, **A** for Round 7, **I** for Rounds 8 and 9, **A** for Round 10, **B** for Rounds 11 and 12, **A** for Round 13, **K** for Rounds 14 and 15, and **A** for Round 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines.

HEXAGON IV

Make same as Hexagon **I**, using **A** for Round 1, **G** for Rounds 2 and 3, **A** for Round 4, **J** for Rounds 5 and 6, **A** for Round 7, **F** for Rounds 8 and 9, **A** for Round 10, **E** for Rounds 11 and 12, **A** for Round 13, **H** for Rounds 14 and 15, and **A** for Round 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines.

HEXAGON V

Make same as Hexagon **I**, using **A** for Round 1, **F** for Rounds 2 and 3, **A** for Round 4, **H** for Rounds 5 and 6, **A** for Round 7, **J** for Rounds 8 and 9, **A** for Round 10, **G** for Rounds 11 and 12, **A** for Round 13, **E** for Rounds 14 and 15, and **A** for Round 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines.

HEXAGON VI

Make same as Hexagon **I**, using **A** for Round 1, **J** for Rounds 2 and 3, **A** for Round 4, **E** for Rounds 5 and 6, **A** for Round 7, **H** for Rounds 8 and 9, **A** for Round 10, **F** for Rounds 11 and 12, **A** for Round 13, **G** for Rounds 14 and 15, and **A** for Round 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines.

HEXAGON VII

Make same as Hexagon I using yarn colors and placing markers (for use later when making surface slip stitch triangles), as follows:

Round 1: Work with **A**. Fasten off.
Round 2: Work with **B**. Fasten off.
Round 3: Work with **C**. Fasten off.
Round 4: Work with **B** and place a red marker in 3rd sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.

Round 5: Work with **C**. Fasten off.
Round 6: Work with **B**. Fasten off.
Round 7: Work with **C**. Fasten off.
Round 8: Work with **B** and place a blue marker in 5th sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.
Round 9: Work with **C**. Fasten off.
Round 10: Work with **B**. Fasten off.
Round 11: Work with **C** and place a blue marker in 5th and 8th sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.
Round 12: Work with **B**. Fasten off.
Round 13: Work with **C** and place a red marker in 3rd and 12th sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.
Round 14: Work with **B**. Fasten off.
Round 15: Work with **C**. Fasten off.
Round 16: Work with **A**. Fasten off.
Surface slip stitch dividing lines: Work with **A**.

Surface Slip Stitch Triangles

With **A**, work a large surface slip stitch triangle in each section. Begin at the red marker on Round 4, work a line of surface slip sts to first red marked st on Round 13, work a line of surface slip sts to next red marked st on Round 13, then work a line of surface slip sts back to the beginning red marker. Remove red markers.

With **A**, work a small surface slip stitch triangle inside each large triangle. Begin at the blue marker on Round 8, work a line of surface slip sts to blue marked st on Round 11, work a line of surface slip sts to next blue marked st on Round 11, then work a line of surface slip sts back to the beginning blue marker. Remove blue markers.

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HEXAGON VIII

Make same as Hexagon VII, using **A** for Round 1, [**D** for next round, **E** for next round] 7 times, and **A** for Round 16, surface slip st dividing lines and triangles.

HEXAGON IX

Make same as Hexagon VII, using **A** for Round 1, [**F** for next round, **G** for next round] 7 times, and **A** for Round 16, surface slip st dividing lines and triangles.

HEXAGON X

Make same as Hexagon VII, using **A** for Round 1, [**H** for next round, **I** for next round] 7 times, and **A** for Round 16, surface slip st dividing lines and triangles.

HEXAGON XI

Make same as Hexagon VII, using **A** for Round 1, [**J** for next round, **K** for next round] 7 times, and **A** for Round 16, surface slip st dividing lines and triangles.

HEXAGON XII

Make same as Hexagon VII, using **A** for Round 1, [**G** for next round, **L** for next round] 7 times, and **A** for Round 16, surface slip st dividing lines and triangles.

HEXAGON XIII

Work Rounds 1–6 same as Rounds 1–6 of Hexagon I using yarn colors and placing markers (for use later when making long-sc sts and surface slip st diamond lines) as follows:

Round 1: Work with **A**. Fasten off.
Rounds 2 and 3: Work with **I**. Do not fasten off.

Round 4: Continue with **I** and place a marker in 3rd sc following each corner ch-2 space. Do not fasten off.
Rounds 5 and 6: Continue with **I**. Fasten off.

Round 7: Draw up a loop of **A** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, [ch 1, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc of Round 6, long sc in marked st of Round 4 and remove marker, push long sc back toward last sc made, sc in next sc of Round 6 (do not skip a sc between the 2 sc of Round 6 worked before and after the long-sc), ch 1, skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, ch 1, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc of Round 6, long sc in marked st of Round 4, push long sc toward last sc made, sc in next sc of Round 6, ch 1, skip last 2 sc; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc, 6 long-sc, 12 ch-1 spaces, and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (4 sc, 1 long-sc, and 2 ch-1 spaces in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.
Round 8: Draw up a loop of **J** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, [skip next sc, 3 sc in next ch-1 space, skip next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space] 5 times, skip next sc, 3 sc in next ch-1 space, skip next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-1 space; join with slip st in first sc—48 sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (8 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Do not fasten off.

Work Rounds 9–14 same as Rounds 9–14 of Hexagon I using yarn colors and placing markers as follows:

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Round 9: Continue with **J**.

Round 10: Continue with **J** and place a marker in 5th sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.

Round 11: Work with **A**. Fasten off.

Round 12: Work with **G** and place a marker in 2nd sc following each corner ch-2 space. Do not fasten off.

Rounds 13 and 14: Continue with **G**.

Round 15: Draw up a loop of **A** in any corner ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same corner ch-2 space, *skip next sc, sc in next sc of Round 15, long-sc in marked sc of Round 12 and remove marker, [skip next sc of Round 15 (under the long-sc), sc in next sc of Round 15, skip next sc of Round 12, long-sc in next sc of Round 12] 5 times, skip next sc of Round 15 (under the long-sc), sc in next sc of Round 15 **, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 space; repeat from * around ending last repeat at **; join with slip st in first sc—54 sc, 36 long-sc and 6 corner ch-2 spaces (9 sc and 6 long-sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Do not fasten off.

Round 16: With **A**, work Round 6 of Hexagon **I**—96 sc and 6 ch-2 spaces (16 sc in each of 6 sections between corner ch-2 spaces). Fasten off.

Surface slip stitch dividing lines: Work with **A**.

Surface Slip Stitch Diamond Lines

With **A**, begin at any corner ch-2 space of Round 7, *work a line of surface slip sts to marked st on Round 10, work a line of surface slip sts to next corner ch-2 space of Round 7; repeat from * around. Remove markers.

HEXAGON XIV

Make same as Hexagon XIII using **A** for Round 1, **G** for Rounds 2–6, **A** for Round 7, **I** for Rounds 8–10, **A** for Round 11, **J** for Rounds 12–14, and **A** for Rounds 15 and 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines and diamond lines.

HEXAGON XV

Make same as Hexagon XIII using **A** for Round 1, **J** for Rounds 2–6, **A** for Round 7, **G** for Rounds 8–10, **A** for Round 11, **I** for Rounds 12–14, and **A** for Rounds 15 and 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines and diamond lines.

HEXAGON XVI

Make same as Hexagon XIII using **A** for Round 1, **D** for Rounds 2–6, **A** for Round 7, **F** for Rounds 8–10, **A** for Round 11, **H** for Rounds 12–14, and **A** for Rounds 15 and 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines and diamond lines.

HEXAGON XVII

Make same as Hexagon XIII using **A** for Round 1, **H** for Rounds 2–6, **A** for Round 7, **D** for Rounds 8–10, **A** for Round 11, **F** for Rounds 12–14, and **A** for Rounds 15 and 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines and diamond lines.

HEXAGON XVIII

Make same as Hexagon XIII using **A** for Round 1, **F** for Rounds 2–6, **A** for Round 7, **H** for Rounds 8–10, **A** for Round 11, **D** for Rounds 12–14, and **A** for Rounds 15 and 16 and surface slip stitch dividing lines and diamond lines.

HEXAGON XIX

Make same as Hexagon I using yarn colors and placing markers (for use later when making surface slip stitch curving lines), as follows:

Round 1: Work with **A**. Fasten off.

Rounds 2–14: Work with **B**. Do not fasten off.

Round 15: Continue with **B** and place a marker in 4th, 7th, 10th, and 13th sc following each corner ch-2 space. Fasten off.

Round 16: Work with **A**.

Surface slip stitch dividing lines: Work with **A**.

Surface Slip Stitch Curving Lines

With **A**, work curving lines in each of the 6 sections. Begin in any corner ch-2 space of Round 3, [working from left to right across section, work a slightly curving line of surface slip sts to first marked st of Round 15. Fasten off. Make three more curving lines of surface slip sts, working one line between corner ch-2 space of Round 6 and 2nd marked st of Round 15, another line between corner ch-2 space of Round 9 and 3rd marked st of Round 15, and final curving line between corner ch-2 space of Round 12 and 4th marked st or Round 15.

FINISHING

With right side facing and **A**, following Assembly Diagram, sew Hexagons together.

EDGING

With right side facing, draw up a loop of **A** in back loop of any st.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, sc in back loop of each sc and ch around, working 1 sc in each space between two Hexagons (if needed to keep work flat); working in both loops, join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Slip st in base of same st as joining, *slip st in next st, slip st in base of same st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first st.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C**, etc. = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

See next page for assembly diagram and alternate photo

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XII	XIII	XVI	VII
XV	II	XIX	V	XVII
VIII	XVIII	XIV	X
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