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RED HEART

LADY BUG BACKPACK | CROCHET

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Lady Bug Backpack

Your little lady will love carrying her special things in this unique back pack. Crocheted with machine wash and dry yarn, it's easy to keep it looking great no matter where it travels.

Designed by Patsy Harbor.

Backpack measures 8¾" x 9"

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 0319 Cherry Red **A** and 0312 Black **B**.

Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6].
Yarn needle, 2 buttons ⁷/₁₆", 2 buttons 1".

GAUGE: 16 sc = 4"; 24 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: When changing colors, do not cut, drop first color and work with new color. Pick up first color when directed. Before beginning work, wind a small 20 yd ball of **A** and set aside.

SPECIAL STITCHES
Sc2tog = Single Crochet decrease – [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FRONT
Row 1 (Right Side): With **A**, ch 21, sc in the back ridge of each ch across; turn – 20 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st; turn – 22 sc.
Rows 3-8: Repeat Row 2; turn – 34 sc.
Rows 9-24: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.
Row 25: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, drop **A** and change to **B**, with **B** sc in next 12 sts, drop **B** and change to **A** using the small ball of **A**, with **A** sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog; turn – 20 sc in **A**, 12 sc in **B**.
Row 26: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, change to **B**, sc in next 14 sts, change to **A**, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog; turn – 16 sc in **A**, 14 sc in **B**.
Row 27: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, change to **B**, sc in next 16 sts, change to **A**, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog; turn – 12 sc in **A**, 16 sc in **B**.
Row 28: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, change to **B**, sc in next 18 sts, change to **A**, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; turn – 8 sc in **A**, 18 sc in **B**.
Row 29: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc, change to **B**, sc in next 20 sts, change to **A**, sc, sc2tog; turn – 4 sc in **A**, 20 sc in **B**.
Row 30: Ch 1, sc2tog, change to **B**, sc in next 20, change to **A**, sc2tog, change to **B**; turn – 2 sc in **A**, 20 sc in **B**.
Row 31: Continuing with **B**, ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog; turn – 20 sc in **B**.
Row 32: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.
Row 33: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc across to last 2 sts, sc2tog; turn – 18 sc.
Rows 34-36: Repeat Row 33; turn – 12 sc.
Row 37: Repeat Row 32; do not turn.

FRONT EDGING
With right side facing, continuing with **B,** 2 sc in last st of Row 37, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to beginning of **A**, change to **A**, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to Row 1, 3 sc in 1ˢᵗ st on Row 1, sc in each st across, 3 sc in last st on Row 1, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to beginning of **B**, change to **B**, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to 1ˢᵗ of Row 37, join with a slip st to first st of Row 37. Fasten off.

BACK
Work as for FRONT through Row 37, turn.

Begin Flap

Row 38: Ch 1, sc in front loop only in each st across; turn – 12 sc.
Rows 39-42: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.
Row 43: Ch 1, sc in back loop only in each st across; turn.
Row 44: Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st; turn – 14 sc.
Row 45 and 46: Ch 1, repeat Row 44; turn – 18 sc.
Row 47: Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, ch 1, skip next st, sc in next 4 sts, ch 1, skip next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st; turn – 18 sc and 2 ch-1 button-hole spaces.
Row 48: Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, sc in ch-1 space, sc in next 4 sts, sc in ch-1 space, sc in next 7 sts; turn – 20 sc.
Row 49: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog; turn – 18 sc.
Rows 50-52: Ch 1, repeat Row 49; turn – 12 sc.
Row 53: Ch 1, sc in each st across; do not fasten off.

BACK EDGING

With right side facing, 2 sc in last st of Row 53, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to beginning of **A**, change to **A**, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to Row 1, 3 sc in 1st st on Row 1, sc in each st across, 3 sc in last st on Row 1, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to beginning of **B**, change to **B**, sc evenly spaced in ends of rows to first of Row 53, join with a slip st to first st of Row 53. Fasten off.

FRONT EMBELLISHMENTS

With **A** and right side facing and holding yarn in back of work, insert hook in stitch 10 of Row 1 edging, attach slip knot to hook and pull through to front of work, * skip next row, insert hook from front to back, yarn over and pull up a loop, draw through loop on hook, repeat from * to **B**. Fasten off.

Spots (Make 6)

Round 1: With **B**, ch 3, join to first ch with a slip st, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 8 dc in ring, join to 3rd ch of ch-3 with a slip st. Fasten off, leaving an 8" tail.
Sew spots to Front using yarn needle.

LOWER STRAPS

Right Strap

Row 1: With right side facing and **B**, join with a slip st to 3rd st on Row 3 of Back, sc around post of same st, sc around post of next 3 sts; turn – 4 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts; turn.
Rows 3-6: Repeat Row 2, turn.
Row 7: Ch 6, skkip 2 sts, slip st in next st (ch-6 loop made). Fasten off.

Left Strap

Row 1: With right side facing and **B**, join with a slip st to 19th st on Row 3 of Back, sc around post of same st, sc around post of next 3 sts; turn – 4 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts; turn.
Rows 3-6: Repeat Row 2, turn.
Row 7: Ch 6, slip st to last st of Row 6. Fasten off.

UPPER STRAPS

Row 1: With right side facing and **B**, join with a slip st to 4th st on Row 35 of Back, sc around post of same st, sc around post of next 7 sts; turn – 8 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn. Do not fasten off.

Divide for straps:

Right strap: Row 3: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts; turn – 4 sc.
Rows 4-55: Repeat Row 3; turn.
Row 56: Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, place marker, sc in next 2 sts; turn.
Rows 57-68: Repeat Row 3; turn.
Row 69: Ch 1, sc in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in last st; turn – 2 sc, 1 ch-2 sp (button-hole made)
Row 70: Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in ch-2 space, sc in last st; turn – 4 sc.
Rows 71-75: Ch 1, sc across; turn.
Row 76: Repeat Row 69; turn.
Row 77: Repeat Row 70; turn.
Rows 78-82: Ch 1, sc across; turn.
Row 83: Ch 1, sc2tog twice; turn – 2 sc.
Row 84: Ch 1, sc2tog. Fasten off.

Left strap:

Row 3: With right side facing, join **B** with a slip st in the 5th st of Row 2, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts; turn – 4 sc.
Rows 4-84: Ch 1, repeat Rows 4 – 84 as for right strap.

Gusset

Row 1: Ch 5, sc in back ridge of each ch across; turn – 4 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.
Rows 3-78: Repeat Row 2. Do not fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

With right side facing and **A** and starting where **A** begins, slip st gusset and Back together, slip st across gusset edge, slip st gusset and Front together. Fasten off.

Sew buttons for eyes to front to match buttonholes on flap. Sew buttons for straps at markers. Thread upper straps through ch-6 loop on edge of lower strap then secure at button.

Weave in ends.

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® "Super Saver®", Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multi color and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141g), 260 yd (238 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, etc. **=** Color A, B, etc.; **ch =** chain; **mm =** millimeters, **sc =** single crochet; **st(s) =** stitch(es); *** or ** =** repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.