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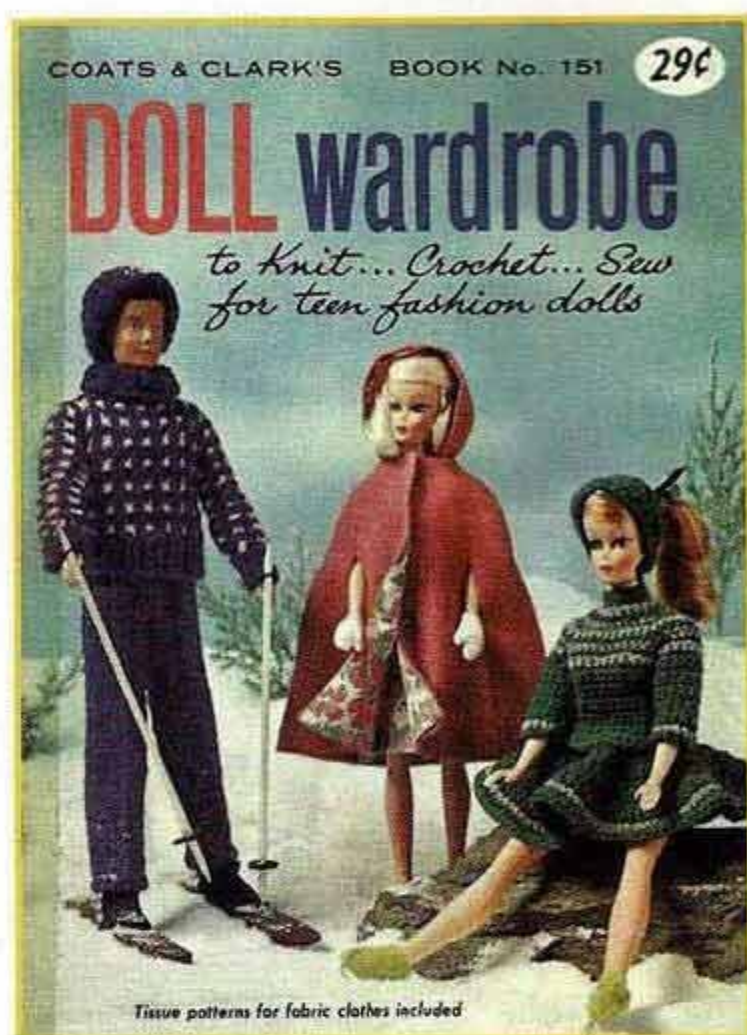
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What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic) 1 ball each:

- #3801 Aqua Ice (A)
- #3515 Lagoon (B)
- #3901 Heart Red (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Small snap closure
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Ski Bunny Remake

Get your child's doll ready for a winter in the Alps with this crocheted sweater, pants, and hat set.

By Mae Y. Dickson

We were charmed by this 1964 photo featuring a group of "teen fashion dolls" hitting the slopes in their handcrafted wares, and we knew an update would be just the thing for our winter issue. The crochet look seemed ready for a modern remake—after all, who could ski in a skirt? We think our new look is perfectly suited for today's sportiest dolls.

the yarn



Designer Sport in Aqua Ice

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ch chain | sk skip |
| dc double crochet | sl st slip stitch |
| hdc half double crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
| sc single crochet | |

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

BPsc (Back Post single crochet) Insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

sc3tog (single crochet 3 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

tr3tog (treble crochet 3 stitches together)

*Yarn over twice, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * 2 more times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.



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SIZE

Clothes designed to fit standard 11½–12"/29–30.5cm fashion doll

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

sweater chest 6"/15cm
sweater length 3¼"/8.5cm
pants waist 4¼"/12cm
pants length 5½"/14cm

GAUGE

20 sts and 20 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 21.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 sc.

Rows 2–20 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

- 1 To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Unless otherwise instructed, fasten off old color.
- 2 The sweater back, front, and sleeves

are worked first. The sweater yoke is then worked across the top edges of the back, front, and sleeves.

SWEATER

Back

With A, ch 15.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, *dc in next ch, hdc in next ch; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in next hdc, *BPsc around next dc, sc in next hdc; repeat from * across to beginning ch, sc in top of beginning ch—14 sts.

Rows 3–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Front

Work same as Back.

Sleeve (Make 2)

With A, ch 11.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, *dc in next ch, hdc in next ch; repeat from * across—10 sts

Rows 2–12 Work Rows 2–12 of Back—10 sts. Fasten off.

Yoke

Note The first row of the yoke is worked in the stitches of the last rows of the back, sleeves, and front. Ensure that the right side of all pieces are facing you.

Row 1 With right side facing, sk first 6 sc of last row of back, join B with sl st in next sc, sk same sc as join, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog over last st of back and first st of one sleeve, sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog over last st of sleeve and first st of front, sc in next 12 sc, sc2tog over last st of front and first st of next sleeve, sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog over last st of sleeve and first st of back, sc in last 6 sc of back and change to C in last st; do not join—43 sc.

Row 2 With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across; change to B in last st.

Note Change color in every st of Row 3. Work first st with B, next st with A, next st with B, next st with A, and so on. Each sc2tog will be worked with A, and the last st will be worked with B. Do not fasten off old color, carry color not in use along wrong side of piece.

Row 3 Beginning with B, ch 1, turn; sc in next sc and change to A, sc in next sc and change to B; continue to change color in every st,



alternating A and B, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sc, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog, sc in last 5 sc—39 sc.

Note In next row, when working into A-colored sts, work in the front loops only.

Row 4 With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Note Change color in every st of Row 5. Work first st with B, next st with A, next st with B, next st with A, and so on. The last st will be worked with B. Do not fasten off old color, carry color not in use along wrong side of piece.

Row 5 Beginning with B, ch 1, turn; sc in next sc and change to A, sc in next sc and change to B, continue to change color in every st alternating A and B, sc in next 2 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 4 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 8 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 4 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 3 sc; change to C in last st—31 sc.

Note In next row, when working into A-colored sts (including sc2tog sts), work in the front loops only.

Row 6 With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 2 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 6 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 2 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 3 sc; change to B in last st—23 sc.

Row 7 With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sc, sc3tog, sc in next sc, sc3tog, sc in next 5 sc, sc3tog, sc in next sc, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sc; change to A in last st—15 sc.

Row 8 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 9 With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

Finishing

With wrong side facing, sew sleeve and side seams. Turn sweater right side out and sew snap closure to top edges of opening at back neck. Weave in all ends.

PANTS

Legs (Make 2)

Beginning at top of leg with B, ch 12.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 hdc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each hdc across.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first sc, [2 hdc in next sc, hdc in next 2 sc] 3 times—13 hdc.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first 3 hdc, [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc] twice—15 hdc.

Row 8 Repeat Row 6. Place a marker on each end of Row 8.

Row 9 Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in first hdc, hdc in each hdc across to last hdc, 2 hdc in last hdc—17 hdc.

Row 10 Repeat Row 6.

Row 11 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 4 hdc, sc2tog, hdc in next 4 hdc, sc2tog, hdc in next 5 hdc—15 sts.

Row 12 Repeat Row 6.

Row 13 Ch 2, turn; [hdc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 3 times, hdc in last 3 sts—12 sts.

Rows 14–23 Repeat Row 6 and change to A

in last st of Row 23.

Row 24 With A, repeat Row 6 and change to C in last st.

Row 25 With C, repeat Row 6 and change to A in last st.

Row 26 With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 6 sts and change to B in last st—13 sts.

Row 27 With B, repeat Row 6.

Fasten off.

Finishing

With right side facing out, fold each leg in half lengthwise. Sew pieces together from top of leg, down to marker, then on other side, up to top of leg again. Sew inside leg seams. Weave in ends.

HAT

With B, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in beginning ch—5 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, sc in same st as join; join with sl st in beginning ch—11 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in beginning ch—17 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in beginning ch and change to A.

Round 5 With A, repeat Round 4 and change to C at end of round.

Round 6 With C, repeat Round 4 and change to A at end of round.

Round 7 With A, repeat Round 4 and change to B at end of round.

Round 8 With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in beginning ch. Fasten off.

First Ear Flap

Row 1 Join B with sl st in any st of last round, ch 3, tr3tog, ch 8 (for tie).

Fasten off. Tie a knot near end of tie and cut yarn leaving a 1/4"/6mm tail. Separate the plies of the 1/4"/6mm tail to create fringe.

Second Ear Flap

Sk 4 sts following first ear flap and join B with a sl st in the next st. Work the same as first ear flap.

Finishing

Weave in ends.



Mr. & Mrs. Robot

These sweetheart robots stay connected thanks to magnets on their hands. It must be love!

By Christen Haden

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

1 skein each:

- #400 Grey Heather (A)
- #313 Aran (B)
- #319 Cherry Red (C)
- #312 Black (D)
- #722 Pretty 'n Pink (E) (for lady robot only)

Notes 1 skein of each color will make many robots. If you'd prefer, #319 Cherry Red and #312 Black are also available in 3 oz/85g balls.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Two black buttons (per robot)— $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6mm (for eyes)
- Two magnets (per robot)— $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13mm
- Glue
- Polyester fiberfill
- Sewing needle and thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet **tr** treble crochet
sc single crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

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

the yarn



Super Saver in Grey Heather

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Each Robot measures approx 6"/15cm tall.

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

1 Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so that stuffing does not show through stitches.

2 Work first stitch of each round in same stitch as join.

3 Do not turn at beginning of rounds. The right side of the work is always facing.

HEAD (MAKE 1 PER ROBOT)

Beginning at top of head with A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next 5 sc; join with sl st in first sc—11 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times; join with sl st in first sc—15 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 5–7 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc2tog, [sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in first sc—11 sc.

Round 9 Ch 1, sc2tog, [sc in next sc, sc2tog]

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3 times; join with sl st in first sc—7 sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing head to body.

BODY (MAKE 1 PER ROBOT)

With A, ch 8.

Round 1 Work 3 dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, 6 dc in last ch, working across opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 4 ch, 3 dc in next ch; join with sl st in first dc—20 dc.

Round 2 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each dc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 3–10 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Note Only half of the stitches are worked in Row 11 (to form flap for base of body).

Row 11 (base flap) Sl st in first 4 sc, ch 3, working in back loops only, tr in next 5 sc, ch 3, sl st in next sc; leave remaining sts unworked—5 tr. Fasten off.

Shoulder Trim

Note Use E for lady robot and D for man robot. Join yarn with sl st in any free front loop of Round 1, sl st in each free loop around. Fasten off.

Skirt (Lady Robot Only)

Round 1 Join E with sl st in any free front loop of Round 10, ch 2, [2 dc in next free loop, dc in next free loop] 10 times; join with sl st in first dc. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join D with sl st in any st of Round 1, sl st in each st around. Fasten off.

Lower Trim (Man Robot Only)

Join D with sl st in any free front loop of Round 10, sl st in each free loop around. Fasten off.

Body Finishing (Both Robots)

With B, embroider vertical stitches over each sc of Round 9 of body. Stuff body. Fold base flap over to close lower edge of body, and whipstitch in place.

ARM (MAKE 2 PER ROBOT)

With A, ch 12.

Row 1 (Dc, tr, dc, ch 2, sl st) in 3rd ch from hook (for hand), sl st in next 9 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing arm to body.

LEG (MAKE 2 PER ROBOT)

Beginning at bottom of leg with A, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1 and 2 Work Rounds 1 and 2 of head—11 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in next sc, sc2tog, [sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] twice; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Rounds 6–8 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body.

HEART (MAKE 1 PER ROBOT)

With C, ch 4.

Row 1 Work 3 dc in 3rd ch from hook, (hdc, sc, ch 1, sc, hdc) in last ch, working across opposite side of foundation ch, (3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing to body.

BOW (LADY ROBOT ONLY)

With E, ch 5, (sl st, ch 5, sl st) in first ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Wrap tail around middle of bow and sew bow to top of head.

FINISHING

Stuff both legs. Sew legs to base of body. Sew arms to each side of upper body. Sew heart to front center of body. Stuff head and sew to top of body. With B, embroider straight stitch mouth (1 sc wide) between Rows 7 and 8 of head. Sew buttons on either side of mouth between Rows 6 and 7 of head. Glue one magnet to each hand.

Antenna (Man Robot Only)

Draw up a loop of D, about ¾"/2cm long, in top of head and sew in place.

Weave in all ends.



Be Mine Coasters



Set a sweet table with these darling heart coasters. Stitch up a whole set for a deliciously quick valentine gift! *By Erin Slonaker*

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Cotton Blend, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 145yd/132m (recycled cotton/acrylic)

1 ball each:

- #1740 Rose (A)
- #1926 Currant (B)

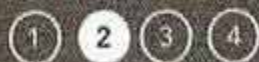
CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker (optional)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Eco-Cotton Blend in Currant

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sk skip

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 5½"/14cm wide x 4½"/11.5cm high

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly to ensure no holes.

NOTES

- 1 One ball of yarn will make many coasters.
- 2 Coasters are made with A for center and B for edging or with B for center and A for edging.
- 3 To help identify bottom point of heart, place a stitch marker in the 7th sc worked on Row 2. On each subsequent row, work 2 sc in marked st and 2 sc in next st (4 sc at bottom point of

heart made), placing stitch marker in 3rd sc of these 4 sc worked to help identify bottom point for next row.

4 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook (or 3 loops for sc2tog), drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through remaining loops on hook. Continue with new color.

COASTER

With first color, make an adjustable ring.

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 1, 6 sc in ring—6 sc.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each sc—12 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc—18 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 2 sc—24 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 2 sc—30 sc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 2 sc—36 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next 5 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog—38 sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog—40 sc.



Row 9 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog—42 sc.

Row 10 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 15 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog—44 sc.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 17 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice, sc in next sc, sc2tog—46 sc.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in next 20 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 20 sc, sc2tog, changing to 2nd color—46 sc. Fasten off first color.

Edging

Do not turn. With right side facing and 2nd color, sk Row 11, 2 sc in edge of Row 10, [sk next row, 2 sc in edge of next row] 4 times, sl st in adjustable ring, sk Row 1, 2 sc in edge of

Row 2, [sk next row, 2 sc in edge of next row] 4 times, 2 sc in first st on Row 12, sk next sc, [2 sc in next sc, sk next sc] 22 times; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

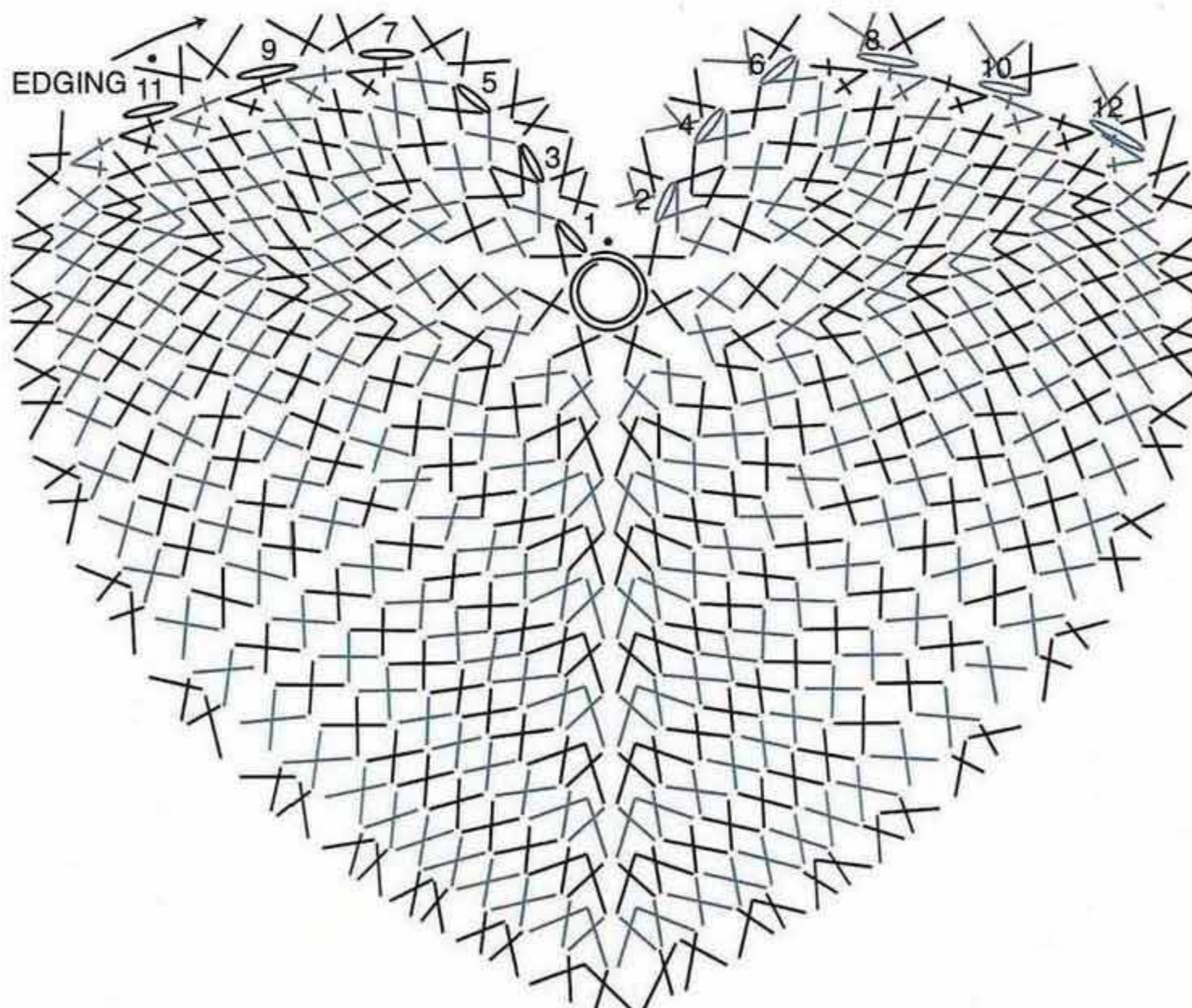
FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Tip

Work the edging loosely to help the coaster lay flat. Block finished coasters for best results.

STITCH DIAGRAM







Conversation Hearts



Say it in yarn! The iconic valentine candies make enormously expressive pillows when translated into oversized crochet cushions. *By Regina Rioux Gonzalez*

What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Essentials, 6 oz/170g balls, each approx 312yd/285m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #2772 Light Country Rose (A)
- 2 balls #2531 Light Plum (B)
- 2 balls #2316 Winter White (C)
- 1 ball #2319 Cherry Red (D)

Note 2 balls of any one color is sufficient to complete one pillow. 1 ball of D is sufficient to embroider all 3 pillows.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 1 1/2" x 27" x 68.5cm foam—1 1/2yd/1 1/2m per pillow
- Rotary blade (preferred)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Essentials in Light Plum



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

One pillow measures approx 19"/48.5cm across (at widest point) x 17"/43cm high x 3"/7.5cm deep.

GAUGE

13 sts and 11 rows = 4"/10cm over half double crochet.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 15.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—13 hc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Front and back panels are worked from the lower point to the top of the heart.

2 Side panel is worked along edges of front panel only.

FRONT PANEL

With A, B, or C, ch 3.

Row 1 Work 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each hdc across—4 hdc.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in last st—6 hdc.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st—8 hdc.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st—10 hdc.

Rows 6–28 Repeat last row 23 times—56 hdc.

Rows 29 and 30 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across.

Row 31 Repeat Row 5—58 sts

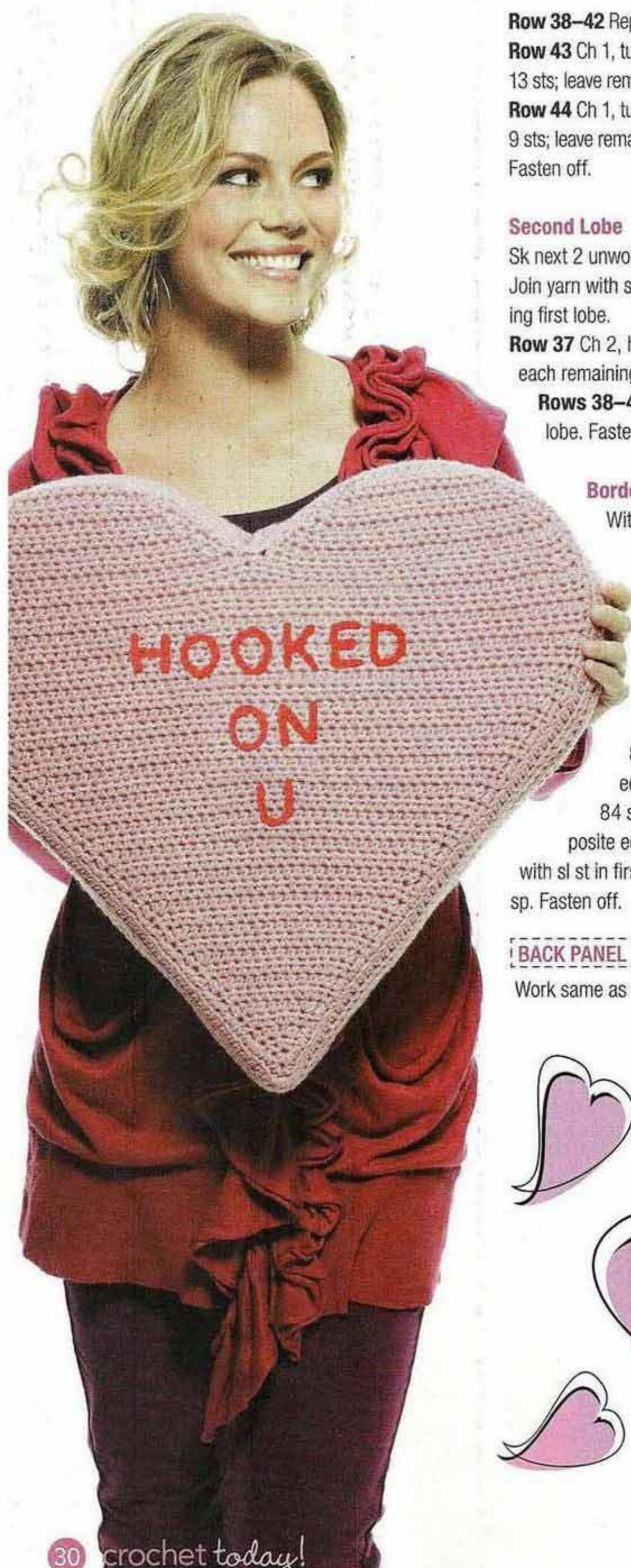
Rows 32–35 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across.

Row 36 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—56 sts.

First Lobe

Row 37 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 27 sts; leave remaining sts unworked (for second lobe)—27 hdc.





Row 38–42 Repeat Row 36 five times—17 hdc.

Row 43 Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, hdc in next 13 sts; leave remaining sts unworked—13 hdc.

Row 44 Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, hdc in next 9 sts; leave remaining sts unworked—9 hdc. Fasten off.

Second Lobe

Sk next 2 unworked sts following first lobe. Join yarn with sl st in next unworked st following first lobe.

Row 37 Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in each remaining st across—27 hdc.

Rows 38–44 Work Rows 38–44 of first lobe. Fasten off.

Border

With right side facing, join matching yarn with sl st in first unworked st between lobes.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc2tog over same st as join and next unworked st, working in sts and ends of rows along edge of panel, work 84 sc evenly spaced across edge to lower point, ch 2, work 84 sc evenly spaced across opposite edge to beginning of round; join with sl st in first sc2tog—169 sc and 1 ch-2 sp. Fasten off.

BACK PANEL

Work same as front panel (including border).

SIDE PANEL

Join matching yarn with sl st in sc2tog of border of front panel.

Row 1 Ch 2, working in back loops only, (do not work in sc2tog again), hdc in each sc to ch-2 sp, 2 hdc in ch-2 sp, hdc in each remaining sc to beginning of round; do not join—170 hdc.

Rows 2–12 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off. With wrong side facing, sew or crochet center, top edges of side panel together.

EMBROIDERY

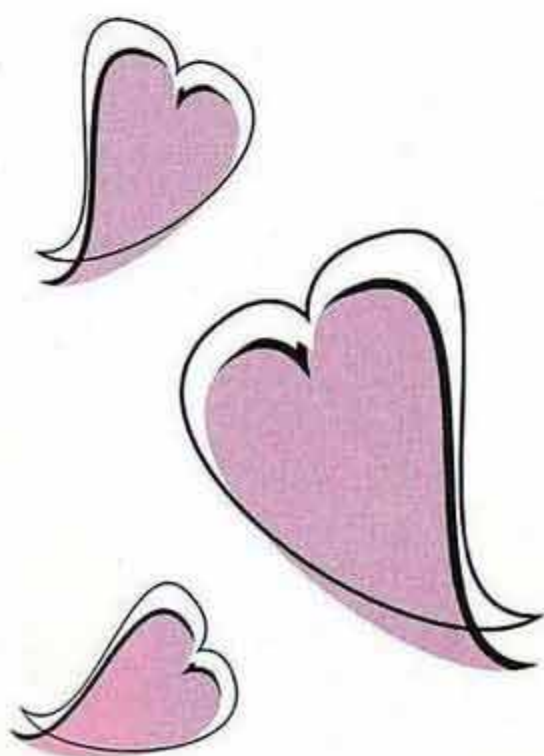
Note Complete all embroidery before assembling pillow.

Make Conversation Template With a pencil or computer and printer, write the words you plan to embroider onto 8½ x 11"/21.5 x 28cm paper. Center and pin template to right side of front panel. With D, embroider chain stitches over the letters, through the template, and onto the panel. When embroidery is complete, carefully tear away template from embroidered letters.

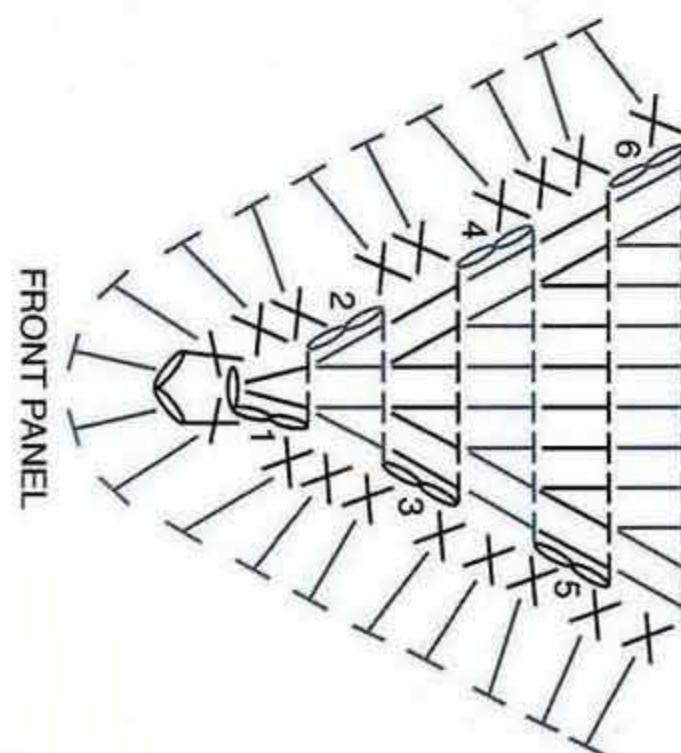
FINISHING

Place back panel on top of the foam. Using a rotary blade (preferred), carefully cut foam close to edge of panel. Repeat two more times. Stack the three foam hearts and place inside the front panel piece. With right side facing, place back panel on top and pin in place.

Joining Round Working through both thicknesses and working in back loops only, join yarn with sl st in lower point, sl st evenly around; join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.



STITCH DIAGRAM





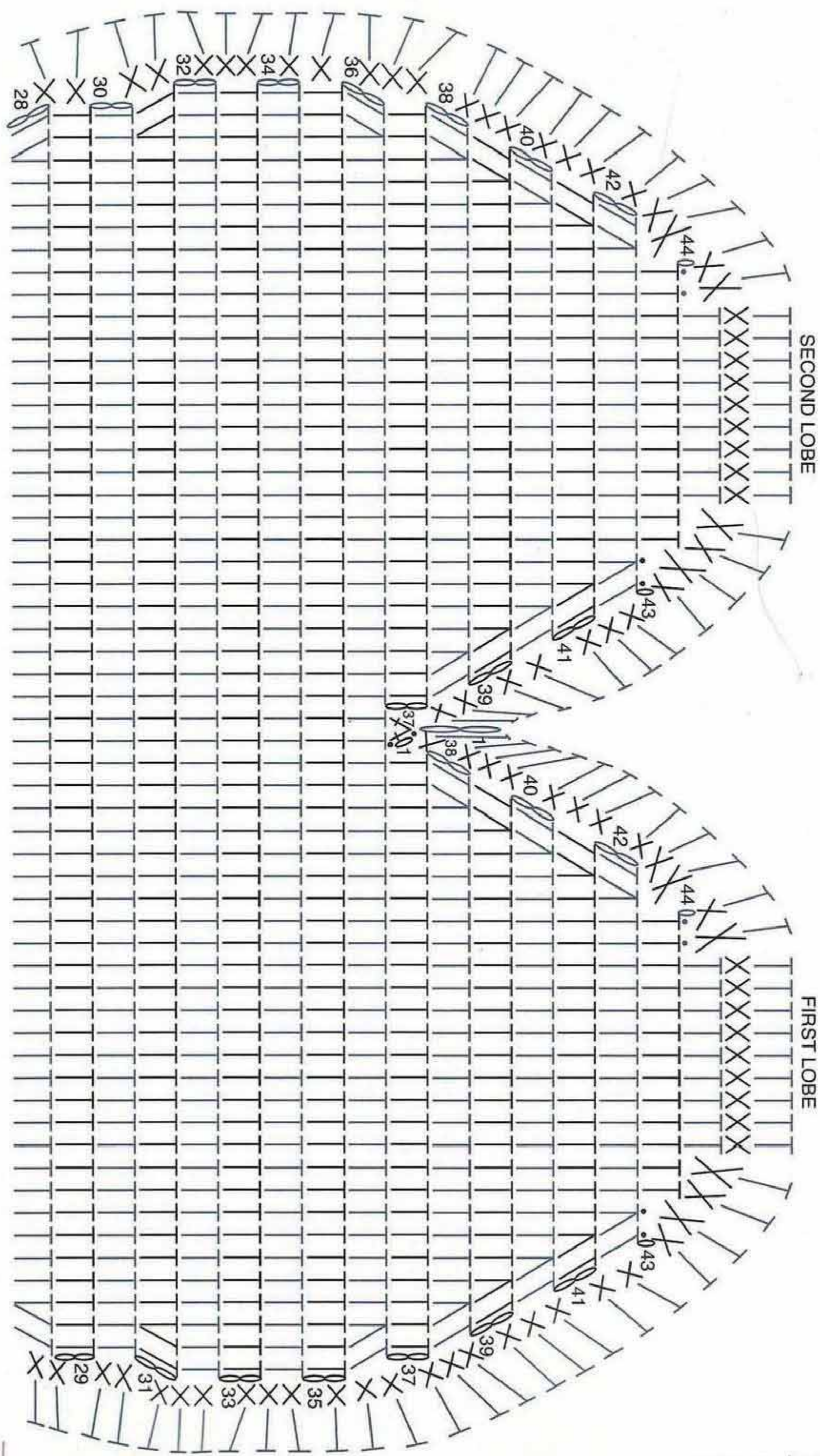
Tip

Express yourself! Embroider any phrase you like on your pillows. If you prefer, use surface slip stitch to embroider the letters onto the front pillow panel.

DC 2 TOG



STITCH DIAGRAM



Big Love Blanket

Have some heart! Cuddle up under this enormously loveable afghan with someone you adore. *By Marty Miller*



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 5 skeins #9770 Rose Blush (A)
- 1 skein #5142 Cherry Red (B)
- 1 skein #9925 Really Red (C)
- 1 skein #4608 Wine (D)
- 1 skein #9779 Berry (E)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook. beginning corner shell Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same ch-1 sp as last sl st. corner shell Work (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated ch-1 sp.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 45"/114cm x 56"/142cm

GAUGE

Hexagon = 5"/12.5cm diameter between sides and 6"/15cm diameter between points

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 All hexagons are worked on the right side throughout.

2 Hexagons that form heart shape on afghan (hexagons made with B, C, D, and E) are placed randomly within heart shape as per assembly diagram. Hexagons surrounding heart shape are all made with A.

3 For afghan, make 102 hexagons total: 56 hexagons with A, 12 hexagons each with B and C, 11 hexagons each with D and E.

4 Work hexagons (except for Hexagon 1) through Round 3 in order of assembly, then join to adjacent hexagon(s), with right sides facing, while working Round 4. Join first row of hexagons on assembly diagram, starting at top or bottom of diagram. Then join hexagons of each successive row, one by one, to previous row. Work 12 rows, alternating between 9 and 8 hexagons in each row, as per assembly diagram.

5 To change colors in sc2tog between 2 motifs of opposite colors on edging, insert hook in first ch-1 sp and draw up a loop with old color, drop old color, insert hook in 2nd ch-1 sp and draw up a loop with new color, yarn over with new color, and draw through all 3 loops on hook. Continue with new color until next color change.

AFGHAN

Hexagon 1

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

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in ring, ch 1, [2 dc in ring, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—6 groups of 2 dc and 6 ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Sl st in next dc and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning corner shell, ch 1, [corner shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—6 corner shells and 6 ch-1 sps.

Round 3 Sl st in next dc and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning corner shell, ch 1, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [corner shell in ch-1 sp of next

the yarn



Soft Yarn in Wine





corner shell, ch 1, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—6 corner shells, 6 groups of 2 dc, and 12 ch-1 sps.

Round 4 Sl st in next dc and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning corner shell, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, *corner shell in ch-1 sp of next corner shell, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—6 corner shells, 12 groups of 2 dc, and 18 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Hexagons with One, Two, or Three-Sided Joinings

With appropriate color, work Rounds 1–3 of Hexagon 1.

Round 4 Work same as Round 4 on Hexagon 1, joining 1–3 sides of hexagon to adjacent hexagon(s), starting and ending at corner shells, according to assembly diagram as follows:

To join corner shells, work 2 dc in ch-1 sp of corner shell on current hexagon, sc in ch-1 sp of corresponding corner shell on adjacent hexagon, 2 dc in ch-1 sp of same corner shell on current hexagon.

To join ch-1 sps on side(s) between 2 corner shells, sc in corresponding ch-1 sp on adjacent hexagon (instead of working ch 1).

ASSEMBLY

See Notes.

EDGING

With right side facing, join A with sl st in first joined ch-1 sp of corner shell on hexagon made with A after hexagon made with B, C, D, or E on left or right edge of afghan. Sc in each dc and ch-1 sp around edge of entire afghan, working sc2tog in joined corner ch-1 sps and (sc, ch 1, sc) in unjoined corner ch-1 sps of each hexagon, changing colors as needed to match

color of hexagon on edge of afghan and ending with sc in last joined ch-1 sp of last hexagon; join with sl st in joining sl st. Fasten off.

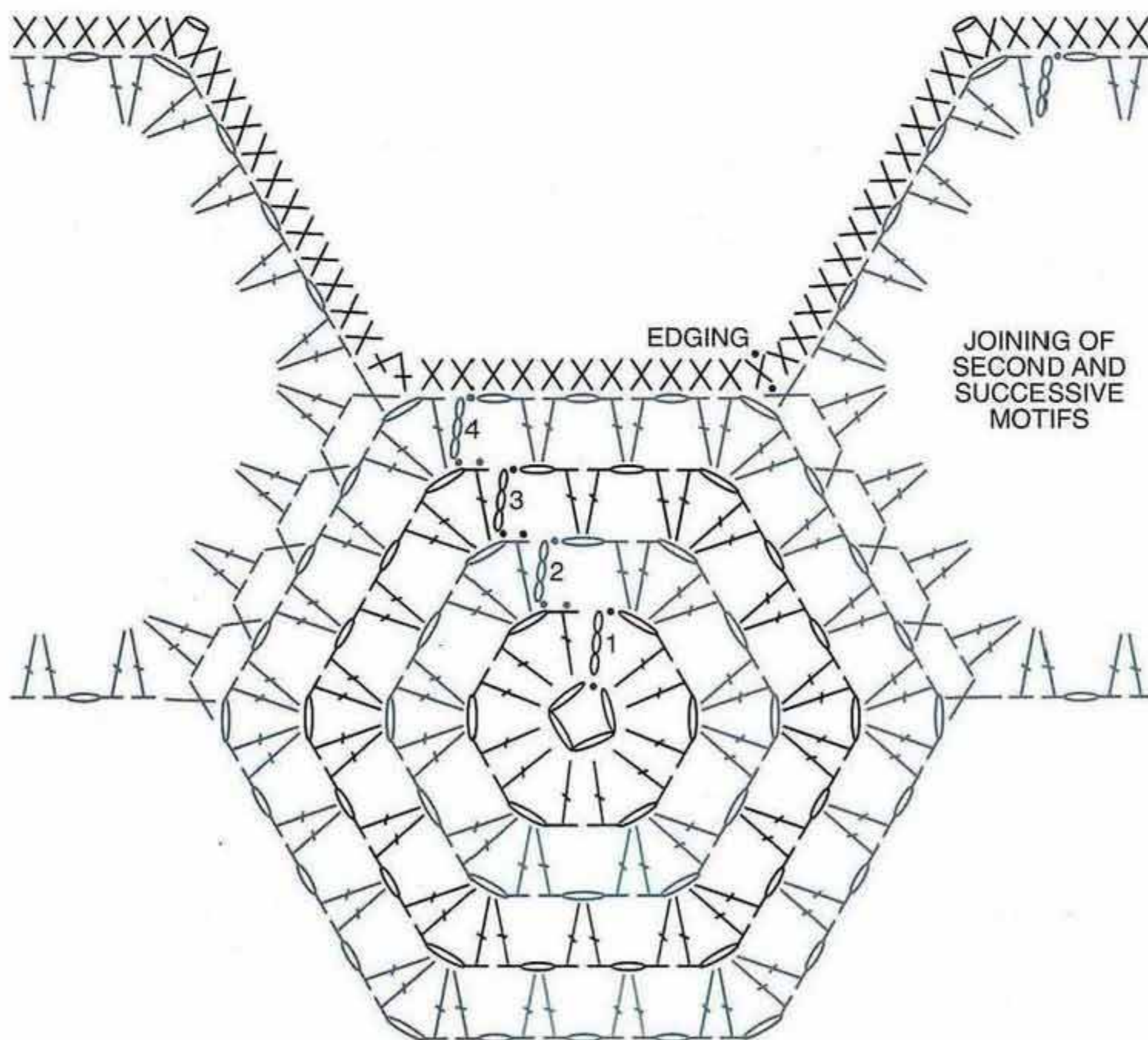
FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Tip

Leave a long end (about 8"/20.5cm) at the beginning of each hexagon. When you are working the dc into the beginning ring, work over the tail end of the yarn. After completing the hexagon, pull gently on the end to close the space in the center.

STITCH DIAGRAM



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

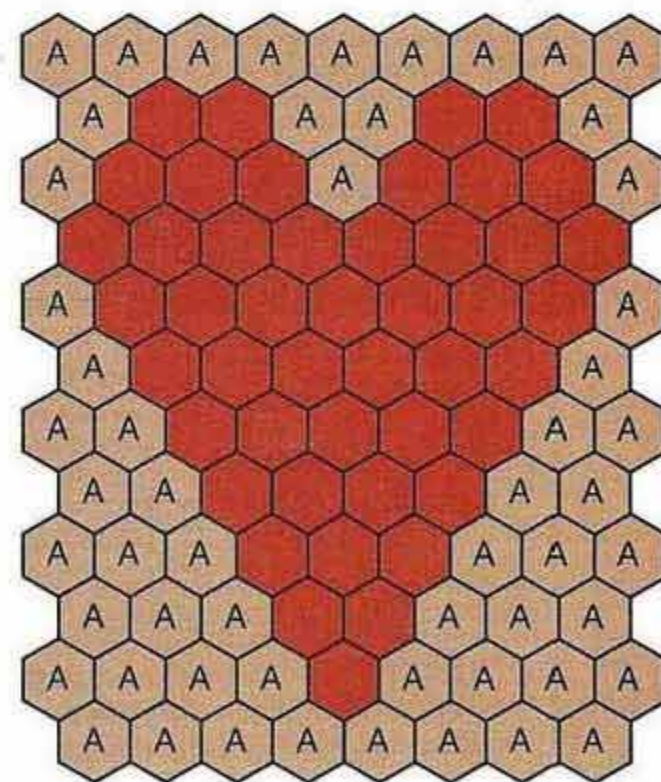
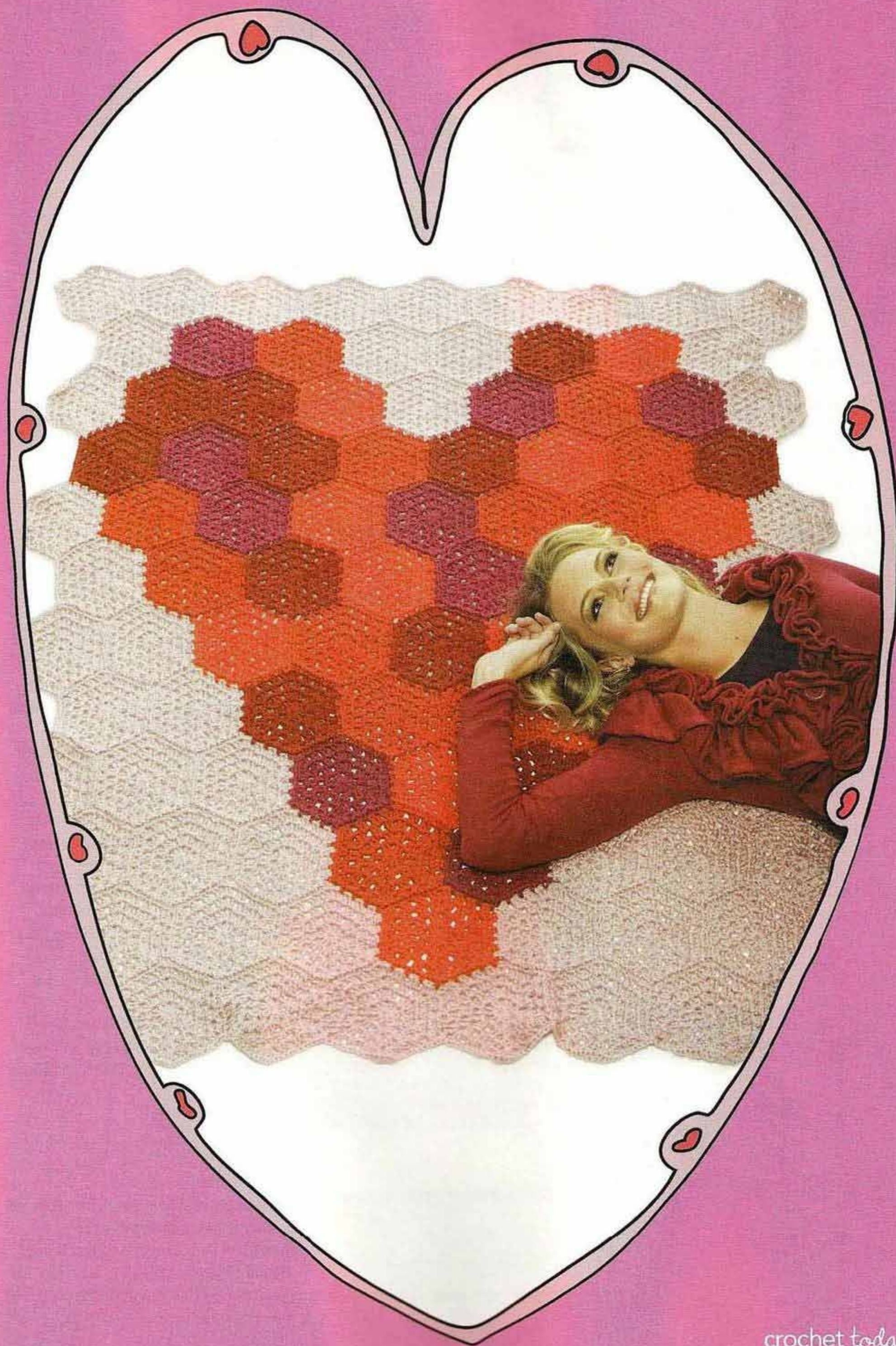


CHART KEY

-  = hexagon in A
-  = hexagon in B, C, D or E randomly arranged



Yummy Ring Box

Pop the question in crafty style with this fun pattern! The box can hold non-crocheted jewelry too, perfect for packaging a special gift for someone sweet. *By Christen Haden*

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
1 ball each:

- #505 Aruba Sea (A)
- #313 Aran (B)

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, Size 5, each ball approx 1.6oz/45g 100yd/91m (cotton)
1 ball each:

- #410S Silver/Silver (C)
- #90G Gold/Gold (D)

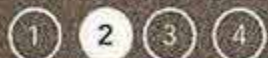
CROCHET HOOK

- Size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size 5 (1.9mm) steel crochet hook (for ring)

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Super Saver in Aruba Sea

Fashion Crochet Thread in Gold/Gold

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet **tr** treble crochet
sc single crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3-tr Cl (3 treble cluster) Yarn over twice, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times (2 loops remain on hook), *yarn over twice, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

ring box approx 2½ x 2½ x 2½"/6.5 x 6.5 x 6.5cm

ring approx 3¼"/8.5cm circumference

GAUGE

18 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet with A or B (for ring box); use finished measurement for ring gauge

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 19.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—18 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 2, turn; sc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch.

RING BOX

Top Inner Layer

With A, ch 11.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 sc.

Rows 2–9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Round 10 (begin sides) Ch 1, do not turn, work 36 sc evenly all the way around the piece (9 sc





along each edge); join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 11 and 12 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Bottom Inner Layer

With A, ch 11.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Rows 4–9 Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times.

Rounds 10–12 (sides) Work Rounds 10–12 of top inner layer. Fasten off.

Filling

Note Filling is worked in free loops of Rows 2–9 of the bottom inner layer. Flip sides down and away from right side of base of bottom inner layer to allow easier access to the free loops.

Row 1 With right side facing, and working in free loops of Row 8 of bottom inner layer, join B with sl st in first free loop, sc in remaining 9 free loops; pivot piece to work in the opposite direction and work sc in each free loop of Row 7; pivot piece and work sc in each free loop of Row 6; pivot piece and work sc in each free

loop of Row 5; pivot piece and work sc in each free loop of Row 4; pivot piece and work sc in each free loop of Row 3; pivot piece and work sc in each free loop of Row 2; pivot piece and work sc in each free loop of Row 1—79 sc (arranged in a zig-zag).

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across all sts.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sk first st, sl st in each remaining st across. Fasten off. Flip sides of bottom inner layer up again.

Outer Layer (Make 2)

With A, ch 12.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—11 sc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Round 11 (begin sides) Ch 1, do not turn, work 40 sc evenly all the way around the piece (10 sc along each edge); join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 12–14 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

With the right side of all pieces facing out, nest each inner layer inside an outer layer. You now have two halves of the box, a top half and a bottom half (with filling).

Edging With right side facing, holding 2 strands

of C together and working through both thicknesses, join C with sl st in any st of last round of one box half, sl st in each remaining st around. Fasten off. Repeat around other box half.

Note Since the outer layer has 4 more stitches than the inner layer, skip 1 stitch on outer layer at each of the four corners.

Hinge Identify center 7 sts along one side of top and bottom halves (make sure that the layers of the filling run parallel to the hinge). Hold top and bottom halves together with 7 center sts along one side aligned. With 2 strands of C held together, sew 7 center sts together using loose cross stitches. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

RING

With D, ch 28; taking care not to twist ch, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

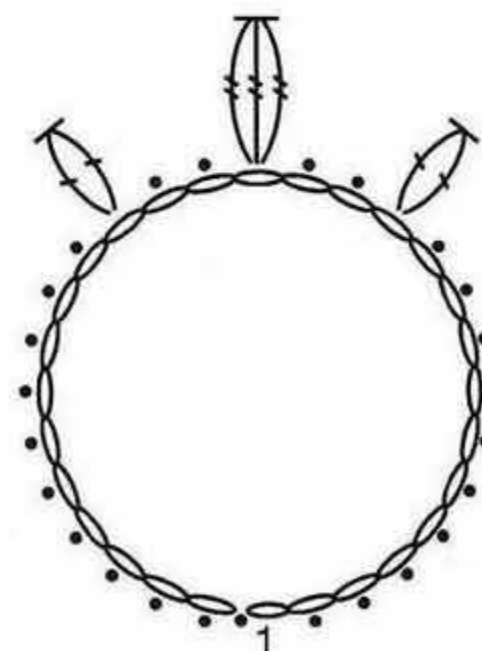
Row 1 Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 9 ch, change to C, 2-dc Cl in next ch, change to D, sl st in next 2 ch, change to C, 3-tr Cl in next ch, change to D, sl st in next 2 ch, change to C, 2-dc Cl in next ch, change to D, sl st in last 10 ch. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.



STITCH DIAGRAM



Hit the Slopes

Greet the winter weather in sporty style with fresh designs that are guaranteed winners. From warming accessories to gorgeous sweaters, these hot designs are sure to challenge your skills. Go for the gold!



Nordic Pullover

Hit the slopes in style with this classic sweater. Each round of the gorgeous yoke is worked with just one color at a time, making the colorwork deceptively simple!

By Mari Lynn Patrick

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Ways Bamboo Wool, 1¼oz/50g balls, each approx 87yd/80m (bamboo/wool)

- 10 (11, 12, 13, 15) balls #3116 Ivory (A)
- 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) balls #3845 Twilight (B)
- 1 ball #3525 Peacock (C)
- 1 ball #3650 Dill (D)
- 1 ball #3920 Cayenne (E)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook (for ribbing only)

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Bamboo Wool in Dill



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **sp** space
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

PATTERN STITCHES

Sc/Hdc Pattern

Row 1 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; hdc in each st across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across. Repeat these 2 rows for Sc/Hdc Pattern.

Rib Pattern (Worked in Rounds over Even Number of Sts)

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as st here and throughout), FPdc around next st, *BPdc around next st, FPdc around next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2 Ch 3, FPdc around next FPdc, *BPdc around next BPdc, FPdc around next FPdc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Repeat last round for Rib Pattern.

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

chest 34 (38, 42, 46, 50)"/86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127)cm

length 23 (23½, 24, 24, 24½)"/58.5 (59.5, 61, 61, 62)cm, including edging

GAUGE

14 sts = 4"/10cm and 20 rows = 6"/15cm over Sc/Hdc Pattern using larger hook
 20 sts and 15 rows = 4"/10cm over Rib Pattern using smaller hook

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

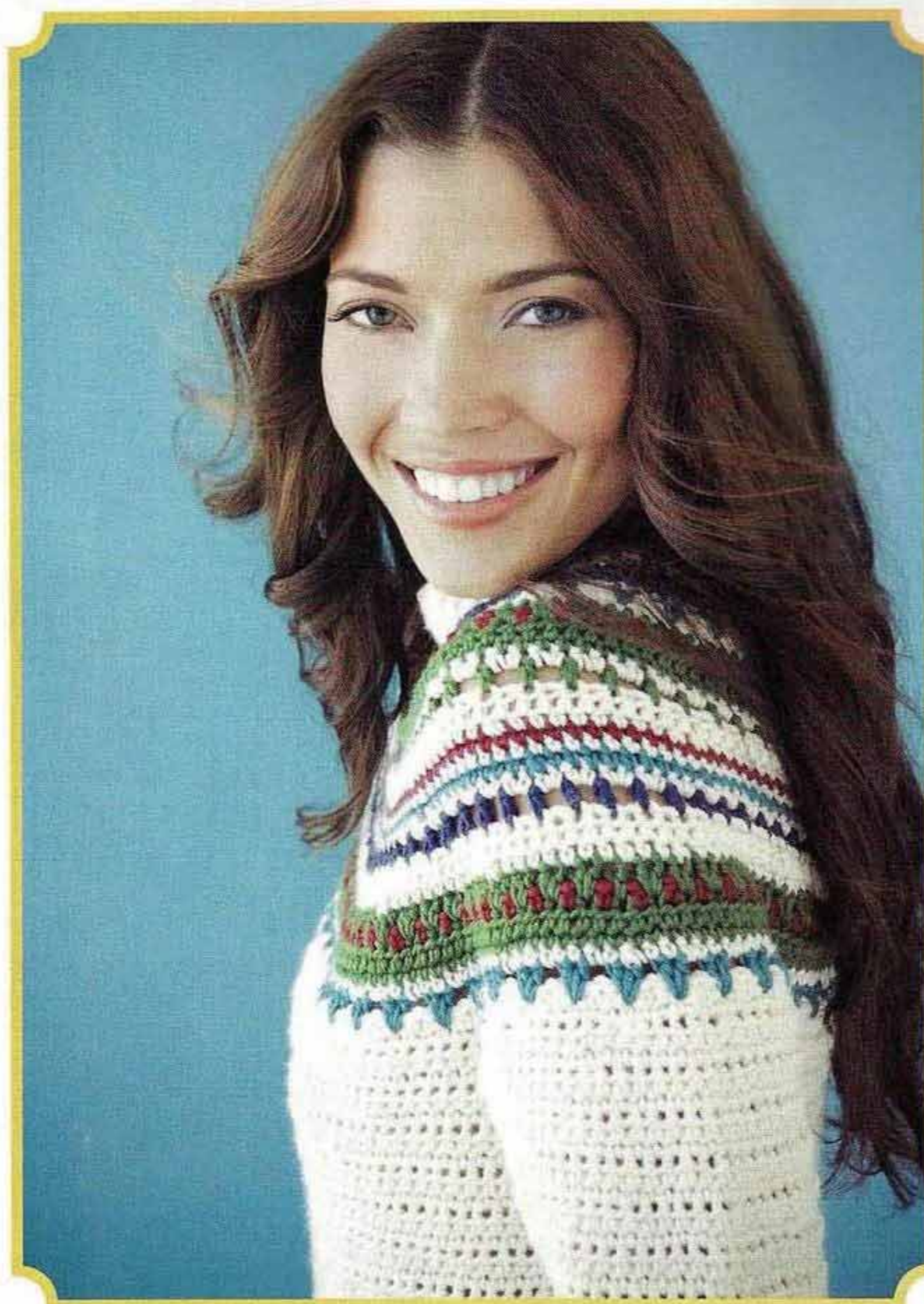
Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in remaining chs across—14 sc.

Rows 2–20 Beginning with Row 1 work in Sc/Hdc Pattern for 19 rows.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 6"/10 x 15cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.





NOTES

- 1 The back, front, and sleeves are worked from lower edge up to armhole. The yoke is then worked across the last row of back, front, and sleeves and worked upward to neck edge.
- 2 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color, and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color.

BACK

With larger hook and A, ch 64 (71, 78, 85, 92).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in remaining chs across—63 (70, 77, 84, 91) sc.

Rows 2–10 Beginning with Row 1, work in Sc/Hdc Pattern for 9 rows.

Row 11 (decrease row) Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—61 (68, 75, 82, 89) sc.

Rows 12–21 Repeat Rows 2–11—59 (66, 73, 80, 87) sc.

Beginning with Row 1, work in Sc/Hdc Pattern with no decreases until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 14½)"/33 (34.5, 35.5, 35.5, 37)cm from beginning. End with Row 1 of Sc/Hdc Pattern.

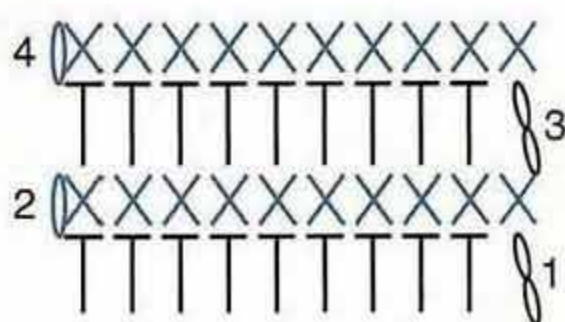
Shape Armholes

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 (4, 4, 5, 6) sc, ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 8) sts, sc2tog; leave remaining sts unworked—49 (56, 63, 68, 73) sc.

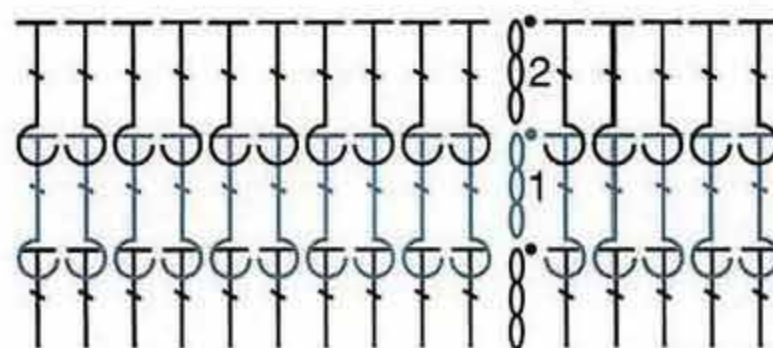
Row 2 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each sc across to last 2 sc, hdc2tog—47 (54, 61, 66, 71) hdc.

Fasten off.

SC/HDC STITCH DIAGRAM



RIB PATTERN STITCH DIAGRAM



FRONT

Work same as back.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With larger hook and A, ch 33 (33, 34, 37, 38).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in remaining chs across—32 (32, 33, 36, 37) sc.

Rows 2–6 (6, 4, 4, 4) Beginning with Row 1, work in Sc/Hdc Pattern for 5 (5, 3, 3, 3) rows.

Row 7 (7, 5, 5, 5) (increase row) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—34 (34, 35, 38, 39) sc.

Rows 8 (8, 6, 6, 6)–43 (49, 41, 41, 45) Repeat last 6 (6, 4, 4, 4) rows 6 (7, 9, 9, 10) more times—46 (48, 53, 56, 59) sts. Beginning with Row 1, work in Sc/Hdc Pattern with no increases until piece measures 15 (15½, 16, 16½, 17)"/38 (39.5, 40.5, 42, 43)cm from beginning. End with Row 1 of Sc/Hdc Pattern.

Shape Armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 (4, 4, 5, 6) sc, ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) sts, sc2tog; leave remaining sts unworked—36 (38, 43, 44, 45) sc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each sc across to last 2 sc, hdc2tog—34 (36, 41, 42, 43) hdc.

Fasten off.

YOKE

Sew the underarm seams of back, front, and sleeves together. From the wrong side, sl st the side and sleeve seams together.

Take care when working yoke rounds. Piece is not turned at beginning of most rounds. Only turn at beginning of round when instructed. With right side facing and larger hook, join A with sl st in first st of back.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in each sc of last

row of back, sc in each sc of last row of sleeve, sc in each sc of last row of front, sc in each sc of last row of other sleeve; join with sl st in first sc—162 (180, 204, 216, 228) sc.

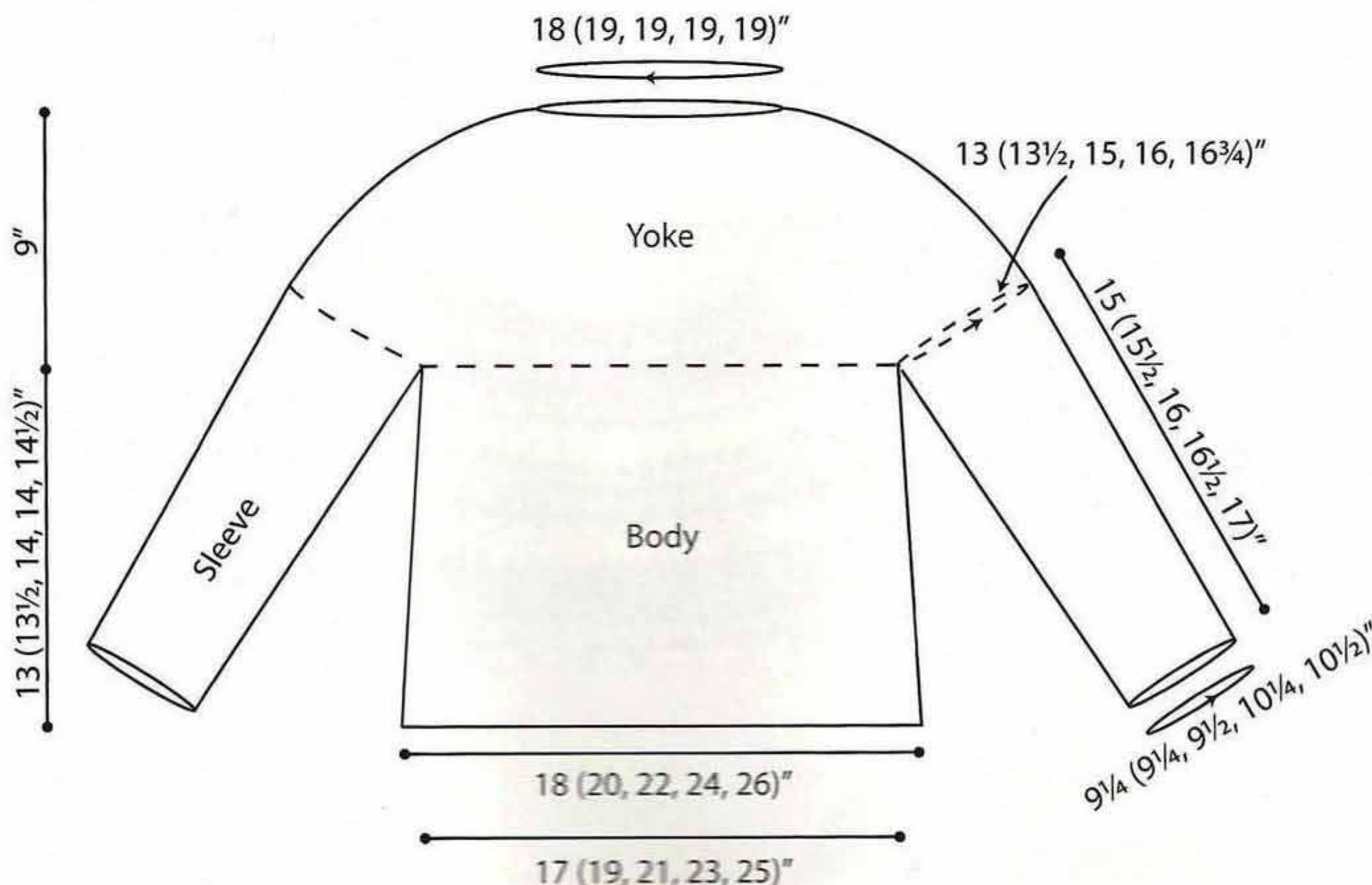
Round 2 With A, ch 2, *hdc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch and change to C.

Round 3 With C, ch 2, *sk next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in skipped st 2 rounds below, ch 1; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch and change to A.

Round 4 (decrease round) With A, ch 1, [sc in next 11 (10, 9, 8, 8) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc and change to D—150 (166, 186, 196, 206) sts.

Round 5 With D, ch 1, work sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 (wrong side) With D, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc and change to E.

SCHEMATIC



Round 7 (right side) With E, ch 2, turn; *hdc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first hdc and change to D.

Round 8 With D, ch 2, 2 hdc in each skipped st 2 rounds below; join with sl st in first hdc and change to A.

Round 9 (decrease round) With A, ch 1, [sc in next 10 (9, 8, 7, 7) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc—138 (152, 168, 176, 184) sts.

Round 10 (wrong side) With A, repeat Round 6 and change to B.

Round 11 (right side) With B, repeat Round 7 and change to A.

Round 12 With A, ch 1, 2 sc in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in first sc and change to C.

Round 13 (decrease round) With C, ch 1, [sc in next 9 (8, 7, 6, 6) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc and change to A—126 (138, 150, 156, 162) sts.

Round 14 With A, repeat Round 5 and change to E.

Round 15 With E, repeat Round 5 and change to A.

Round 16 (decrease round) With A, ch 1, [sc in next 8 (7, 6, 5, 5) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc—114 (124, 132, 136, 140) sts.

Round 17 (wrong side) With A, repeat Round 6 and change to D.

Round 18 (right side) With D, repeat Round 7

and change to A.

Round 19 With A, repeat Round 12 and change to D.

Rounds 20–23 Repeat Rounds 5–8, changing color as specified in the rounds.

Round 24 (decrease round) With A, ch 1, [sc in next 7 (6, 5, 4, 4) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc—102 (110, 114, 116, 118) sts.

Round 25 With A, ch 2, *hdc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * around, hdc in last 0 (2, 0, 2, 1) st(s); join with sl st in top of beginning ch and change to C.

Round 26 With C, ch 2, *sk next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in skipped st 2 rounds below, ch 1; repeat from * around, sc in last 0 (2, 0, 2, 1) st(s); join with sl st in top of beginning ch and change to A.

Round 27 (decrease round) With A, ch 1, [sc in next 6 (5, 4, 3, 3) sts, sc2tog] 12 (14, 18, 20, 22) times, sc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in first sc and change to B—90 (96, 96, 96, 96) sts.

Rounds 28 and 29 With B, repeat Rounds 5 and 6 and change to A.

Ribbing

Round 30 (right side) With A, change to smaller hook, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Rounds 31–33 Work in Rib Pattern for 3 rounds. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sleeve Edging

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in seam at lower edge of sleeve.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 30 (30, 30, 34, 34) sc evenly spaced around lower edge of sleeve; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Rounds 3–6 Work in Rib Pattern for 4 rounds. Fasten off. Repeat around lower edge of other sleeve.

Lower Edging

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in seam at lower edge of sweater.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 126 (140, 154, 168, 182) sc evenly spaced around lower edge of sweater; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 3, [dc in next 10 (12, 13, 14, 16) sts, dc2tog] 10 times, dc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—116 (130, 144, 158, 172) sc.

Rounds 3–5 Work in Rib Pattern for 3 rounds. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.



Snowy Day Hat

You'll stand out on the slopes or on the streets with this warm and colorful cap.

By Lauren Osborne

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)

1 skein each:

- #3921 Crimson (A)
- #3515 Lagoon (B)
- #3301 Latte (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Designer Sport in Lagoon

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 20"/51cm circumference

GAUGE

Rounds 1–6 = 4"/10cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTE

Hat is made with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.



HAT

Starting at crown with 2 strands of A held together, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 3 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 4 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 7 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 5 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—42 sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 6 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—48 sc.

Round 9 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in next 7 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Rounds 10–14 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining





and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. At end of Round 14, fasten off A.

Round 15 With right side facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 10. Fasten off B.

Round 17 With right side facing, join 2 strands of C with sl st in first sc, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—54 dc.

Rounds 18–20 Ch 3, BPdc around next st, *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st;

repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—26 FPdc, 27 BPdc, and 1 dc. At end of Round 20, fasten off C.

Round 21 With right side facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Round 22 Repeat Round 10. Fasten off B.

Round 23 With right side facing, join 2 strands of A with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Right Ear Flap

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 15 sts, leaving remaining sts unworked—16 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 sts, leaving remaining sts unworked—8 sc.

Rows 3 and 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st and in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog—6 sc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog—4 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; [sc2tog] twice—2 sc. Fasten off A.

Left Ear Flap

Row 1 (wrong side) With wrong side facing, join 2 strands of A with sl st in first sc on Row 1 of Right Ear Flap, sc in next 15 sts on Row 23 of hat, leaving remaining sts unworked—15 sc.

Rows 2–7 Work same as Rows 2–7 on Right Ear Flap.

EDGING

With right side facing, join 2 strands of B with sl st in 2nd sc on Row 7 of Left Ear Flap, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc evenly around entire bottom edge of hat, working in each sc on Rows 1 and 7 on Ear Flaps, in edge of each row on Ear Flaps, and in each remaining sc on Round 23 of hat; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

BRAIDS (MAKE 2)

For each braid, cut 6 strands of B, each 32"/81.5cm long. With 6 strands held together, using crochet hook, pull yarn halfway through bottom edging stitch of one Ear Flap. Braid strands until braid is approximately 4"/10cm long. Tie knot below braid. Trim ends to desired length.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Tip

To make a larger hat, use a larger hook.



Downhill Earwarmer

Keep the icy breeze off your ears with this chic headband. Crocheted cables and tweedy yarn add tons of warmth and texture!

By Kim Kotary

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Artesano, 3½oz/100g balls, each approx 187yd/172m (acrylic/nylon)

- 1 ball #4376 Caribe

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- ¾"/2cm button
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Artesano in Caribe



try this!

Make more in other colors to give away as gifts! Try #4374 Merlot and #4372 Purple Mist



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet **sp** space

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

beginning fdc (beginning foundation double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook in 4th ch from hook and draw up a loop, ch 1, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

fdc (foundation double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook in ch at bottom of last fdc made and draw up a loop, ch 1, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (back post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (front post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

cable Sk next 3 sts, FPdc around post of next 3 sts, working behind last 3 FPdc, FPdc in each of 3 skipped sts.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 21½"/54.5cm x 4¾"/12cm

GAUGE

20 sts and 11 rows in pattern = 4¾"/12cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Row 1 Ch 4, work beginning fdc (skipped chs count as first dc), work 18 more fdc—20 sts.

Row 2 Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), turn; [BPdc around next st, hdc in next st] 3 times, BPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next st, BPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 4th ch of beginning ch-4 on Row 1.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; [FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, work cable, [hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; [BPdc around next st, hdc in next st] 3 times, BPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next st, BPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; [FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, FPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 6 Repeat Row 4.

Rows 7–11 Repeat Rows 3–6 once, then repeat Row 3 once more. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approximately 4¾"/12cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

HEADBAND

Row 1 (right side) Ch 4, work beginning fdc (skipped chs count as first dc), work 6 more fdc—8 sts.





Row 2 Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), turn; BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in 4th ch of beginning ch-4 on Row 1.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first hdc, work cable, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—10 sts.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first 2 hdc, BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—12 sts.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in next st, FPdc around next st, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—14 sts.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first 2 hdc, BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—16 sts.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first hdc, [FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 2 times, work cable, [hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st] 2 times, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—18 sts.

Row 8 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first 2 hdc, [BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 2 times, BPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next st] 2 times, hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—20 sts.

Row 9 Ch 2, turn; [FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, FPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 10 Ch 2, turn; [BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, BPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 11 Ch 2, turn; [FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 3 times, work cable, [hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st] 3 times, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 12 Repeat Row 10.

Rows 13–39 Repeat Rows 9–12, 6 more times, then repeat Rows 9–11 once more.

Row 40 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, [BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc] 2 times, BPdc around next 6 sts, [hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next st] 2 times, hdc2tog, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—18 sts.

Row 41 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in next hdc,





FPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, hdc-2tog, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—16 sts.

Row 42 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, BPdc around next st, hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in next hdc, BPdc around next st, hdc-2tog, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—14 sts.

Row 43 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next hdc, work cable, hdc in next hdc, hdc2tog, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—12 sts.

Row 44 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—10 sts.

Row 45 Ch 2, turn; sk next st, FPdc around next 6 sts, sk next st, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2—8 sts.

Row 46 Ch 2, turn; BPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 47 Ch 2, turn; work cable, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 48 Repeat Row 46.

Row 49 Ch 2, turn; FPdc around next 6 sts, hdc in 2nd ch of turning ch-2.

Row 50 Repeat Row 46. Fasten off.

FINISHING

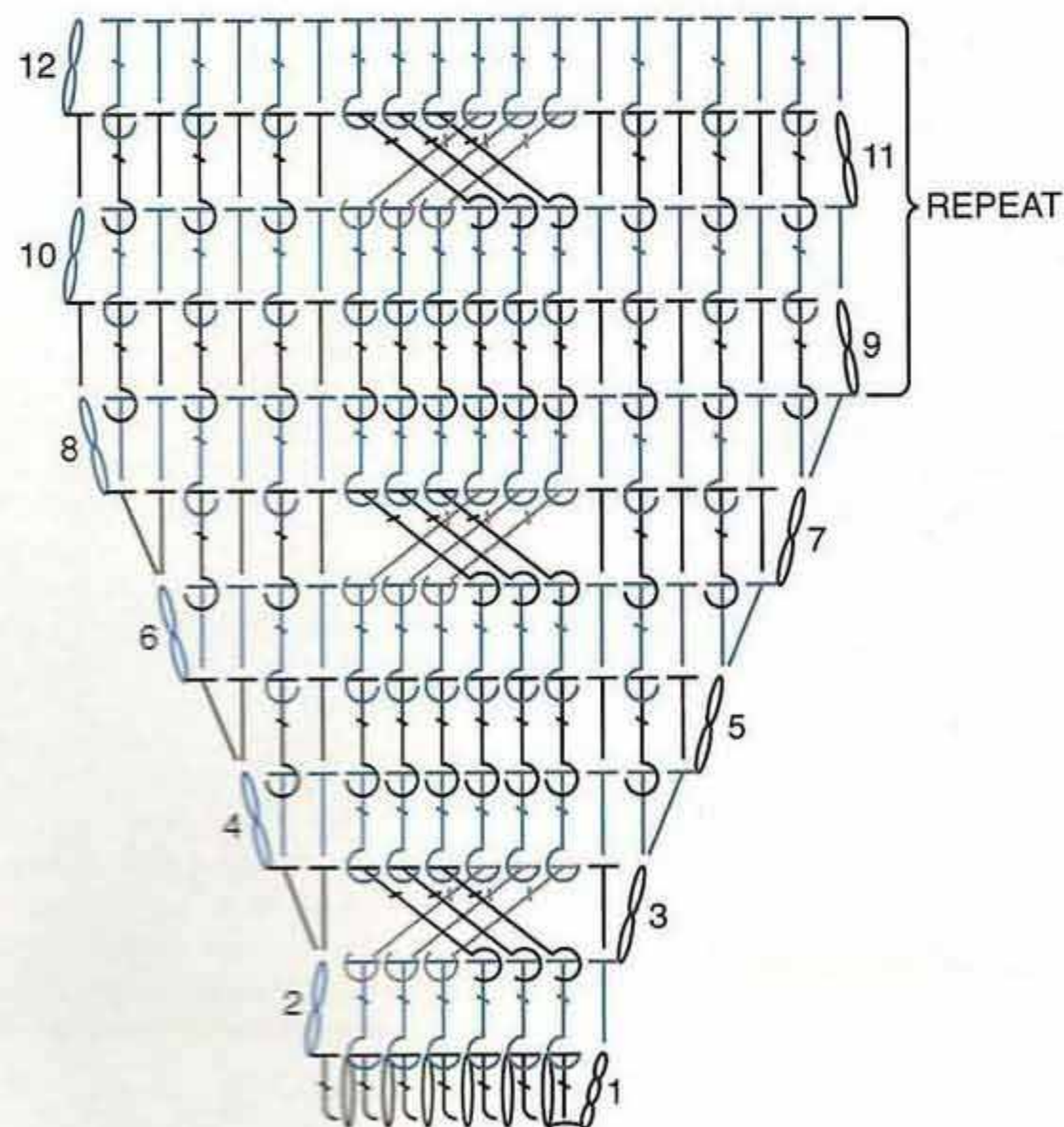
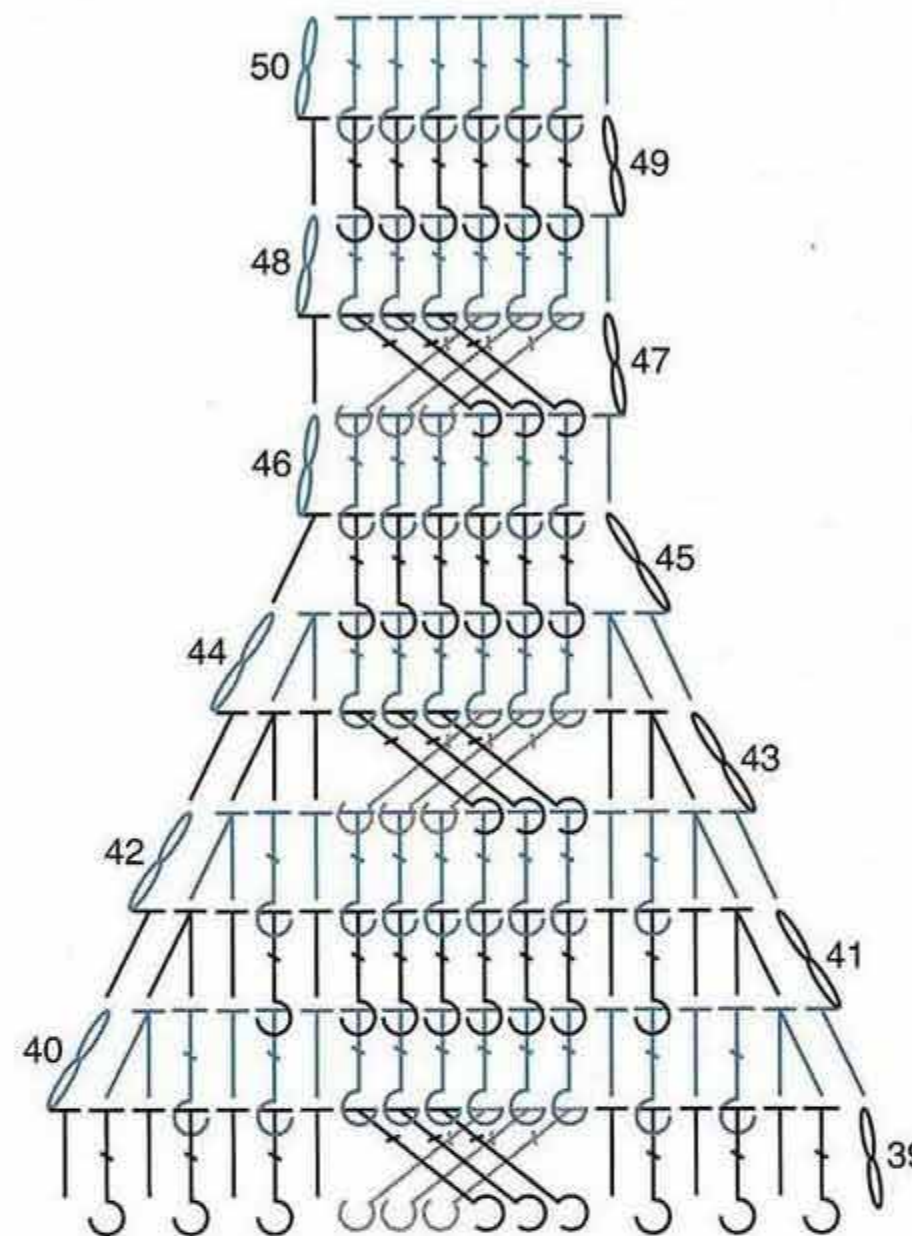
Weave in ends. With right side facing, sew button to center of Row 2 using sewing needle and thread. To fasten headband, push button between center sts on Row 49.

Tips

Insert a stitch marker in the 2nd chain of turning ch-2 to help identify the chain when working into it for the last stitch of each row.

If a longer headband is desired, repeat Rows 9–12 or Rows 47–50 as many times as desired.

STITCH DIAGRAM



Bunny Slope Mitts



Stretch your skills with these mittens, worked up in Tunisian crochet. This small project is a great place to practice a new technique.

By Kim Kotary

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Ways, 4oz/113g balls, each approx 186yd/170m (acrylic/recycled polyester)

1 ball each:

- #3518 Peacock (A)
- #3313 Oyster (B)

Note Only a small amount of B is needed.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (6 mm) Tunisian/Afghan hook (note 12"/30.5cm long or less is sufficient) or *any size to obtain correct gauge*
- Size H/8 (5.5mm) crochet hook (for cuff and edging)

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Eco-Ways in Peacock

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
 * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

Fdc (Foundation double crochet)
step 1 Ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (Fdc made)

step 2 Yarn over, insert hook in base-ch of last Fdc made (be sure to insert hook under 2 loops of the base-ch, the loop at the front or face of the base-ch, and the loop on the bottom side of the base-ch), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on

hook (base-ch made), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (Fdc made).

Repeat step 2 for desired number of Fdc.

Tss (Tunisian simple stitch) One row of Tunisian simple stitch is worked in two steps as follows:

forward pass (step 1) Skip first vertical bar (at edge of work), *insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop; repeat from * across.

return pass (step 2) Yarn over and draw through one loop on hook, *yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * until only one loop remains on hook (one row of Tss complete).

Note All Tunisian shaping stitches are worked during the forward pass, resulting in more or fewer loops on the hook before the return pass is worked.

Tss increase (Tunisian simple stitch increase) To increase in Tss, on forward pass, insert hook, from front to back, under horizontal bar between 2 sts, yarn over and draw up a loop.

Tss bind off (Tunisian simple stitch bind off) Skip first vertical bar (at edge of work), *insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (one stitch bound off); repeat from * to bind off as many stitches as instructed.

Tss2tog (Tunisian simple stitch decrease, working 2 stitches together) Insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yarn over and draw up a loop.





FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 9"/23cm long x 4½"/11.5cm across hand

GAUGE

17 sts and 15 rows = 4"/10cm in Tunisian simple stitch

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With Tunisian/Afghan hook, ch 18.

Row 1 (Tunisian base row)

forward pass (step 1) Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yarn over and draw up a loop, *insert hook in next ch, yarn over and draw up a loop; repeat from * across—18 loops on hook.

return pass (step 2) Yarn over and draw through one loop on hook, *yarn over and draw through two loops on hook; repeat from * until only one loop remains on hook—17 Tss.

Rows 2–15 Work in Tss.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10 cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Cuffs are worked in rounds. The remainder is worked in rows.

2 Tunisian crochet is worked without turning. The right side is always facing you.

3 Back and palm of mitten can be worked by following written instructions or following chart. Read all rows of chart from right to left.

LEFT MITTEN

Cuff

Round 1 With A and standard crochet hook, work 24 Fdc; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 sts.

Round 2 Ch 2, [FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st] 12 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Repeat last round until piece measures 3"/7.5cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Back

Change to Tunisian/Afghan hook.

Row 1 (right side) [Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop] 11 times, insert hook in front loop of next st and draw up a loop, insert hook in back loop of same st and draw up a loop (14 loops on hook); leave remaining sts unworked for

palm, work Tss return pass (step 2)—13 Tss.

Rows 2–4 (increase rows) Insert hook, from front to back, under horizontal bar between first and second vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop (Tss increase made), work Tss forward pass (step 1) across to last vertical bar, insert hook, from front to back, under horizontal bar between last 2 vertical bars (Tss increase made), yarn over and draw up a loop; complete forward pass by inserting hook under last vertical bar, yarn over, and draw up a loop, work Tss return pass (step 2)—19 Tss.

Rows 5–8 (increase rows) Insert hook, from front to back, under horizontal bar between first and second vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop, work Tss forward pass across remaining sts, work Tss return pass—23 Tss.

Row 9 Skip first vertical bar (at edge of work), [insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (Tss bind off made)] 6 times (for thumb), work Tss forward pass across remaining sts; work Tss return pass—17 Tss.

Rows 10–20 Work in Tss.

Rows 21–23 (decrease rows) Skip first vertical bar (at edge of work), insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yarn over and draw up a loop (Tss2tog made), work Tss forward pass across to last 2 vertical bars, insert hook under last 2 vertical bars, yarn over and draw up a loop (Tss2tog made), work Tss return pass—11 Tss.

Row 24 Tss2tog, Tss bind off to last 2 vertical bars, Tss2tog, yarn over and draw through remaining 2 loops on hook. Fasten off last st.

Thumb

Row 1 With A and working over bound-off thumb sts, draw up a loop in first vertical bar of Row 9, [insert hook under next vertical bar and draw up a loop] 6 times, work Tss return pass—6 Tss.

Rows 2–4 Work in Tss.

Row 5 Tss2tog, work Tss forward pass to last 2 vertical bars, Tss2tog, work Tss return pass—4 Tss.

Row 6 Tss2tog, work Tss forward pass over remaining sts, work Tss return pass—3 Tss.

Row 7 Work Tss bind off. Fasten off last st.

Palm

Row 1 With right side facing, draw up a loop in the same st as last st of Row 1 of back, [insert hook in next st and draw up a loop] 11 times,

insert hook in front loop of next st and draw up a loop, insert hook in back loop of same st and draw up a loop (14 loops on hook), work Tss return pass—13 Tss.

Rows 2–4 (increase rows) Work Rows 2–4 of back—19 Tss.

Rows 5–8 (increase rows) Work Tss forward pass across to last vertical bar, insert hook, from front to back, under horizontal bar between last 2 vertical bars, yarn over and draw up a loop; complete forward pass by inserting hook under last vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop, work Tss return pass—23 Tss.

Row 9 Work in Tss forward and return pass over next 17 sts only; leave remaining sts unworked (for thumb)—17 Tss.

Rows 10–24 Work Rows 10–24 of back. Fasten off last st.

Thumb

Row 1 With A and working over unworked sts at end of Row 9, draw up a loop in same vertical bar as last Tss of Row 9, [insert hook under next vertical bar and draw up a loop] 6 times, work Tss return pass—6 Tss.

Rows 2–5 Work Rows 2–5 of back thumb—4 Tss.

Row 6 Work Tss forward pass to last 2 vertical bars, Tss2tog, work Tss return pass—3 Tss.

Row 7 Work Tss bind off. Fasten off last st.

Finishing

With B, embroider cross stitch snowflake from chart onto right side of back of mitten.

Edging

With standard crochet hook and back facing, join B with sl st in end of row at top of cuff. Working through both thicknesses around outer edge of mitten, sc evenly around (to join back and palm), sl st in top of cuff on opposite side. Use beginning tail of cuff to sew edges of first round of cuff together. Weave in all ends.

RIGHT MITTEN

Work as for left mitten, using back of left mitten as palm of right mitten and palm of left mitten as back of right mitten (to place thumb on opposite side).

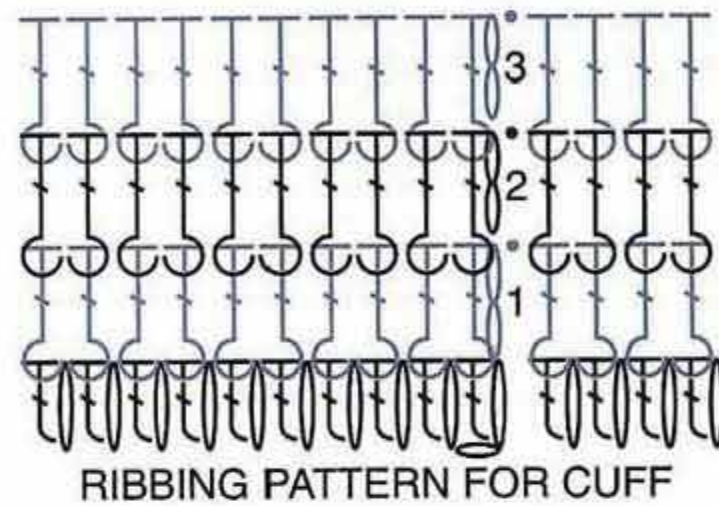


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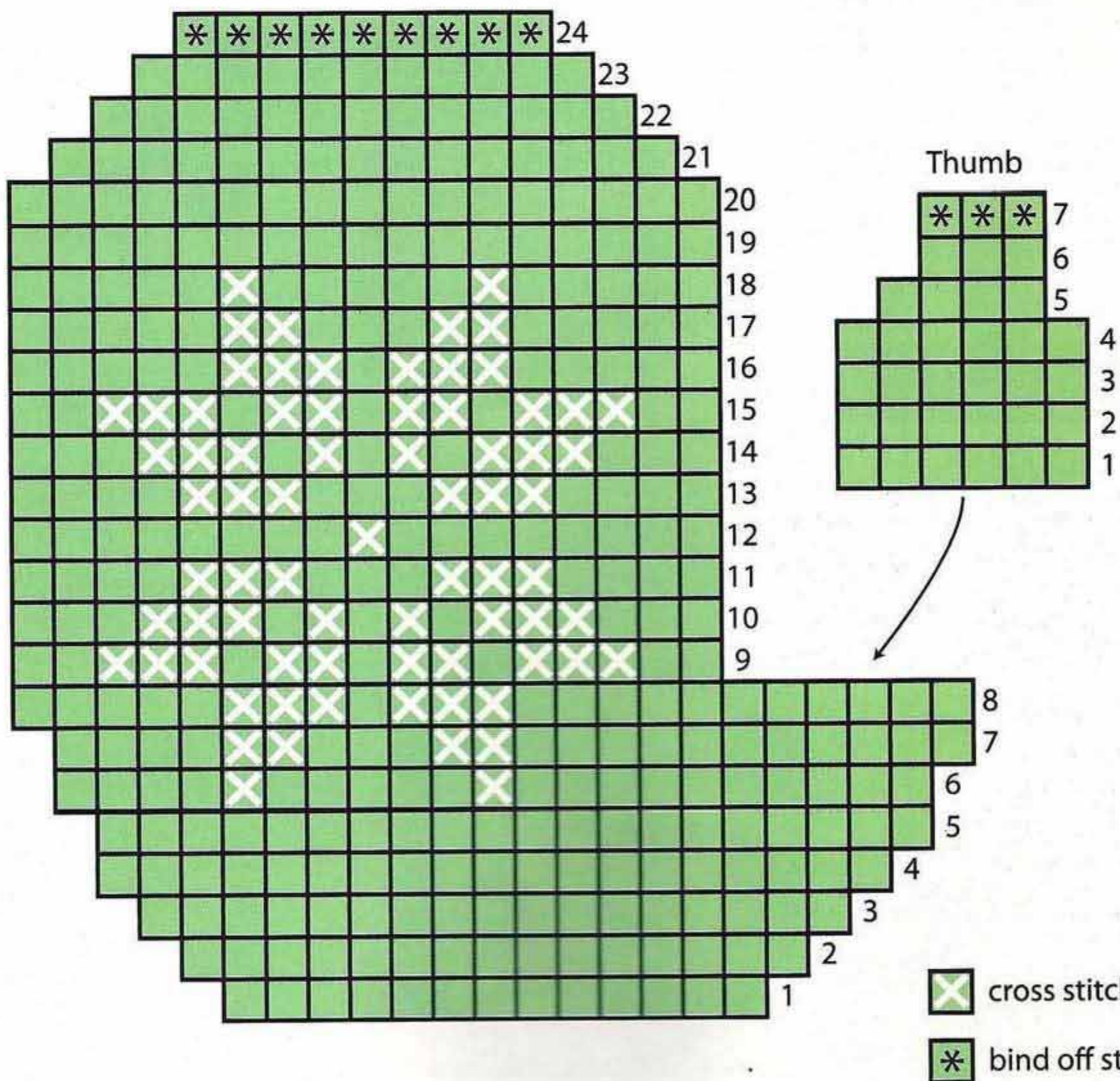
The snowflake motif would look nice against #3275 Cinnabar or #3523 Asparagus as well



STITCH DIAGRAM



CHART



Après-Ski Sweater

Grab a mug of hot chocolate and cozy up to the fire in this stylish turtleneck. Griddle stitch makes the fabric extra warm.

By Melissa Leapman

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Ways, 4oz/113g balls, each approx 186yd/170m (acrylic/recycled polyester)

- 6 (7, 8, 8, 9) balls #3520 Aquarium

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet
 * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

PATTERN STITCHES

Griddle Stitch (multiple of 2 sts)

Row 1 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn; sk first hdc, *sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across to last st, hdc in last st (top of turning ch). Repeat this row for Griddle Stitch.

Sideways Rib (over any number of sts)

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each st across. Repeat this row for Sideways Rib.

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

chest 35 (37½, 40, 44, 48)"/89 (95.5, 101.5, 112, 122)cm

length 22 (22½, 23, 23½, 23½)"/56 (57, 58.5, 59.5, 59.6)cm

lower edging 32 (35, 37½, 41½, 45½)"/81.5 (89, 95.5, 105.5, 115.5)cm

GAUGE

12 sts and 11 rows = 4"/10cm over Griddle Stitch

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), dc in next ch, *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc in last ch—12 sts.

the yarn



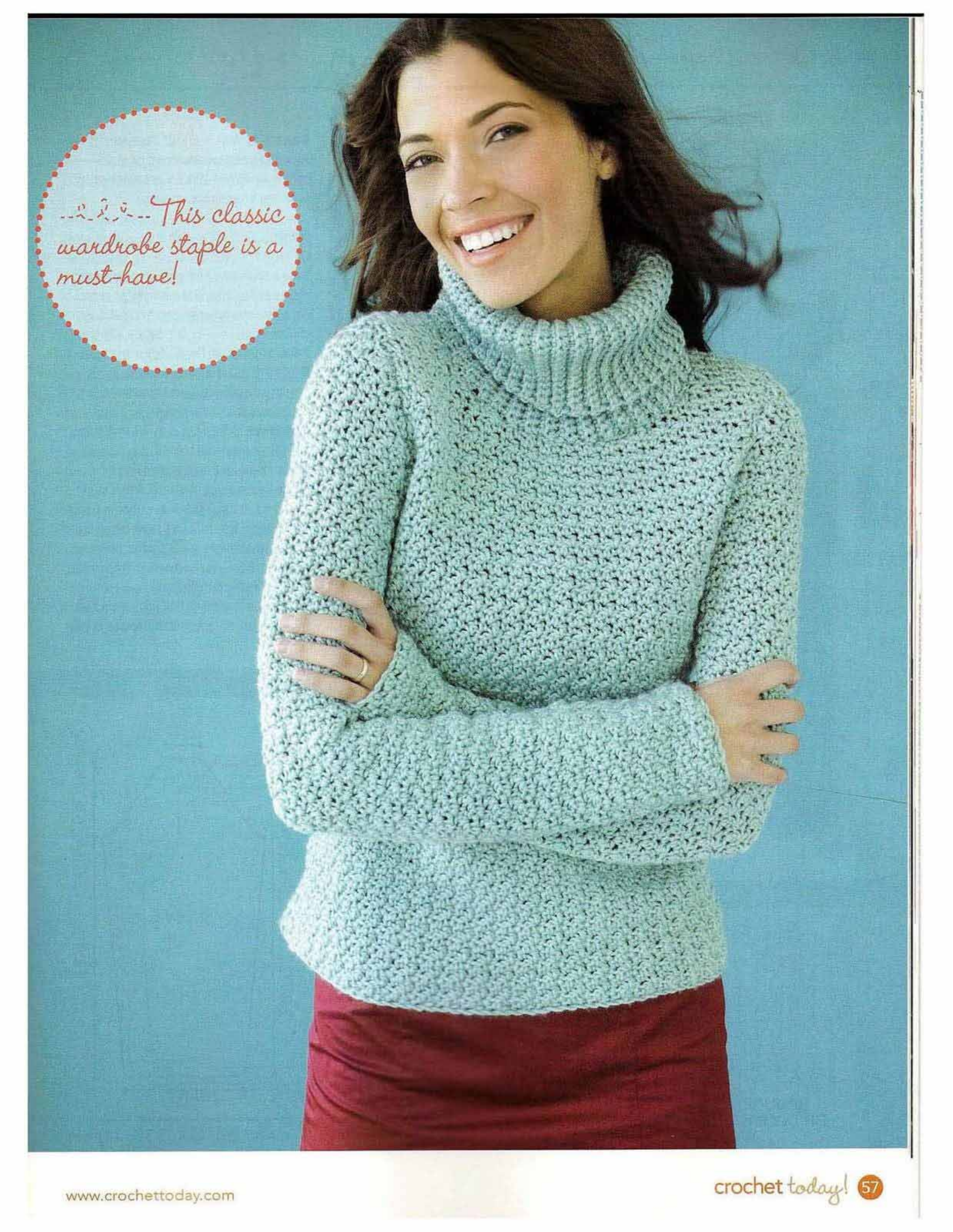
Eco-Ways in Aquarium



try this!

Eco-Ways comes in many great colors—try #3374 Rose Dust or #3522 Fern





--- 2 2 2 --- This classic wardrobe staple is a must-have!



Rows 2–11 Work in Griddle Stitch for 10 rows. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BACK

Ch 49 (53, 57, 63, 69).

Row 1 Sc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), dc in next ch, *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc in last ch—48 (52, 56, 62, 68) sts.

Rows 2–9 Work in Griddle Stitch for 8 rows.

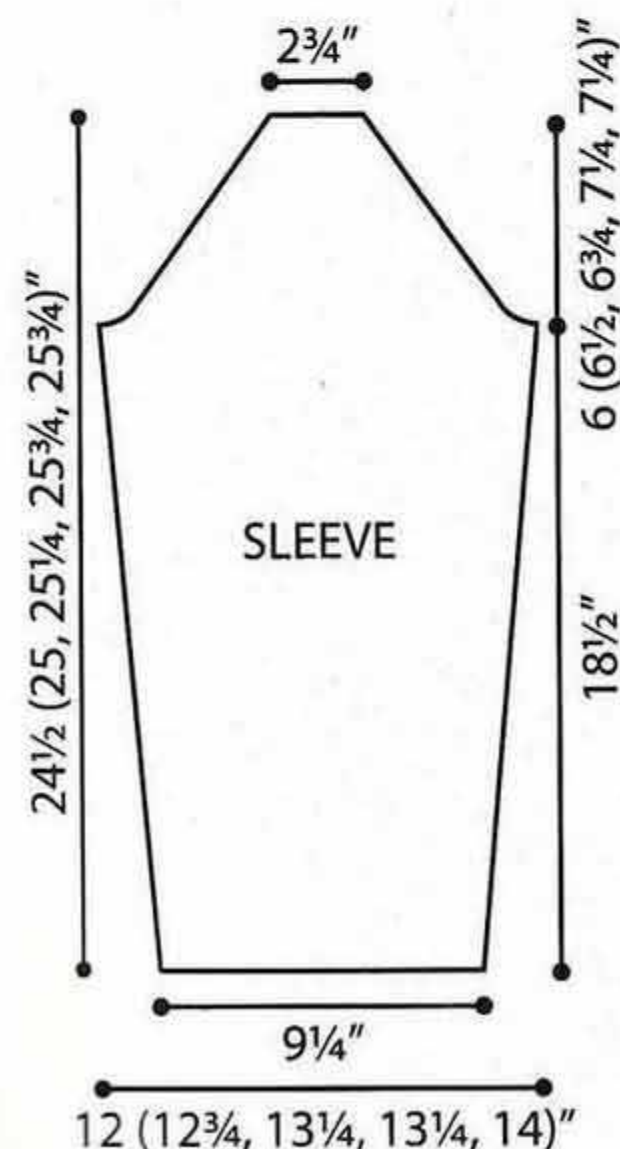
Row 10 (increase row) Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), turn; hdc in first hdc (increase made), *sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across to last st, 2 hdc in last st (increase made)—50 (54, 58, 64, 70) sts.

Rows 11–19 Ch 2, turn; sk first hdc, dc in next st, *sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in last st.

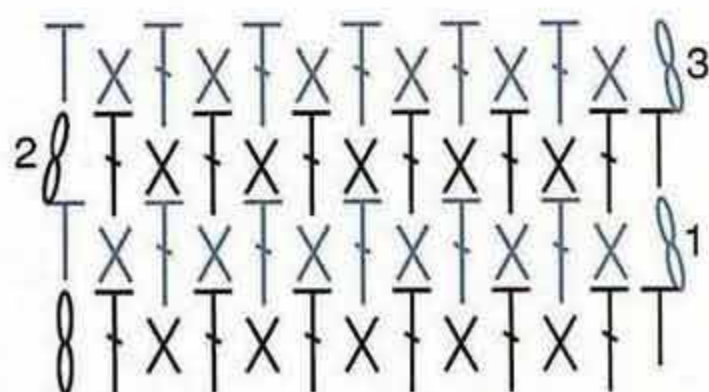
Row 20 (increase row) Ch 2, turn; hdc in first hdc (increase made), *dc in next sc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across to last st, 2 hdc in last st—52 (56, 60, 66, 72) sts.

Row 21 Ch 2, turn; sk first hdc, *sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * across to last

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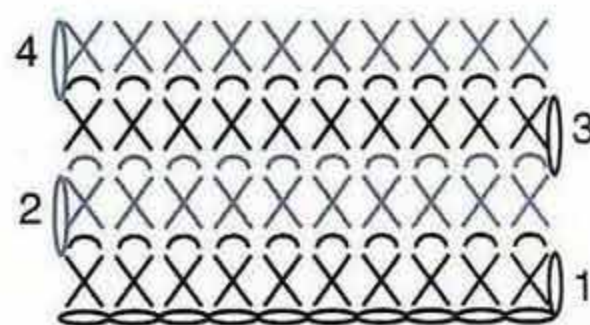


GRIDDLE STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF GRIDDLE STITCH PATTERN

SIDEWAYS RIB STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF SIDEWAYS RIB PATTERN

st, hdc in last st.

Work in Griddle Stitch, with no increases, until piece measures $14\frac{1}{2}$ "/37cm from beginning.

Shape Armholes

Note To continue in Griddle Stitch "as established," work as follows:

1. Make sure that the row begins with a ch 2 (counts as hdc), and that the first stitch is skipped (the first stitch may be a stitch where a sl st was worked).
2. In the next stitch, work an sc or dc, as needed, to maintain an alternating pattern of sc and dc. This may require checking to see if the next stitch to be worked will be an sc or a dc.
3. Work an sc in each dc and a dc in each sc across, and continue the alternating pattern of sc and dc all the way across to the last stitch.
4. Make sure that the row ends with an hdc.

Row 1 Turn; sl st in first 3 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts, ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—48 (50, 52, 56, 62) sts.

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, ch 2

(counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—44 (46, 46, 48, 54) sts.

Next 1 (1, 3, 3, 1) Row(s) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Row 4 (4, 6, 6, 4) (decrease row) Ch 2, turn, sk first hdc, hdc2tog, continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—42 (44, 44, 46, 52) sts.

Next 3 (3, 3, 3, 1) Row(s) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Row 8 (8, 10, 10, 6) Repeat decrease row—40 (42, 42, 44, 50) sts.

Next 3 Rows Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Row 12 (12, 14, 14, 10) Repeat decrease row—38 (40, 40, 42, 48) sts.

Repeat last 4 rows 0 (0, 0, 0, 1) more time(s)—38 (40, 40, 42, 46) sts.

Row 13 (13, 15, 15, 15) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 22 ($22\frac{1}{2}$, 23, $23\frac{1}{2}$, $23\frac{1}{2}$)/56 (57, 58.5, 59.5, 59.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as back until piece measures 19 ($19\frac{1}{2}$, 20, $20\frac{1}{2}$, $20\frac{1}{2}$)/48.5 (49.5, 51, 52, 52) cm from beginning—38 (40, 40, 42, 46) sts.

Note The armhole shaping should be complete.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established over next 14 (15, 15, 16, 17) sts; leave remaining sts unworked—14 (15, 15, 16, 17) sts.

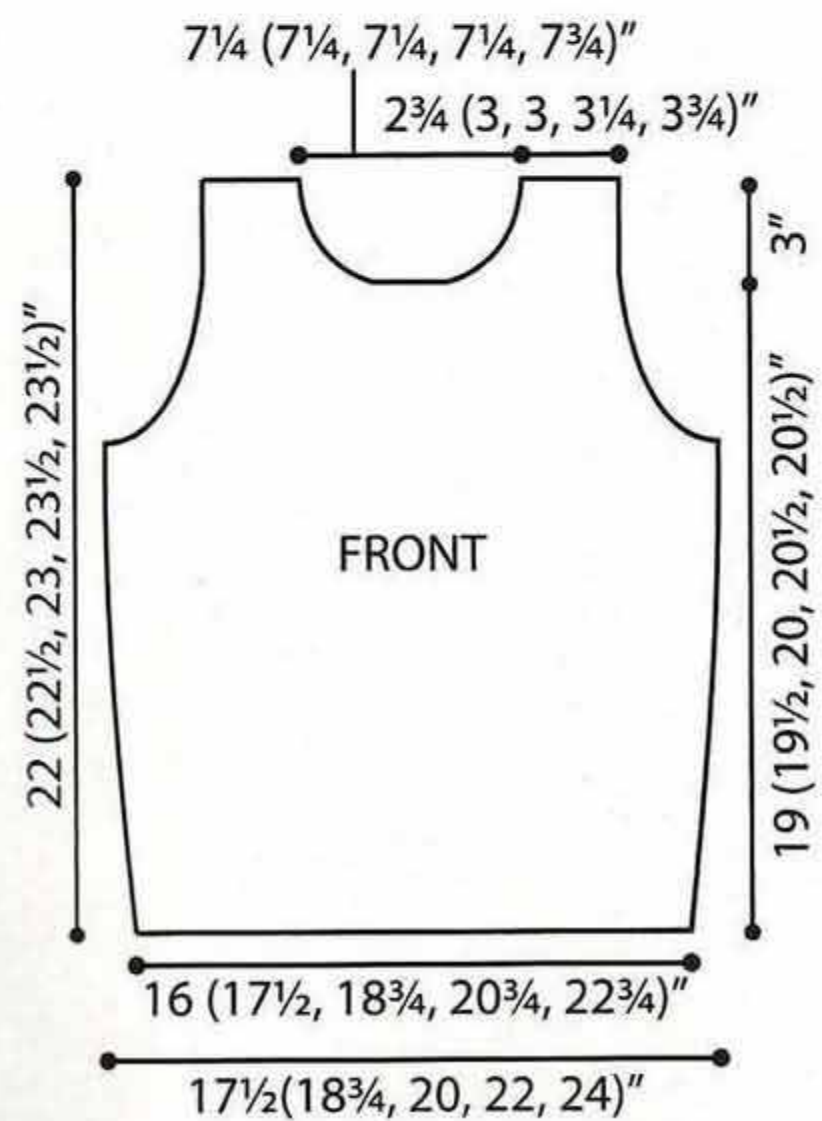
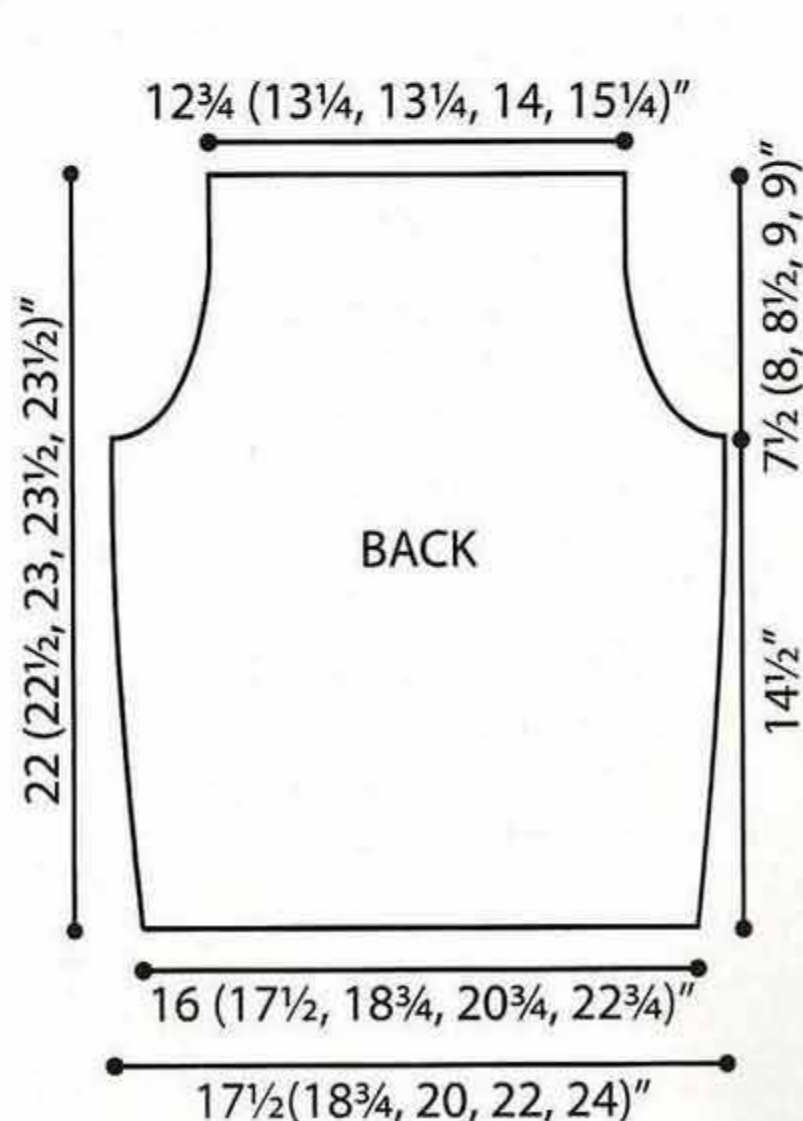
Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 4 sts, ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across—11 (12, 12, 13, 14) sts.

Row 3 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; sk first hdc, hdc2tog, continue in Griddle Stitch as established across—8 (9, 9, 10, 11) sts.

Row 5 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Repeat last row until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.





Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Sk next 10 (10, 10, 10, 12) unworked sts following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next st.

Row 1 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where joining sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across—14 (15, 15, 16, 17) sts.

Row 2 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 4 sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—11 (12, 12, 13, 14) sts.

Row 3 Turn; sl st in first 3 sts, ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Row 4 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—8 (9, 9, 10, 11) sts.

Row 5 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Repeat last row until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Ch 29.

Row 1 Sc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), dc in next ch, *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc in last ch—28 sts.

Rows 2–11 (7, 7, 7, 5) Work in Griddle Stitch for 10 (6, 6, 6, 4) rows.

Row 12 (8, 8, 8, 6) (increase row) Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc (increase made), continue in Griddle Stitch across to last st, 2 hdc in last st (increase made)—30 sts.

Rows 13 (9, 9, 9, 7)–23 (17, 15, 15, 11) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established for 11 (9, 7, 7, 5) rows.

Rows 24 (18, 16, 16, 12)–47 (37, 31, 31, 23) Repeat last 12 (10, 8, 8, 6) rows 2 more times—34 sts.

Row 48 (38, 32, 32, 24) Repeat increase row—36 sts.

Sizes M (L, 1X, 2X) only

Rows 39 (33, 33, 25)–47 (39, 39, 31) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established for 9 (7, 7, 7) rows.

Row 48 (40, 40, 32) Repeat increase row—38 sts.

Sizes L (1X, 2X) only

Rows 41 (41, 33)–47 (47, 39) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established for 7 rows.

Row 48 (48, 40) Repeat increase row—40 sts. Repeat last 8 rows 0 (0, 1) more times—40 (40, 42) sts.

All sizes

Row 49 Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 18½"/47cm from beginning.

Shape Cap

Row 1 Turn; sl st in first 3 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts, ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—32 (32, 32, 30, 32) sts.

Next 1 (1, 1, 3, 1) Row(s) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Row 3 (3, 3, 5, 3) (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; sk first hdc, hdc2tog, continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—30 (30, 30, 28, 30) sts.

Row 4 (4, 4, 6, 4) Continue in Griddle Stitch as established across.

Row 5 (5, 5, 7, 5) Repeat decrease row—28 (28, 28, 26, 28) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) more times—22 (20, 18, 16, 16) sts.

Repeat decrease row 3 (2, 1, 0, 0) times—16 sts.

Row 15 (16, 17, 18, 18) Turn; sl st in first 3 sts, ch 2 (counts as first hdc, sk st where last sl st was made), continue in Griddle Stitch as established across to last 3 sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—12 sts.

Row 16 (17, 18, 19, 19) Repeat last row—8 sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams, leaving center 22 sts at center back neck open for neckline.

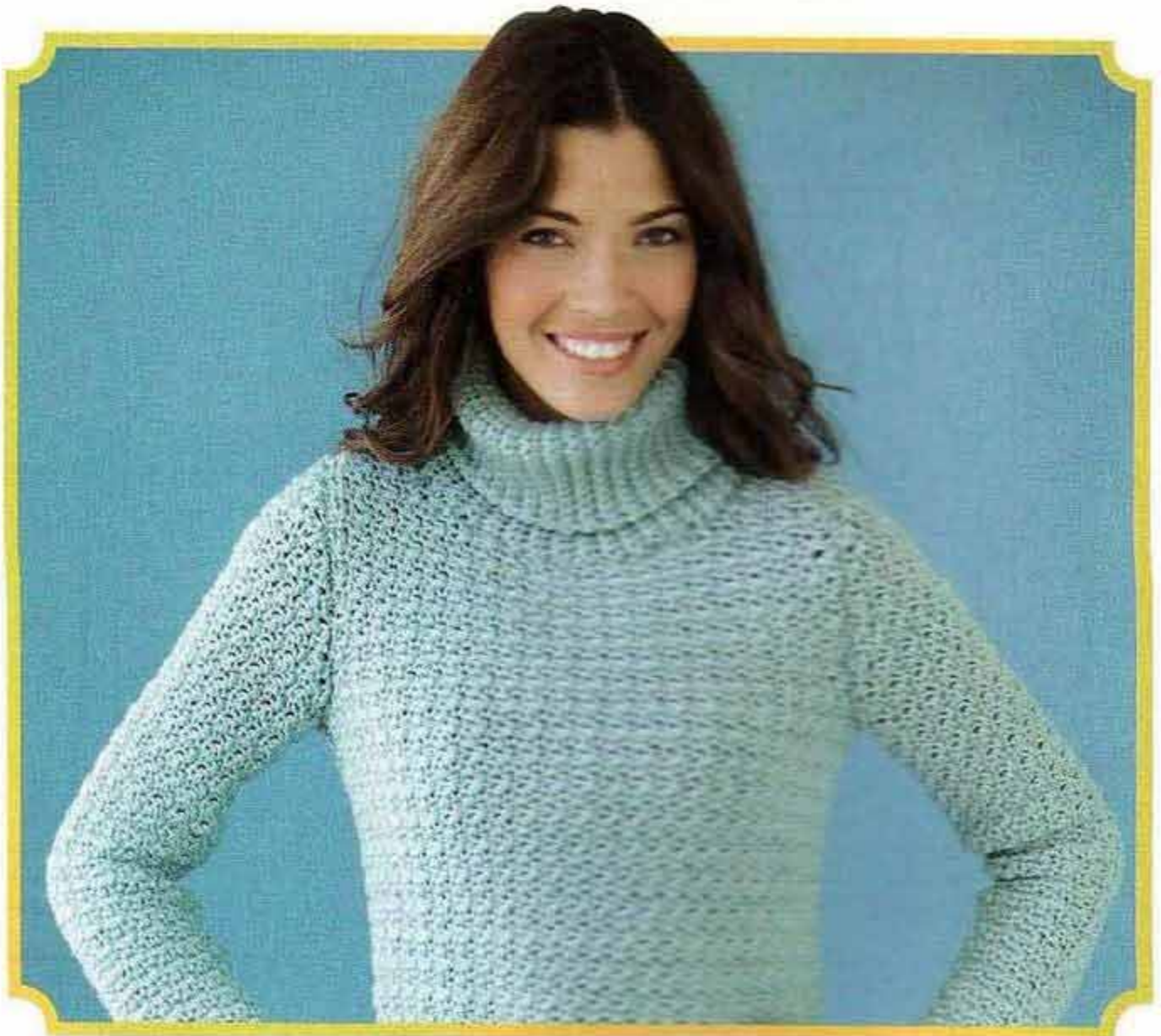
Turtleneck

Ch 31.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 sc.

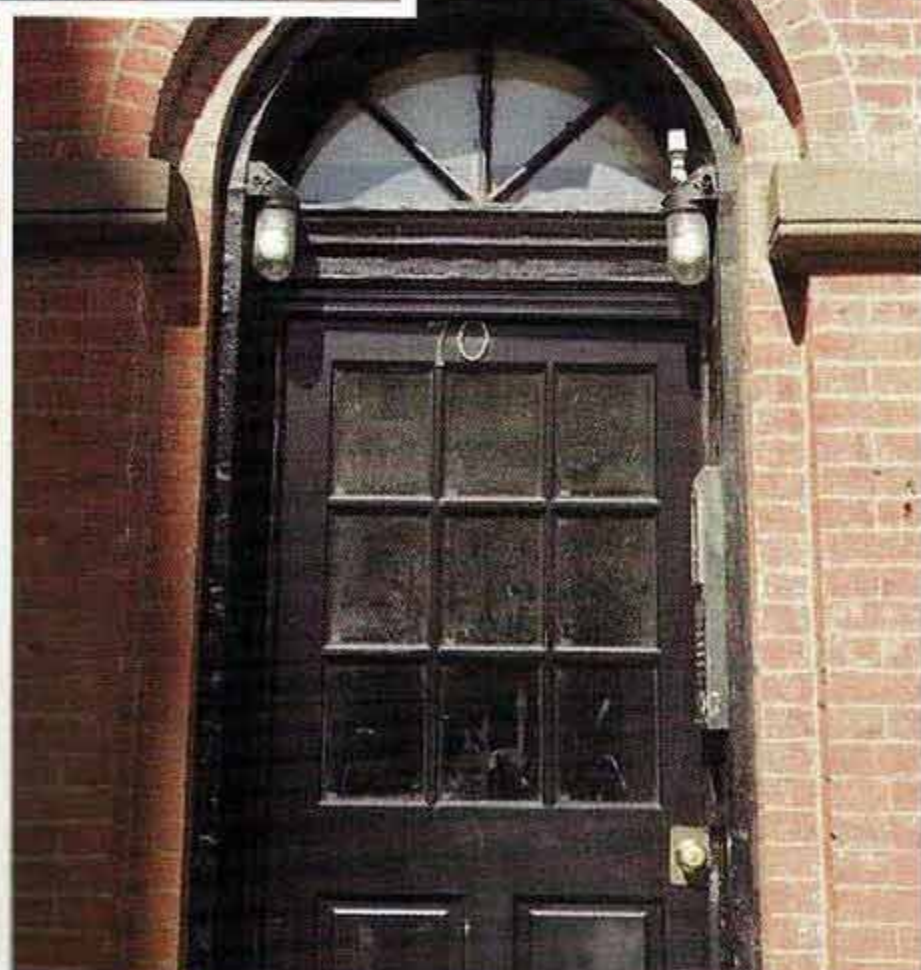
Work in Sideways Rib until piece, when slightly stretched, fits around neckline. Fasten off. Sew first row of turtleneck to last row of turtleneck. Placing seam at center back neck, sew one edge of turtleneck into place around neckline. Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve and side seams.

Weave in all ends.



Made for Men

Stitch up some manly creations with our collection of rugged styles for guys. From sporty socks and an outdoorsy afghan to the perfect sweater, there's plenty here he's sure to love. Let's hear it for the boys!



Game Day Scarf

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Collage, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 218yd/200m (acrylic)

- 3 skeins #2940 Wood Trail (A)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #376 Burgundy (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size M/13 (9mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Beginner

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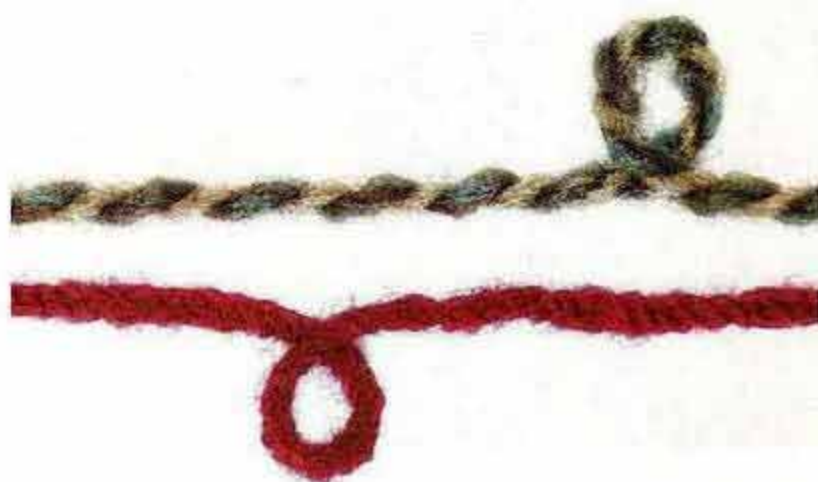
ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain sk skip
dc double crochet

the yarn



Collage in Wood Trail
Super Saver in Burgundy



Whether he's heading out for a game of pick-up football or just running weekend errands, any man will love this simple, stylish scarf.

By Sara Graham

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 10"/25.5cm wide x 66"/167.5cm long

GAUGE

8 dc = 4"/10cm; 13 rows = 12"/30.5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Work same as Rows 1–13 on scarf. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 10"/25.5cm wide x 12"/30.5cm high. Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

1 Scarf is made with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

2 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Fasten off old color. Continue with new color until next color change.

SCARF

With 2 strands of A held together, ch 22.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in each remaining ch across—20 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; sk first dc, dc in next dc and in

each dc across, dc in first skipped ch at beginning of Row 1.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; sk first dc, dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Rows 4–5 Repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 5, change to B in last dc.

Rows 6–7 With 2 strands of B, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 7, change to A in last dc.

Rows 8–10 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 10, change to B in last dc.

Rows 11–12 With 2 strands of B, repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 12, change to A in last dc.

Rows 13–60 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 48 more times. At end of Row 60, change to B in last dc.

Rows 61–67 Repeat Rows 6–12.

Rows 68–72 With 2 strands of A, repeat Row 3, 5 more times. At end of Row 72, fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Tip

Insert a stitch marker into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to help identify where to work last dc on following row.



What You'll Need

YARN

- RED HEART Designer Sport, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)
- 10 (10, 11, 11, 13) balls #3301 Latte (A)
 - 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) balls #3002 Black (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate

1 2 3 4

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

Cable A Skip next 2 sts, FPdc around next st, working behind stitch just made BPdc around 2nd skipped st, working in front of stitches just made FPdc around first skipped st.

Man's Best Sweater

Every guy needs a go-to sweater, and this classic pullover is sure to be a favorite for years to come.

By Drew Emborsky

PATTERN STITCH (MULTIPLE OF 6 + 3 STS)

Row 1 (right side) Ch 2 (counts as first st here and throughout), turn; *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st, Cable A, BPdc around next st; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, FPdc around next st, hdc in top of turning ch.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; BPdc around next st, *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st; repeat from * across, hdc in last st (top of turning ch).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for Pattern Stitch.

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 41 (44, 46½, 49, 52)"/104 (112, 118, 124.5, 132)cm

Length 24 (25, 26, 26½, 27½)"/61 (63.5, 66, 67.5, 70)cm, excluding mock turtleneck

GAUGE

18 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10cm over Pattern Stitch. Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 35.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—33 dc.

Rows 2–16 Work in Pattern Stitch. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Fasten off old color.

FRONT

With A, ch 95 (101, 107, 113, 119).

Row 1 (wrong side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—93 (99, 105, 111, 117) sts.

Rows 2–23 (23, 25, 25, 27) Work in Pattern stitch across; change to B in last st of last row.

Rows 24 (24, 26, 26, 28)–27 (27, 29, 29, 31) With B, continue in Pattern Stitch across; change to A in last st of last row.

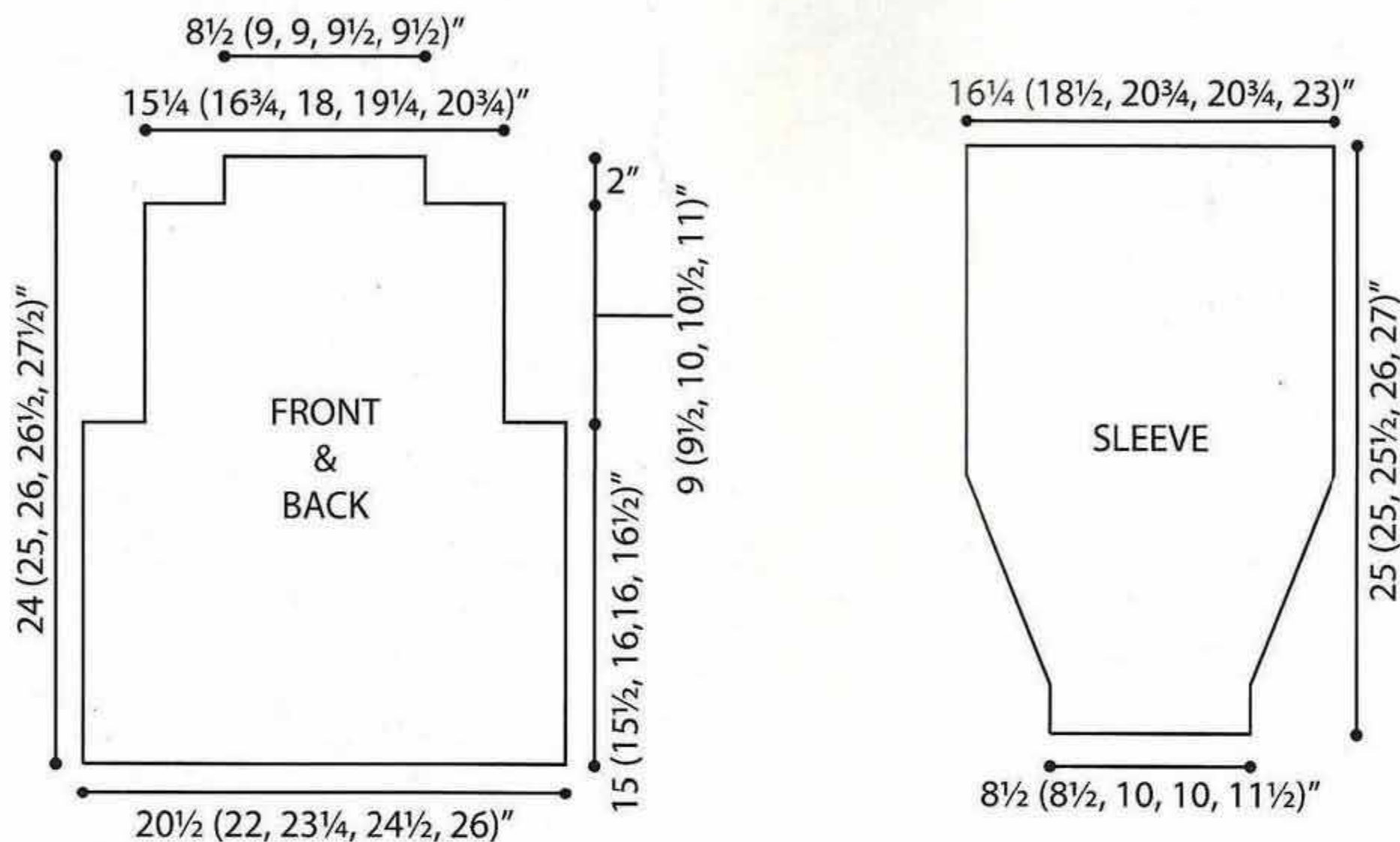
the yarn



Designer Sport in Latte







Row 28 (28, 30, 30, 32) With A, continue in Pattern Stitch across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 15 (15½, 16, 16, 16½)"/38 (39.5, 40.5, 40.5, 42)cm from beginning, ending with a Row 2 (wrong side row) of Pattern Stitch.

Shape Armhole

Row 1 With A, continue in Pattern Stitch across to last 13 sts, hdc in next st, turn; leave last 12 sts unworked—81 (87, 93, 99, 105) sts.

Row 2 With A, continue in Pattern Stitch across to last 13 sts, hdc in next st, turn; leave last 12 sts unworked—69 (75, 81, 87, 93) sts.

Row 3 With A, work in Pattern Stitch as established across.

Repeat Row 3 until piece measures 24 (25, 26, 26½, 27½)"/61 (63.5, 66, 67.5, 70)

cm, ending with a Row 2 (wrong side row) of Pattern Stitch. Fasten off.

Shape Collar

Note To continue in Pattern Stitch "as established," take care to align post sts and cables. If you must begin or end in the middle of a cable, do not skip or cross any stitches. Instead, work the appropriate post stitch directly into the next st.

With right side facing, sk first 15 (17, 20, 22, 25) sts, join A with sl st in next st.

Row 1 Ch 2, continue in Pattern Stitch as established over next 37 (39, 39, 41, 41) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2, turn; continue in Pattern Stitch as established across. Fasten off.

BACK

Work same as Front.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 41 (41, 47, 47, 53).

Row 1 (wrong side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—39 (39, 45, 45, 51) sts.

Rows 2–4 Work in Pattern Stitch across.

Row 5 (increase row) Ch 2, hdc in first st (increase made), continue in Pattern Stitch as established across to last st, 2 hdc in last st (increase made)—41 (41, 47, 47, 53) sts.

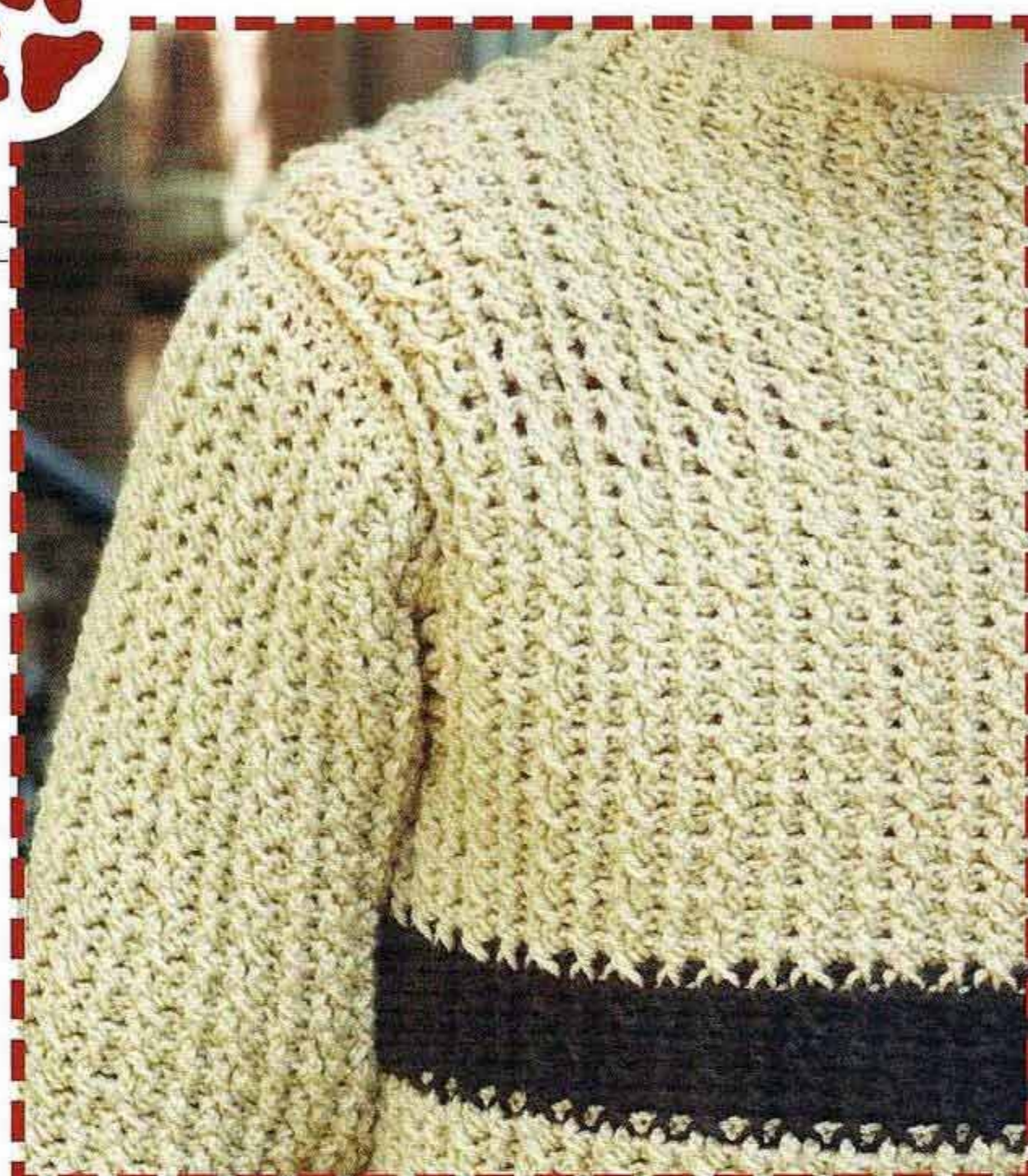
Row 6 (increase row) Ch 2, hdc in first st, BPdc around next st, continue in Pattern Stitch as established to last 2 sts, BPdc around next st, 2 hdc in last st—43 (43, 49, 49, 55) sts.

Rows 7–22 (26, 28, 28, 30) Repeat last row, working increased sts into Pattern Stitch—75 (83, 93, 93, 103) sts.



try this!

The black stripe looks equally great against
#3290 Brick or #3410 Granite



Tip

For a longer or shorter turtleneck, repeat Row 2 of "Shape Collar" more or fewer times.

Row 23 (27, 29, 29, 31) Continue even (with no increases) in Pattern Stitch as established; change to B in last st.

Rows 24 (28, 30, 30, 32)–27 (31, 33, 33, 35) With B, continue in Pattern Stitch as established; change to A in last st of last row.

Row 28 (32, 34, 34, 36) With A, continue in Pattern Stitch as established.

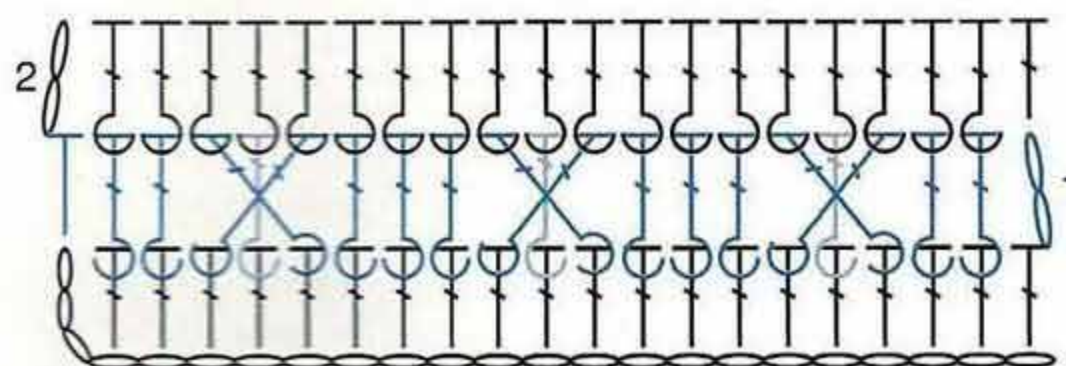
Repeat last row until piece measures 25 (25, 25½, 26, 27)"/63.5 (63.5, 65, 66, 68.5)cm from beginning, ending with a Row 2 (wrong side row) of Pattern Stitch.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

With right sides together, seam shoulders, including sides of mock turtleneck. Set in sleeves. Beginning at cuff edge, sew sleeve and side seams. Weave in all ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN STITCH

The Man 'Chan

This super-sized blanket is just right for even the manliest men! Join-as-you-go squares make construction a snap.

By Katherine Eng

the yarn



Super Saver
in Soft Navy



Fiesta
in Coffee



Stripes
in Latte Stripe



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
2 skeins each:

- #378 Claret (A)
- #376 Burgundy (B)
- #387 Soft Navy (C)
- #380 Windsor Blue (D)

RED HEART Stripes, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 170yd/156m (acrylic)

- 3 skeins #936 Latte Stripe (E)

RED HEART Fiesta, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 316yd/289m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 skeins #6635 Coffee (F)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch

sc single crochet sp(s) space(s)

sk skip

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 52"/132cm x 69"/175cm

GAUGE

Rows 1–5 = 2"/5cm x 8½"/21.5cm; square = 8½"/21.5cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

AFGHAN

Square 1

With A, ch 26 loosely.

Row 1 (wrong side) Working in back bar of chs, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—13 sc and 12 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; (sc, ch 2, sc) in first sc, *sk next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next sc; repeat from * across—26 sc and 13 ch-2 sps.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-2 sp, *ch 1, sc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * across—13 sc and 12 ch-1 sps.

Rows 4–21 Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 9 more times. Do not fasten off.

Edging (First Square)

Ch 4, turn; working on right side across top, sl st in first sc (corner ch-4 sp made), [ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp, sl st in next sc] 11 times, ch 2, sk last ch-1 sp, (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in last sc (corner ch-4 sp made); working across left edge, [ch 2, sk next row, sl st in edge of next row] 9 times, ch 2, sk next 2 rows, (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in free loops of ch at base of first sc on Row 1 (corner ch-4 sp made); working in free loops of chs across bottom, [ch 2, sk





next ch, sl st in next ch] 11 times, ch 2, sk next ch, (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in last ch (corner ch-4 sp made); working across right edge, ch 2, sk next 2 rows, sl st in edge of next row, [ch 2, sk next row, sl st in edge of next row] 8 times, ch 2; join with sl st in first sl st—12 ch-2 sps along top and bottom edges, 10 ch-2 sps along left and right edges and 4 corner ch-4 sps. Fasten off.

Squares 2–48

Make same as Square 1 in appropriate colors (total of 8 squares of each color).

Join squares together while working edging into 8 rows with 6 squares in each row as per assembly diagram, with right sides facing and top of squares facing top of afghan.

Edging (Squares 2–48)

Work edging same as edging on first square except for joined edge(s), starting and ending at appropriate corner ch-4 sps. To join ap-

propriate corner ch-4 sps, sl st in appropriate st on current square (instead of sl st, ch 4, sl st), ch 2, *remove loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in coordinating corner ch-4 sp on adjacent square, replace loop on hook, ch 2, sl st in same st on current square*.

To join first corner ch-4 sp, ch 2, turn at beginning of edging (instead of ch 4, turn), repeat from * to * to complete corner joining. To join ch-2 sps along appropriate edge(s), sl st in appropriate st on current square, ch 1, remove loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in coordinating ch-2 sp on adjacent square, replace loop on hook, ch 1, sl st in next st on current square. When joining on 2 edges where 4 corner ch-4 sps meet, sl st in appropriate st on current square (instead of sl st, ch 4, sl st), ch 2, remove loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in first adjacent joined corner ch-4 sp, replace loop on hook, ch 1, remove loop from hook, sk middle adjacent joined corner ch-4 sp, insert

hook from front to back in last adjacent joined corner ch-4 sp, replace loop on hook, ch 2, sl st in same st on current square.

AFGHAN BORDER

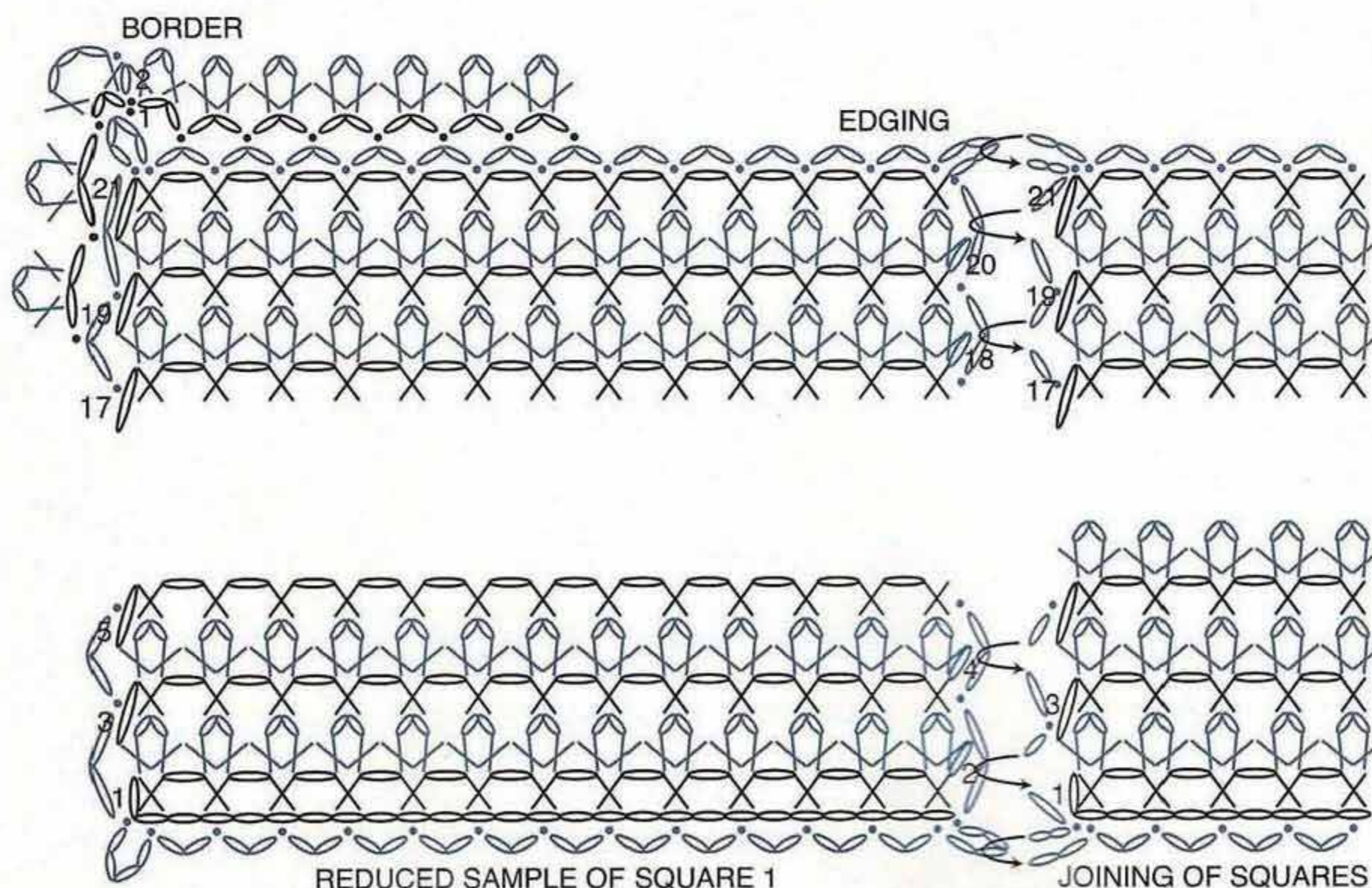
Round 1 With right side facing, join F with sl st in any corner ch-4 sp, ch 2, sl st in same ch-sp (corner ch-2 sp made), *ch 2, sl st in next ch-2 sp or joined ch-4 sp; repeat from * across to next corner, ch 2**, (sl st, ch 2, sl st) in corner ch-4 sp (corner ch-2 sp made); repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **, join with sl st in first sl st.

Round 2 Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp and in each ch-2 sp around, working (sc, ch 3, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

STITCH DIAGRAMS



--- Make it manly! Work this blanket in your guy's team colors.

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

A	E	C	B	E	A
E	A	B	C	F	E
D	B	A	F	C	D
B	D	F	D	F	C
C	F	D	F	D	B
D	C	F	A	B	D
E	F	C	B	A	E
A	E	B	C	E	A



Tip

To make joining squares easier, crochet squares in appropriate colors in order of assembly in rows from left to right and top to bottom of afghan per assembly diagram.



Hiking Socks

For the man who has everything, handmade socks make a great gift—and this sturdy pair are a perfect fit under hiking or work boots.

By Laurie Wheeler

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Heart & Sole, 1¾oz/50g balls, each approx 213yd/195m (super-wash wool/nylon)

- 3 balls #3966 Toasted Almond

CROCHET HOOK

- Size D/3 (3.25mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Tape measure
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate

1 2 3 4

the yarn



Heart & Sole in
Toasted Almond



SIZE

To fit Men's 9–11 shoe size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Ankle and foot approx 10"/25.5cm around

Top of cuff to bottom of heel approx
14"/35.5cm

Heel to toe approx 10"/25.5cm long

GAUGE

25 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over half
double crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 26.

Row 1 Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each
remaining ch across—25 hdc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across.
Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx
4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size
to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 The tall, ribbed cuff is worked in rows. Stitches
are then worked along a side edge of the cuff
and joined into a round to begin the ankle. The
heel flap is worked in rows over a portion of
the ankle stitches; the remaining stitches are

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet st(s) stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of
times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches
together) [Yarn over insert hook in next st,
yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn
over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

hdc3tog (half double crochet 3 stitches
together) [Yarn over insert hook in next
st, yarn over and draw up a loop] 3
times, yarn over and draw through all 7
loops on hook.

reserved for the top of the foot.

2 After the heel flap is complete, stitches are
worked around the heel flap and top of foot
stitches, the gusset is shaped, and the foot
worked in rounds to the toe.

SOCK (MAKE 2)

Cuff

Ch 67.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each
remaining ch across—65 hdc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and
throughout), turn; working in back loops only,
dc in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only,
hdc in next 15 sts, dc in each remaining st across.

Rows 6–33 Repeat Rows 2–5 seven times.

Row 34 Repeat Row 2. Do not fasten off.

Ankle

Note The cuff will now be joined into a round
to form base of ankle.

Round 1 Ch 1, working in ends of rows across
edge of cuff, work 63 hdc evenly spaced
across edge; join with sl st in first st—63 sts.

Round 2 Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join
with sl st in first st.
Fasten off.



Tip

For a narrower or fuller calf, work fewer or more rows of the cuff before joining in the round to work the ankle.



Heel Flap

With right side facing, and using last st of Round 2 of ankle as center point, count 11 sts back from the center point and join yarn with sl st in 11th st.

Row 1 Ch 1, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 21 sts; leave remaining sts unworked for top of foot—22 hdc.

Rows 2–19 Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across. Do not fasten off.

Turn Heel and Shape Gusset

Note Work now proceeds in continuous rounds. Do not join rounds and do not turn at beginning of rounds.

With wrong side of the heel flap facing, place stitch marker in first st of heel flap for beginning of round. Move marker up as work progresses.

Round 1 Ch 1, hdc in first 9 sts, [hdc2tog] twice, hdc in last 9 sts; working in ends of rows, work 25 hdc evenly spaced across side edge of heel flap, hdc2tog over end of side

edge of heel flap and first unworked st of ankle, hdc in next 39 sts, hdc2tog over last unworked st of ankle and beginning of other side edge of heel flap; working in ends of rows, work 25 hdc evenly spaced across other side edge of heel flap; do not join—111 sts.

Round 2 Hdc in first 8 sts, [hdc2tog] twice, hdc in next 32 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 37 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 24 sts—105 sts.

Round 3 Hdc in first 7 sts, [hdc2tog] twice, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 35 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 23 sts—99 sts.

Round 4 Hdc in first 5 sts, [hdc3tog] twice, hdc in next 27 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 33 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 22 sts—91 sts.

Round 5 Hdc in first 3 sts, [hdc3tog] twice, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 31 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 21 sts—83 sts.

Round 6 Hdc in first st, [hdc3tog] twice, hdc in next 21 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 29 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 20 sts—75 sts.

Round 7 [Hdc2tog] twice, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 27 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in last 19 sts—69 sts.

Round 8 Hdc in first st, hdc2tog, hdc in next 17 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 25 sts, hdc3tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog—63 sts.

Foot

Round 9 Hdc in each st around.

Repeat Round 9 until foot measures approx 8"/20.5cm. Do not fasten off.

Shape Toe

Next Round [Hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog] 9 times—54 sts.

Next Round Hdc in each st around.

Next Round [Hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog] 9 times—45 sts.

Next Round Hdc in each st around.

Next Round [Hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog] 9 times—36 sts.

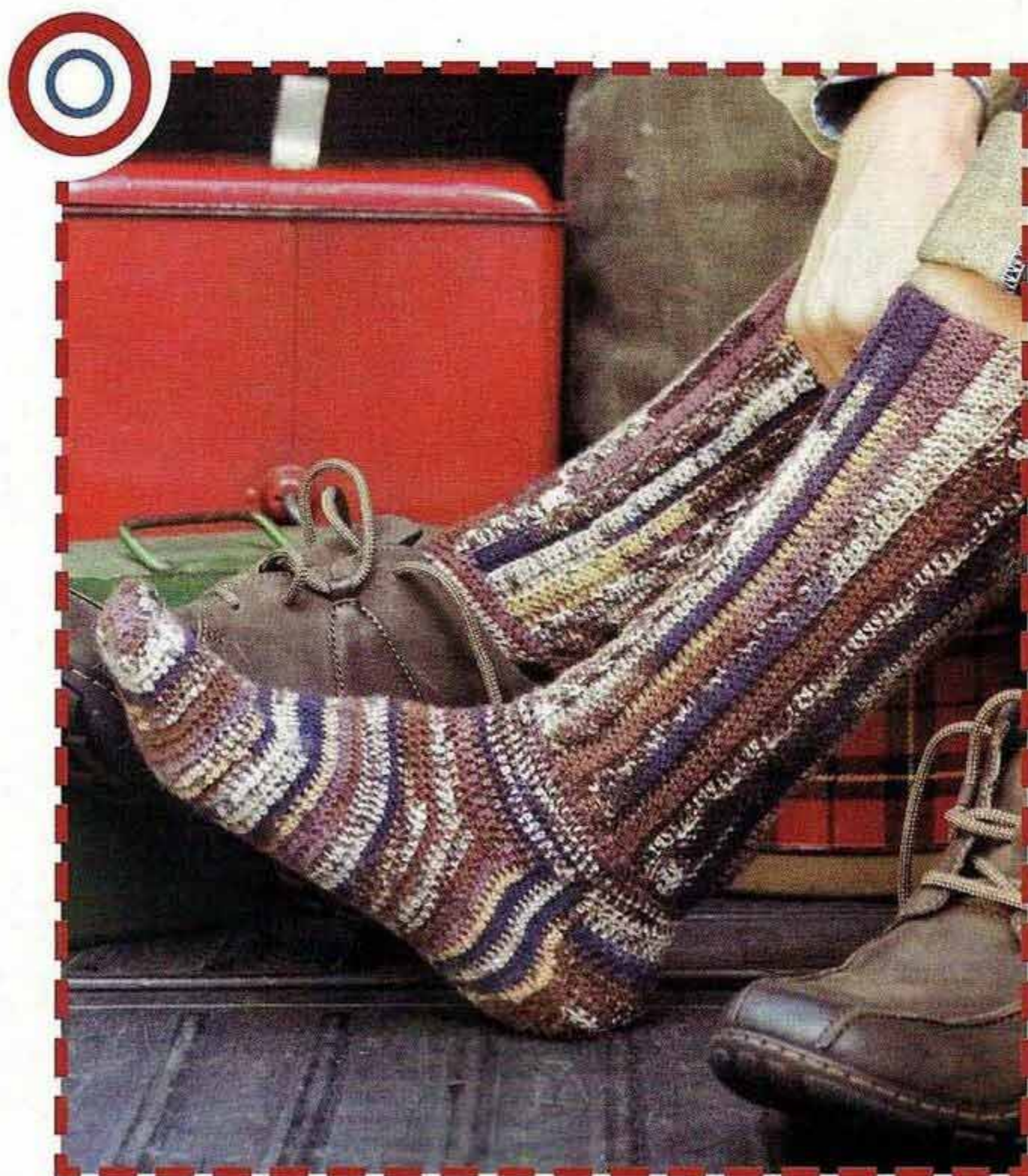
Next 4 Rounds Hdc in each st around. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Turn sock inside out, flatten toe, and sew or crochet toe seam. Sew cuff seam. Turn sock right side out. Weave in all ends.

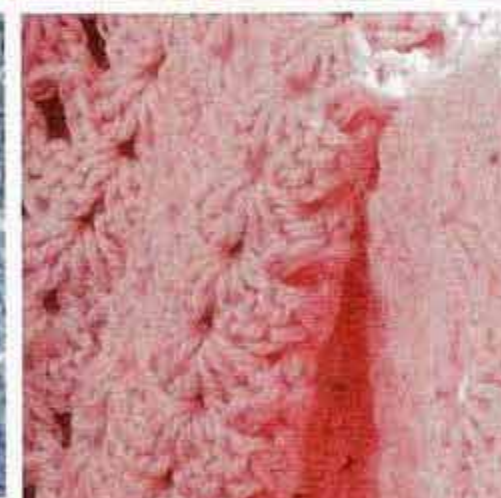
try this!

Other great color options in this yarn include: #3970 Faded Jeans and #3972 Black Jack



Winter Wonderland

Keeep little ones warm and cozy this season with handmade creations guaranteed to chase away the chill. From matching sweaters to a fuzzy muff and even a snowflake doll, there's plenty here to delight kids and parents alike.



Let It Snow Sweaters

Cross-stitch embellishment makes these basic sweaters extra fun. Stitch one or both for siblings or cousins—the blue and white palette suits either girls or boys.

By Elena Malo

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 (2, 2, 3) balls #9800 Baby Blue (A)
- 1 ball #9600 White (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook (for edging only)

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain
sc single crochet
sk skip
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)

the yarn



Soft Baby Steps in
Baby Blue



SIZES

2 (4, 6, 8) years

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 24 (26, 28, 30)"/61 (66, 71, 76)cm
Length 12½ (13½, 14½, 16½)"/32 (34.5, 37, 42)cm, including edging

GAUGE

12 sts and 14 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With larger hook, ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—12 sc.

Rows 2–14 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BACK

With larger hook and A, ch 38 (40, 44, 46)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—37 (39, 43, 45) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 6 (6½, 7½, 9)"/15 (16.5, 19, 23)cm from beginning.

Shape Armholes

Next Row Ch 1, turn; sl st over first 2 (2, 3, 3) sc, sc in each remaining sc across to last 2 (2,

3, 3) sc; leave remaining sts unworked—33 (35, 37, 39) sc.

Next Row Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 10½ (11½, 12½, 14½)"/26.5 (29, 32, 37)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as Back until piece measures 8½ (9½, 10½, 12½)"/21.5 (24, 26.5, 32)cm from beginning.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 11 (12, 13, 14) sc; leave remaining sts unworked for neck and second shoulder—11 (12, 13, 14) sc.

Row 2 (decrease row) Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in each remaining sc across—10 (11, 12, 13) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 4–7 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—8 (9, 10, 11) sc.

Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Sk 11 unworked sts following first shoulder, with larger hook, join A with sl st in next st.

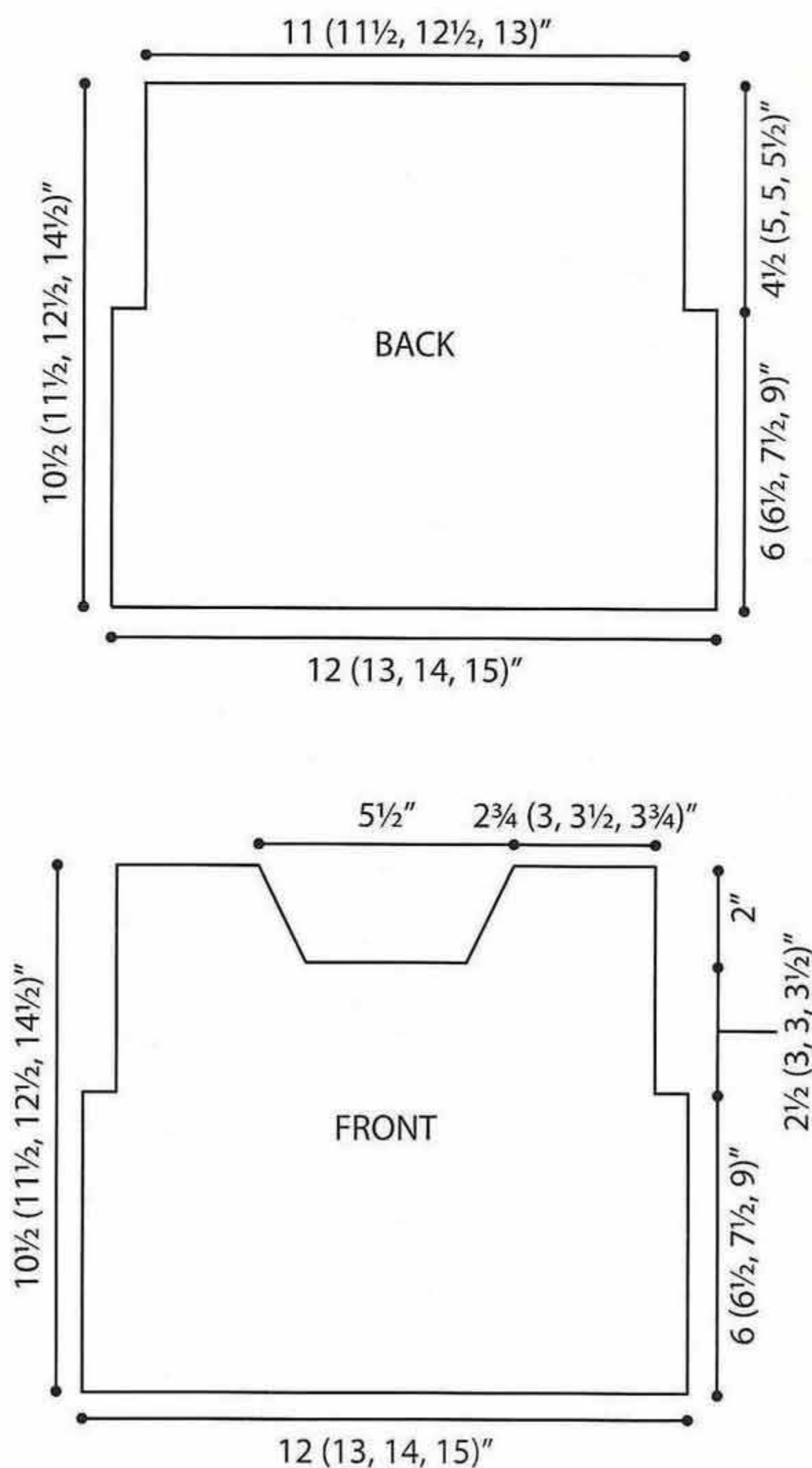
Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each remaining st across—11 (12, 13, 14) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 (decrease row) Ch 1, turn; sk first sc, sc in each remaining sc across—10 (11, 12, 13) sc.



SCHEMATICS



Rows 4–7 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—8 (9, 10, 11) sc.
Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With larger hook and A, ch 21 (24, 24, 27)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 (23, 23, 26) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 3 (increase row) Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—22 (25, 25, 28) sc.

Rows 4–10 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 11 (increase row) Repeat Row 3—24 (27,

Tip

Create a blizzard on this design by embroidering smaller cross-stitch snowflakes over the sleeves and back of the sweater.

27, 30) sc.

Rows 12–27 Repeat Rows 4–11 twice—28 (31, 31, 34) sc.

Row 28 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until piece measures 9 (10, 10½, 11½)"/23 (25.5, 26.5, 29)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With B and beginning on center stitch 2 rows below neckline, embroider cross stitch snowflake from chart onto front of sweater. Sew shoulder and side seams. Sew sleeve seams and set in sleeves.

Neck Edging

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in neck edge at one shoulder seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around neck edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in lower edge of sleeve at seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around sleeve edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around other sleeve edge.

Lower Edging

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in lower edge at one side seam.

Round 1 Work sc evenly around lower edge; join with sl st in first sc.

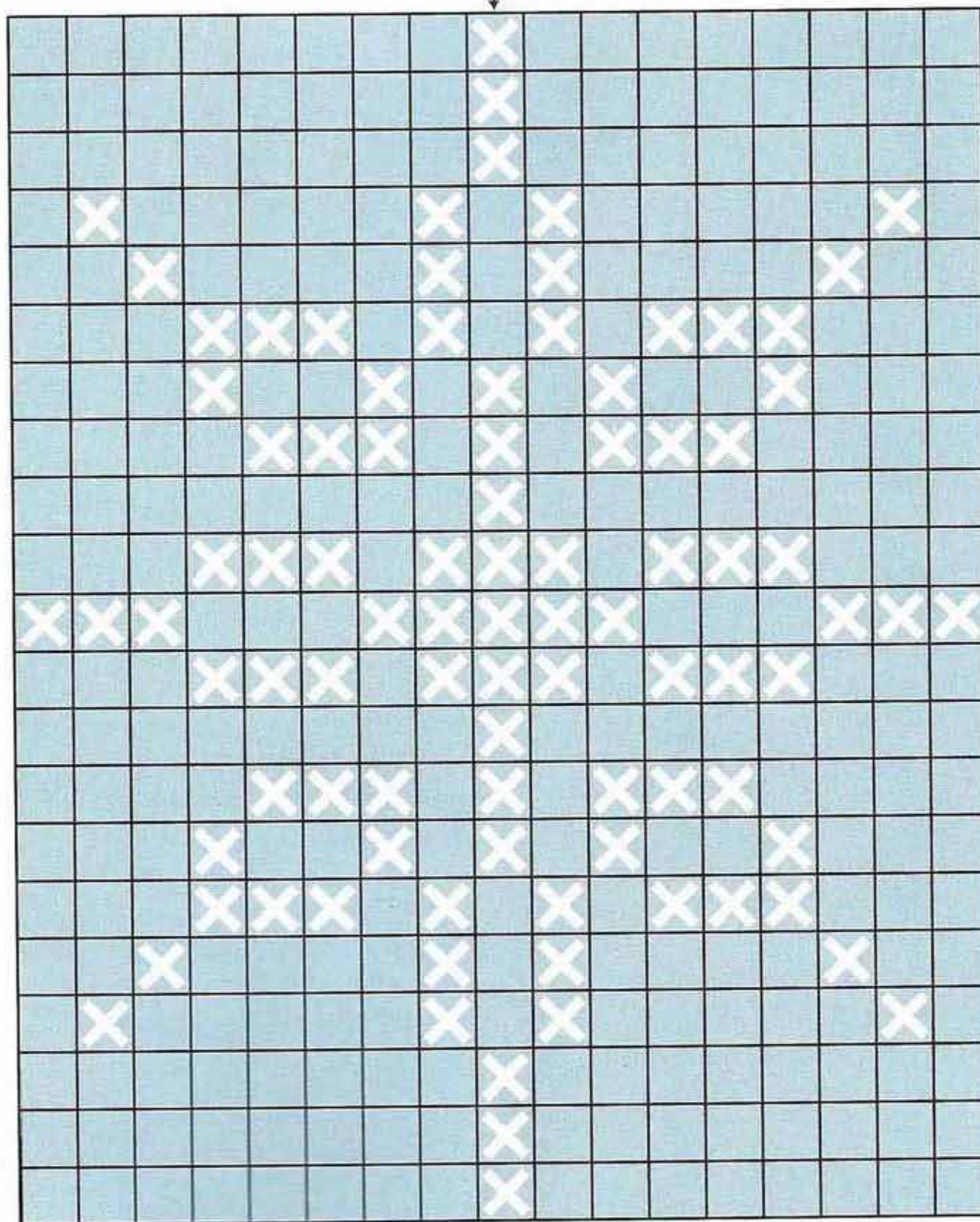
Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sl st loosely in each sc around; join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

SNOWFLAKE CHART

center stitch
2 rows below neck edge



Nothing beats a handmade sweater on a cold winter day!

Single-Skein Blankie

Just one ball of yarn is all it takes to complete this sweet blanket—easy construction makes it a breeze, even for newbies!

By Marty Miller

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Blankie, 16oz/453g balls, each approx 819yd/749m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #8700 Baby Pink

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet sp(s) space(s)

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

shell Work (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in indicated sp.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 25"/63.5cm x 32"/81.5cm

GAUGE

3 shells = 5"/12.5cm; 5 rows = 3½"/9cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Foundation Row Ch 3, dc in 3rd ch from hook (dc eyelet made), [ch 7, dc in 3rd ch from hook (dc eyelet made)] twice—3 dc eyelets.

Row 1 Ch 3, turn; working back along Foundation Row, work shell around post of dc in each dc eyelet across—3 shells.

Rows 2–5 Ch 3, turn; work shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 5"/12.5cm wide x 3½"/9cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKIE

Foundation Row Ch 3, dc in 3rd ch from hook (dc eyelet made), [ch 7, dc in 3rd ch from hook (dc eyelet made)] 14 times—15 dc eyelets.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3, turn; working back along Foundation Row, work shell around post of dc in each dc eyelet across—15 shells.

Rows 2–45 Ch 3, turn; work shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across.
Fasten off.

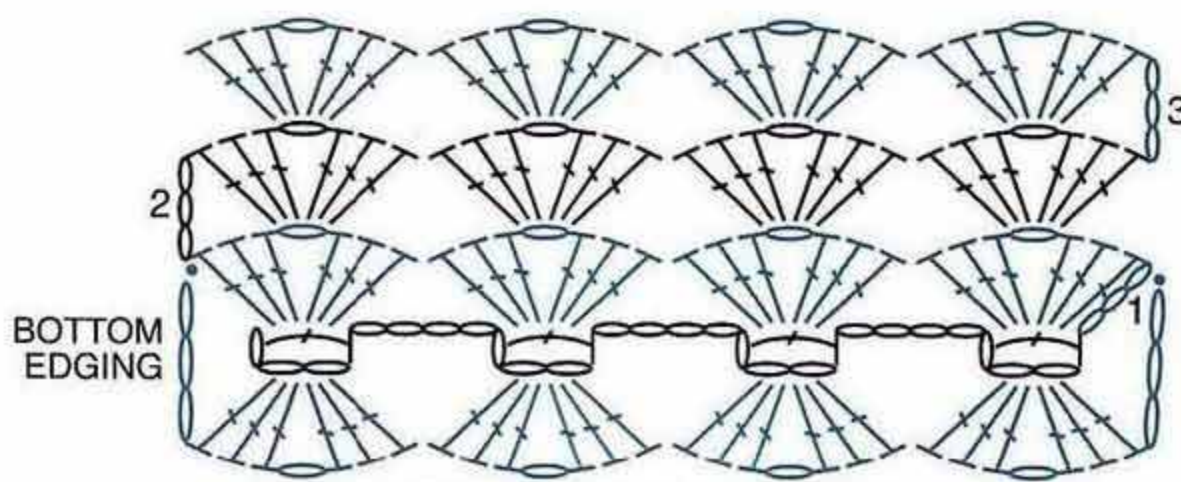
Bottom Edging

With right side facing and foundation row at top, join yarn with sl st in top of last dc on last shell worked on Row 1 (at top right-hand corner), ch 3; working along other edge of Foundation Row, work shell in ch-sp of each dc eyelet across, ch 3; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 on Row 1—15 shells. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN

the yarn



Baby Blankie in Baby Pink





Tip

Change the blanket size by making more or less dc eyelets on the Foundation Row and working more or less rows. Yarn requirements will be different if changing the size.

Ice Princess

Who wouldn't love this adorable little amigurumi doll? Her snowflake costume is so cute, she's sure to be a favorite year-round.

By Mia Zamora-Johnson

What You'll Need

YARN
RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
• 1 skein #316 Soft White (A)
• 1 skein #334 Buff (B)

CROCHET HOOK
• Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS
• Yarn needle
• Dark brown embroidery floss (for hair)
• Red embroidery floss (for mouth and bow)
• Pair of safety eyes—6mm diameter
• Stitch markers
• Polyester or wool fiberfill
• Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy
1 2 3 4

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet **tr** treble crochet
[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

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

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Work Rounds 1–6 of head. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 2"/5cm diameter. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

- 1 The doll is worked in continuous spirals. Do not join and do not turn at beginning of rounds. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the first round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
- 2 The designer recommends assembling the doll so that the wrong side of the fabric is facing out. This provides a smoother fabric that is easier to embroider.

HEAD

With B, make an adjustable ring.

- Round 1** Work 5 sc in ring—5 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.
- Round 2** Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.
- Round 3** [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.
- Round 4** [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—20 sc.
- Round 5** [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—25 sc.
- Round 6** [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—30 sc.
- Rounds 7–12** Sc in each sc around. Allowing the wrong side of the fabric to be the outer surface, insert safety eyes, 5 sts apart, in Round 10.
- Round 13** [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—25 sc.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

doll approx 5½"/14cm tall, not including snowflake
snowflake approx 7"/18cm diameter at widest point

GAUGE

Rounds 1–6 of head = 2"/5cm diameter
Gauge is not critical for this project.

the yarn 
Super Saver in Buff





Round 14 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—20 sc.

Round 15 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—15 sc.
Stuff head firmly.

Round 16 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 5 times—10 sc.

Round 17 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew opening closed by stitching back and forth across the opening. Using photograph as a guide, embroider mouth with red embroidery floss, centering it a couple of rounds below the eyes. Hide any knots in the back of the head, where they will not show after the hood is worked.

HOOD

With A, work same as head through Round 6—30 sc.

Rounds 7–13 Sc in each sc around.
Insert head into hood as snugly as possible, making sure that the eyes are facing outward. The number of stitches in the hood will now be decreased, and it won't be possible to insert the head into the hood after this point.

Round 14 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 15 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.
Do not fasten off.

SNOWFLAKE

Note Snowflake is worked in joined rounds. Join rounds, but do not turn at beginning of rounds.

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next st, ch 3, sk next st, [dc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next st] 5 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Note The six arms of the snowflake are worked in the next round. Each arm has seven branches. Three branches are worked up one side of the arm (away from the center ring), one branch at the top, and then three branches back down the opposite side of the arm (back toward the center ring).

Round 2 *Working up one side of the arm,

first branch Ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, leave remaining 2 ch unworked.

second branch Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, leave remaining ch unworked.

third branch Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, leave remaining ch unworked.

fourth branch (top of arm) Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch.

Working back down the opposite side of the arm,

fifth branch Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, sc in unworked ch of third branch.

sixth branch Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in unworked ch of second branch.

seventh branch Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, sc in 2 unworked ch of first branch.

Continue in Sts of Round 1 Sl st in next dc of Round 1, (sc, 3 hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp, sl st in next dc; repeat from * around, working last sl st in base of beginning ch-7—6 arms. Fasten off.

ARM (MAKE 2)

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Round 2 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times—9 sc.

Round 3 Tr in first st (for thumb), sc2tog, [sc in next st, sc2tog] twice—6 sts.

Rounds 4–8 Sc in each st around.

Tip

Make a matching Mister Snowflake by leaving off the bow in the hair. They'd make such a cute pair!



Stuff the arm firmly. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing arm to body.

LEG (MAKE 2)

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 9 sc in ring—9 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in next 3 sts, sc in last 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3 [Sc2tog] 3 times (for toes), sc in last 6 sts—9 sts.

Rounds 4–8 Sc in each st around.

Stuff the leg firmly. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body.

BODY

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 9 sc in ring—9 sc. Pull

gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—18 sc.

Rounds 3–5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 (back shaping) [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 3 times, sc in last 9 sc—15 sc.

Rounds 7–9 Sc in each sc around.

Round 10 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 3 times—12 sc.

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew body to head.

FINISHING

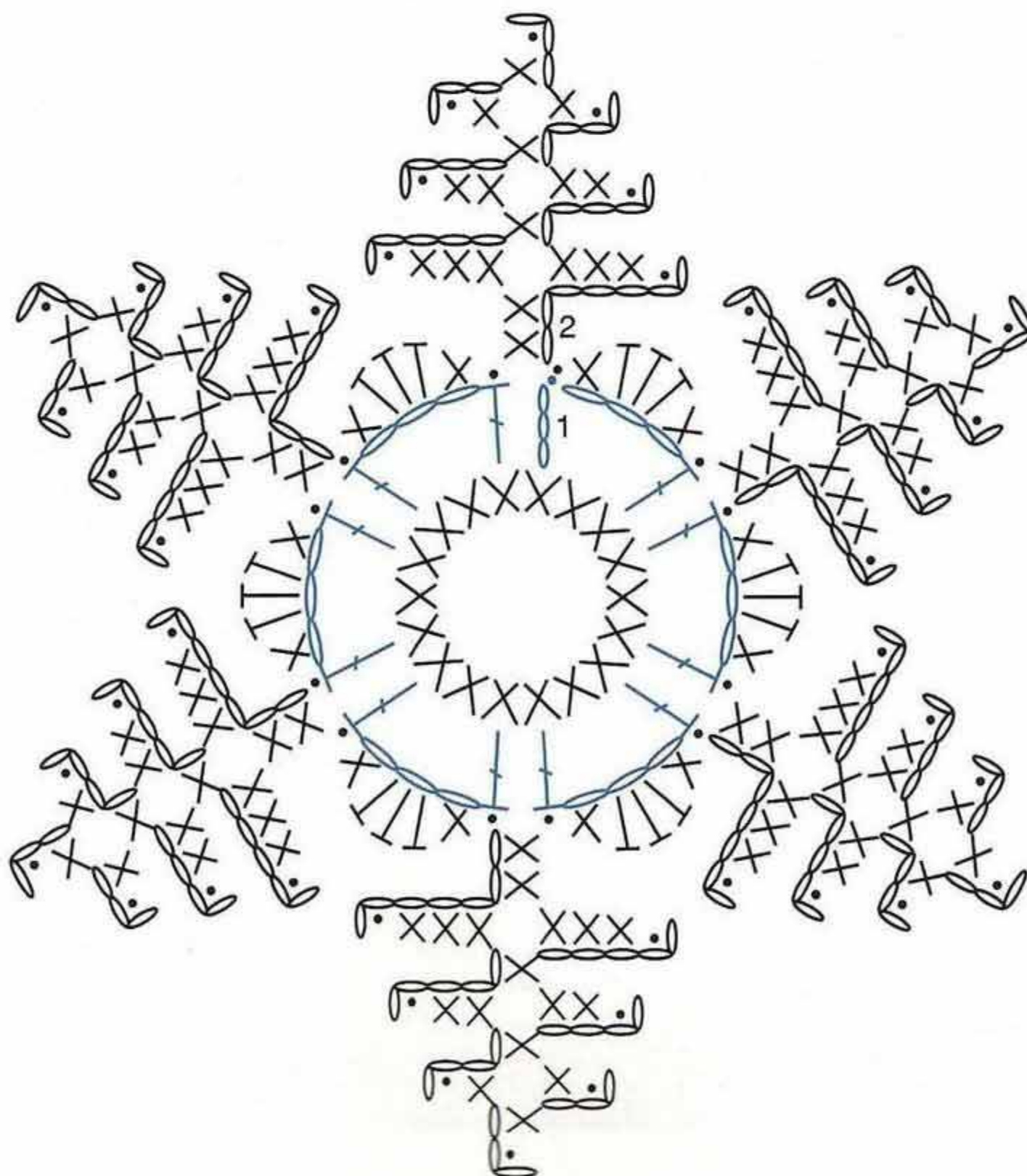
Attach Arms Pinch top of each arm and sew edges together. Sew arms to body with thumbs facing forward, making sure that the back shaping of the body faces the back.

Attach Legs Sew the legs to the body with toes facing forward.

Attach Head Sew head firmly to body. When head is securely fastened, insert needle through neck once and then back through to the other side. Pull very tightly and cut the yarn as close to the neck as possible. Wriggle the head gently until the end of the yarn is pulled back into the work.

Embroider Hair Pull front of hood back slightly. With two strands of brown embroidery floss held together and using photograph as a guide, embroider straight stitch hair. With red embroidery floss, tie a tiny bow and sew to hair. Pull hood back in place to hide any knots. Weave in all ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM



Comfy Cozy Hat & Muff

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Moon & Stars, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz/50g balls, each approx 110yd/100m (acrylic/nylon)

- 2 balls #3001 Snow (A)

RED HEART Pomp-a-Doodle, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz/100g balls, each approx 54yd/50m (polyester)

- 1 ball #9955 Berries & Cream (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

the yarn



Moon & Stars in Snow



Pomp-a-Doodle in Berries & Cream

Little girls will love this cozy set—pom-pom yarn makes it super soft and cuddly!

By Linda Cyr

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

hat approx 21"/53.5cm circumference

muff approx 13"/33cm circumference (at widest) and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/21.5cm long

GAUGE

11 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm over half double crochet using A

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With A, ch 13.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—11 hdc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE

Hat and muff are worked in continuous spiral. Do not join rounds and do not turn at beginning of rounds. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

HAT

With A, ch 3.

Round 1 (wrong side) 5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; do not join—5 hdc.

Round 2 Work 2 hdc in each hdc around—10 hdc.

Round 3 [Hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 5 times—15 hdc.

Round 4 [Hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 5 times—20 hdc.

Round 5 [Hdc in next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, place a marker in hdc just made] 5 times—25 hdc.

Note The markers placed in Round 5 indicate where increases are to be made. Move the markers up as each round is worked. In the following rounds work 2 hdc in each of the marked sts (except the marked st for the beginning of the round).

Rounds 6–11 [Hdc in each hdc to next marker, 2 hdc in marked hdc] 5 times—55 hdc.

Rounds 12–16 Hdc in each hdc around.

Round 17 Drop A (do not cut), join B with sc in next hdc; keeping all pompoms on the back side (right side), sc in each remaining hdc around.





Note The backside, where the pompoms appear, will serve as the outside (right side) of the hat.

Round 18 Drop B (do not cut), pick up A and sc in each sc around.

Round 19 Drop A and pick up B; keeping all pompoms on the back side, sc in each sc around.

Rounds 20–23 Repeat Rounds 18 and 19 twice. Fasten off B.

Round 24 With A, dc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Fold last dc round to the inside (wrong side). With sewing needle and matching thread, sew in place. Turn hat right side out (pompoms to the outside).

Earflaps

With right side facing, join A with sl st anywhere along edge of hat.

Row 1 Sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next 2 sts; leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 2 Turn; sk the sl sts, 2 dc in first dc, dc in next dc, 5 dc in next dc (center dc of 5-dc group), dc in next dc, 2 dc in last dc, sk next sl st, sl st in next 2 sts of edge of hat.

Row 3 Turn; sk the sl sts, 2 dc in first dc, dc in next 4 dc, 5 dc in next dc (center dc of 5-dc group), dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in last dc, sl st in next 2 sts of edge of hat. Fasten off.

Sk next 16 unworked sts along edge of hat and join A in next st; repeat Rows 1–3 for other earflap.

Ties (Make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—20 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 5 times—10 sc.

Round 8 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sc.

Round 9 [Insert hook in next sc and draw up a loop] 5 times, yarn over and draw through all 6 loops on hook, work 14"/35.5cm of ch sts. Fasten off.

Sew the end of one tie to the point of each earflap.

Pompom

Work as for tie, but do not work the 14"/35.5cm ch. Fasten off.

Finishing

Sw pompom to top of hat. Weave in ends.

MUFF

With A, ch 38; taking care not to twist ch, join with sl st in first ch.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in same ch as join, dc in each remaining ch around, do not join.

Rounds 2–5 Dc in each st around.

Round 6 Drop A (do not cut), join B with sc in next st; keeping all pompoms on the back side (right side), sc in each remaining st around.

Round 7 Drop B (do not cut), pick up A and sc in each sc around.

Round 8 Drop A and pick up B; keeping all pompoms on the back side, sc in each sc around.

Rounds 9–12 Repeat Rounds 7 and 8 twice. Fasten off B.

Rounds 13–23 With A, hdc in each st around.

Rounds 24–30 Repeat Rounds 6–12.

Rounds 31–36 With A, dc in each st around. Fasten off.

Neck Tie

With 2 strands of A held together, work 44"/112cm of ch sts. Fasten off.

Finishing

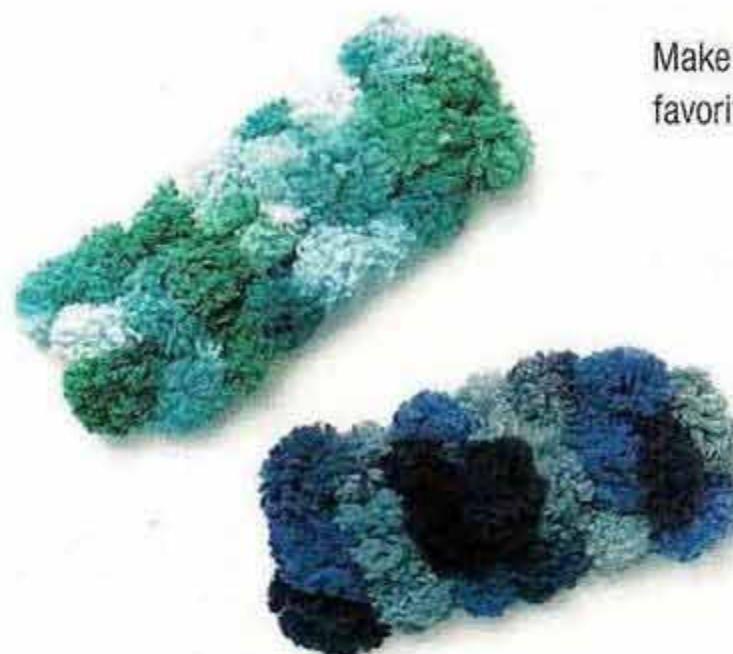
Keep pompoms on the outside, and with sewing needle and thread sew beginning round to last round. Arrange muff so seam is on the inside. Thread neck tie through muff and tie ends together. Weave in ends.

Tip

When working with Pomp-a-Doodle, take care to crochet with the thin sections of the strand only. Do not pull the pompoms through the stitches. Leave the pompoms on the back side of the work.

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