



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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# Baby Diamonds Blanket

*This crocheted blanket is perfect for a little cutie baby and will go on to be a comfort to toddlers. Choose colors to stimulate baby or to blend with the nursery.*

## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Classic™:** 3 skeins each 003 Off White A, 681 Mist Green B, and 401 Nickel C

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
4mm (US G-6)

Yarn needle, 9 stitch markers or pieces of scrap yarn

**GAUGE:** 1 square = 12" (30.5 cm); Rows 1–5 = 4" (10 cm), measured across side of square; Row 5 = 6" (15 cm), measured across diagonal width. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Classic™,** Art. E267 available in solid color 3.5 oz (100 g), 190 yd (174 m), prints & multicolor 3 oz (85 g), 146 yd (134 m) skeins

**Blanket measures 39" x 39" (99 x 99 cm), with border.**

## Special Stitches

**block** = (Slip st, ch 3, 3 dc) in indicated ch-3 space.

**dec-block (decrease block)** = Join yarn with slip stitch in ch-3 space of first block of previous row, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-3 space.

**inc-block (increase block)** = Ch 6, dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chains count as first ch-3 space) and in next 2 ch.

## Notes

1. Blanket is made from squares worked back and forth in rows on the diagonal. Border is worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Blocks are worked into ch-3 space of blocks in previous row.
3. Each row increases by one block until 15 blocks are made, then each row decreases by one block until one block remains.
4. 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. Cut old color.
5. Place a stitch marker or piece of scrap yarn on any even row to indicate right side of each square.

## BLANKET

### Square (make 9)

With A, ch 6.

**Row 1:** Dc in 4th ch from hook and in next 2 ch, turn—1 block.

**Row 2:** Inc-block, block in next ch-3 space (beginning ch-3 space of previous row); change to C turn—2 blocks.

**Row 3:** Inc-block, block in ch-3 space of each block across; change to B, turn—3 blocks.

**Rows 4–15:** Repeat Row 3 and change color as in the following color sequence: Work 3 rows with B, 1 row with C, 3 rows with A, 1 row with C, 3 rows with B, 1 row with C—15 blocks. Fasten off.

**Row 16 (right side):** With right side facing and A, dec-block, block in ch-3 space of each block across to last block, slip st in ch-3 space of last block, turn—14 blocks.

**Rows 17 and 18:** Slip st in first 3 dc, block in ch-3 space of each block to last block, slip st in ch-3 space of last block, turn—12 blocks. Fasten off.

**Row 19:** With wrong side facing and C, repeat Row 16—11 blocks. Fasten off.

**Rows 20–22:** With B, repeat Rows 16–18—8 blocks. Fasten off.

**Row 23:** Repeat Row 19—7 blocks.

**Rows 24–29:** Repeat Rows 16–21—1 block. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide, with right sides facing, position squares in a grid of 3 squares across and 3 squares down with diagonal slant of rows alternating in direction and with same colors matching. With right sides together and matching yarn, whipstitch squares together.

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## Border

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in first st at any corner, ch 1, sc in same st (corner made), ch 2, sc in space between first and 2nd block, [\*ch 2, sc in space between next 2 blocks; repeat from \* to last block, ch 2, sc in last st of last block (corner made), ch 2, sc in space between first and 2nd block of next side] 3 times, \*\*ch 2, sc in space between next 2 blocks; repeat from \*\* to first sc; join with slip st in first sc—180 sc and 180 ch-2 spaces.

**Round 2:** Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same sc as join (3-dc corner made), 3 dc in each ch-2 space to next corner, \*3 dc in corner sc (3-dc corner made), 3 dc in each ch-2 space to next corner; repeat from \* twice; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—552 dc.

**Round 3:** Slip st in center dc of first 3-dc corner, ch 3, 2 dc in same dc, dc in each dc to center dc of next 3-dc corner, 3 dc in center dc; repeat from \* twice, dc in each dc to beginning ch; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, slip st in each dc; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

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

