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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\oplus}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\oplus}$ : 2 skeins each of 316 Soft White A, 368 Paddy Green B, 319 Cherry Red C, and 376 Burgundy D

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Circular Knitting Needle: 6mm [US 10], 24 " (60 cm) long

Stitch marker, stitch holder or scrap yarn, yarn needle

GAUGE: 13 sts $=4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm}) ; 26$ rows = 4" (10 cm) in Garter st (knit every row). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

RED HEART® Super
Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd ( 333 m ); multicolor, heather and print $50 z$ ( 141 g ), 244 yd ( 223 m ), flecks $50 z$ (1419), 260 yds ( 238 m ) skeins


Christmas is Coming Throw
The classic poinsettia Christmas theme has a modern new look in this wonderful throw. Knit it in this long-wearing yarn and enjoy it each holiday season for years to come.

Throw measures about $45 \times 56$ " (114.5 x 142 cm)

## Special Stitches

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle. MB (Make bobble) = Knit into front, back, front, and back of next stitch without removing stitch from needle, slip the 4 new stitches back to the left needle, [k2tog] twice, slip 2 stitches back to the left needle, k2tog, lift 2nd stitch on right needle over first stitch and off needle.
s2k1p2 = Slip 2 stitches as if to k2tog, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch and off the needle -2 sts decreased.

## Notes

1. Throw is worked in sections of Garter st (knit every row), beginning near the center of the throw. Section 1 is worked first then each following section begins by picking up stitches across an edge of the main piece.
2. Poinsettias are worked separately and sewn to finished throw.
3. Refer to assembly diagram for organization of sections and placement of poinsettias.
4. Bind off all sections as if to knit.

## THROW

## Section 1

With A, cast on 50 sts.
Row 1 (wrong side): Knit.
Row 2: Knit. Mark this side as the right side of work.
With A, knit 54 rows. Note: The last of these A-colored rows should be a right side row.
With D, knit 4 rows
With A, knit 6 rows
With D, knit 4 rows.
With A, knit 23 rows

With C, knit 34 rows.
With C, bind off.

## Section 2

With right side facing and $\mathbf{B}$, pick up and k64 sts evenly spaced across left side edge of Section 1. Hint: Pick up 1 st in each Garter ridge for 64 sts$)$.
With B, knit 33 rows.
With $B$, bind off.

## Section 3

With right side facing and $\mathbf{D}$, pick up and k17 sts evenly spaced across left side edge of Section 2, then pick up and k50 sts evenly spaced across cast-on edge of Section 1-67 sts.
With D, knit 33 rows.
With $\mathbf{D}$, bind off.

## Section 4

With right side facing and $\mathbf{D}$, pick up and k17 sts evenly spaced across side edge of Section 3 , then pick up and k63 sts evenly spaced across side edge of Section 1-80 sts. Hint: When picking up stitches across side edge of Section 1, pick up and k46 sts across A-colored portion (including D-colored stripes) and 17 sts across C-colored portion.
With D, knit 5 rows.
With B, knit 35 rows.
With B, bind off.

## Section 5

With right side facing and $\mathbf{A}$, pick up and k64 sts across bind-off edge of Section 2, then pick up and k16 sts across side edge of Section 3-80 sts.
With A, knit 65 rows. Note: The last of these A-colored rows should be a right side row.
With D, knit 4 rows.
With A, knit 6 rows.
With D, knit 4 rows

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With A, knit 17 rows.
With B, knit 5 rows.
With B, bind off.

## Section 6

With right side facing and $\mathbf{D}$, working across side edge of Section 4, bind-off edge of Section 1 , side edge of Section 2, then side edge of Section 5 , pick up and k138 sts evenly spaced across top edge of main piece-138 sts. With $\mathbf{D}$, knit 34 rows.
With A, knit 2 rows. Note: The last of these A-colored rows should be a right side row. With B, k29 rows.
Place all of these stitches on a holder or length of scrap yarn.

Sections 7,8 , and 9 are worked across the lower edge of the main piece, beginning at the corner of Section 5 and ending at the corner of Section 4. A total of 138 sts are picked up across the edge; 46 sts for Section 7, 52 sts for Section 8, and 40 sts for Section 9.

## Section 7

With right side facing and $\mathbf{C}$, beginning at corner of Section 5, pick up and k 1 st in each of first 46 Garter ridges across side edge of Section 5 .
With $\mathbf{C}$, knit 63 rows.
With C , bind off.

## Section 8

With right side facing and $\mathbf{A}$, working across lower edge of main piece and beginning where the Section 7 pick-up row ended, pick up and k 52 sts evenly spaced across. Hint: Pick up and k 1 st in each remaining Garter ridge of Section 5 , and 1 st in each st of bindoff edge of Section 3 until a total of 52 sts have been picked up and knit. a portion of the

Section 3 bind-off edge will remain unworked. With A, knit 36 rows. Note: The last of these A-colored rows should be a right side row. With B, knit 4 rows
With A, knit 4 rows.
With B, knit 4 rows.
With A, knit 15 rows.
With A , bind off.

Sew side edges of sections 7 and 8 together.

## Section 9

With right side facing and $\mathbf{C}$, working across lower edge of main piece and beginning where the Section 8 pick-up row ended, pick up and k40 sts evenly spaced to end of edge. With C, knit 63 rows.
With C, bind off.
Sew side edges of sections 8 and 9 together.

## Section 10

With right side facing and $\mathbf{D}$, working across bind-off edges of Sections 7, 8, and 9, pick up and k138 sts evenly spaced across lower edge of main piece.
With D, knit 34 rows.
With A, knit 2 rows. Note: The last of these A-colored rows should be a right side row. With B, k29 rows.
Place all of these stitches on a holder or length of scrap yarn.

## Section 11 (side border)

With right side facing and C, pick up and k178 sts evenly spaced across left side edge of main piece (across side edge of Section 6 , bind-off edge of Section 5 , side edge of Section 7, and side edge of Section 10). Row 1 (wrong side): With C, knit.
Row 2: With C, k2, kfb, knit to last 3 sts , kfb, k2-180 sts.

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Rows 3 and 4 : With C, repeat last 2 rows once more-182 sts.
Row 5: With C, repeat Row 1. Note: There should now be 6 Garter ridges.
Next Row (right side): With C, bind off 3 sts,
*MB, bind off 4 sts; repeat from * across, bind off remaining sts.

## Section 12 (side border)

With right side facing and C, pick up and k178 sts evenly spaced across remaining side edge of main piece (across side edge of Section 10, side edge of Section 9, bind-off edge of Section 4, and side edge of Section 6),
Row 1 (wrong side): With A, knit.
Row 2: With A, k2, kfb, knit to last 3 sts, kfb, k2-180 sts
Row 3: With C, knit.
Rows 4 and 5 : With $\mathbf{C}$, repeat last 2 rows once more-182 sts
Next Row (right side): With C, bind off 3 sts,
*MB, bind off 4 sts; repeat from * across, bind off remaining sts

## Section 13 (top border)

With right side facing, return top sts from holder or scrap yarn to needles-138 sts. With C, knit 1 row.
Row 1 (wrong side): With C, knit.
Row 2: With C, k2, kfb, knit to last 3 sts, kfb, k2-140 sts.
Rows 3 and 4: With C, repeat last 2 rows once more-142 sts.
Row 5: With C, repeat Row 1.
Next Row (right side): With C, bind off 3 sts,
*MB, bind off 4 sts; repeat from * across, bind off remaining sts.

## Section 14 (lower border)

With right side facing, return lower sts from holder or scrap yarn to needles-138 sts. With C, knit 1 row.
Row 1 (wrong side): With A, knit.
Row 2: With A, k2, kfb, knit to last 3 sts, kfb, k2-140 sts.
Row 3: With C, knit
Rows 4 and 5 : With $\mathbf{C}$, repeat last 2 rows once more-142 sts.
Next Row (right side): With C, bind off 3 sts,
*MB, bind off 4 sts; repeat from * across, bind off remaining sts.

## POINSETTIAS (make 3)

## Petal (make 6 for each flower)

Leaving a long tail (about 10 " ( 25.5 cm )), with C, cast on 3 sts.
Row 1 (right side): Knit.
Row 2: Kfb, p1, kfb—5 sts.
Row 3: Knit
Row 4: Kfb, p3, kfb—7 sts
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: K2, p3, k2.
Rows 7-16: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times. Row 17: K2, s2k1p2 (see Special Stitches), k2-5 sts
Row 18: K2, p1, k2
Row 19: K1, s2k1p2, k1-3 sts.
Row 20: K1, p1, k1.
Row 21: S2k1p2-1 st.
Fasten off. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.
Center (make 1 for each flower)
With B, cast on 5 sts.
Row 1: K1, [yo, k1] 4 times-9 sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: K1, [yo, k1] 8 times-17 sts. Bind off.

## FINISHING

Sew corners of borders together. Tack oneset of 6 petals into flower shape on striped portions of each of three A-colored sections, leaving a nickel-sized space at center of each flower. Allowing piece to curl, tack a center to each flower. Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}=$ Color A, Color B, Color C etc; $\mathbf{k}=$ knit; $\mathbf{k 2 t o g}=$ knit next 2 sts together; $\mathbf{p}=$ purl; st(s) = stich(es); yo = yarn over; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.


