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HEART


CROCHET SKILL LEVEL intermediate

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## What you will need:

RED HEART ${ }^{\text { }}$ With Love ${ }^{*}$ : 1 skein each 1932 Minty A, 1939 Papaya B, 1704 Bubblegum C, 1502 Iced Aqua D, 1538 Lilac E, and 1001 White F

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9]

Stitch marker, yarn needle, $13 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ ( 35 mm ) pompom maker or two-tine fork, sharp scissors.

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project. Love ${ }^{\text {® }}$, Art. E400 available in solid color 7oz (198 g), 370 yd ( 338 m ), multicolor 50z ( 141 g ), $230 \mathrm{yd}(211 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and stripes 5 oz ( 141 g ) 223 yds (204 m) skeins


Bunny Garland
String these bunnies up to brighten any space and get your home ready for spring celebrations! Perfect for Easter parties, they're sure to win a permanent spot in your spring-inspired décor.

Each bunny measures 7" ( 17.8 cm ) tall $\times 5^{\prime \prime}(12.7 \mathrm{~cm})$ at widest point. Bunting with 10 bunnies is approximately $4^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ ( 127 cm ) measured flat.

Notes: The bunny motifs are worked as one piece beginning with the bottom, which is worked in the round using puff stitch. The head and ears are then added on as rows without fastening off previous yarn.

## Special Stitches

fphdc (Front Post Half Double
Crochet): Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of corresponding stitch in the row below, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.
puff st: Yarn over and insert hook into indicated stitch, *yarn over and pull up a loop; repeat from * until there are 9 loops on hook; yarn over and pull through all loops on hook, ch 1.

## sc2tog (single crochet decrease):

[Insert hook into next stitch and pull up a loop] twice; yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook - 1 stitch decreased.

BUNNY (make 2 each with A, B, $C, D$, and $E$ for a total of 10)

## Body

Note: Ch 1 at completion of puff st does not count as the ch 1 between the individual puff sts.
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## Make an adjustable ring as follows

Wrap yarn around your finger with the yarn tail to the left and under the working yarn. Insert hook through the circle from front to back. Using the working yarn, yarn over and pull up a loop.
Round 1: 8 sc in loop, join to 1st sc with slip st; tighten beginning yarn tail to close ring, place marker to indicate beginning of round - 8 sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, puff st in same st, ch 1, [puff st in next st, ch 1] 7 times; join last ch 1 to top of 1st puff st - 8 puff sts, 8 ch-1 spaces.
Round 3: Ch 1, *puff st in st, ch 1, puff st in ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * around, join with slip st to top of first puff st -16 puff sts, $16 \mathrm{ch}-1$ spaces.
Round 4: Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in ch-1 space, *sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * around, join with sl st to 1st sc-48 sc.

## Head

Begin working back and forth in rows:
Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same st and in next 8 sts-9 sc.
Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn, hdc in same st as turning ch and in next 8 sts across -10 hdc .
Row 3: Ch 1, turn, fphdc around 1st st and each st across - 10 fphdc.
Row 4: Ch 1, turn, skip 1st st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog 7 sc.

## First Ear

Row 1: Ch 1, turn, skip 1st st, sc in next 2 sts - 2 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in st, 2 sc in next st-3 sc.
Rows 3-6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, skip 1st st, 3 hdc in next st, slip st in last st.
Fasten off.

## Second Ear

Skip st next to inner edge st of 1st ear, attach yarn with slip st to next st.
Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same st and next st 2 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st-3 sc.
Rows 3-6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Row 7: Ch 1, turn, skip 1st st, 3 hdc in next st, slip st in last st.
Fasten off.

## FINISHING

## Edging

With Right Side facing, attach yarn with slip st to back loop of 1st st where Body and Head meet. Slip st in back loops of each Body st around, slip st in row ends and sts around the head and Ears; join last slip st to 1st slip st.

Optional: For seamless join, cut yarn from skein but do not finish off. Thread yarn onto tapestry needle. Weave thread under the loops of the next st and back through the middle of the originating st, mimicking the teardrop shape of a st. Weave excess yarn along back of work to secure.

## Pompom Tails

With $\mathbf{F}$ and a $13 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ ( 35 mm ) pompom maker, (or fork; see below for details), make 1 pompom tail for each bunny. For consistency, ensure that the same number of wraps is used for each pompom. Using sharp scissors, carefully trim each pompom as needed, leaving $4-6^{\prime \prime}(10-15.25 \mathrm{~cm})$ yarn ends from tie for attaching pompom to Bunny.

Using pompom tie ends, tie pompom on bottom portion of Body between Rounds 2 \& 3. Knot securely and trim excess yarn from ties.

Fork Method: If pompom maker is unavailable, use a large two-tine meat serving fork to make pompoms as follows: Wrap the yarn snugly (not too tightly) around the entire fork for a total of 35 wraps. Cut yarn. Using a 10 " (25.4 cm ) piece of yarn, wrap yarn between the tines and around the middle of the wraps Pull tightly to cinch and knot securely leaving 4-6" (10-15.25 cm) yarn ends from tie for attaching pompom to Bunny.

## Assembly

With F, ch 20. Attach Bunny ear using slip st through the top most st of the 1st ear, ch 5 , repeat ear attachment with slip st to 2 nd ear, ch 10; repeat the process until all bunnies are attached, ch 20 . There should be 10 chs between each Bunny and 5 chs between the ears of each Bunny.

## Hanging Loops (optional)

Fold the 1st 10 chs of the ch 20 over to form a loop. With yarn needle and using yarn tail, sew to secure. Repeat for opposite end.

With yarn needle, weave in all loose ends

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, D, E, F = Colors A, B, C, D, E, F; ch = chain; hdc = half double crochet; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified;

* repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.


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