



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE



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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Heart & Sole®:**  
7 balls 3900 Fuchsia

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
3.75mm [US F-5]

Straight pins (for blocking),  
yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 3 Croc-sts = 4" [10 cm]; 18 rows = 4¼" [11 cm] in Crocodile Stitch pattern. Crocodile Stitch panel measures about 23" [58.5 cm] wide and 7" [18 cm] long. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Heart & Sole®,** Art. E840 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 187 yds (171 m) balls

SHOP KIT



# Cherry Blossom Shawl

*This lightweight yarn may have been designed for sock knitters, but it is even more perfect for lacy shawl crocheters! The Climbing Vine Lace center panel will scrunch up nicely when you need a scarf instead of a shawl. Each end panel is Crocodile Stitch giving it a just-right finish.*

**Shawl measures 23" [58.5 cm] wide and 66" [167.5 cm] long.**

## Special Stitches

**Cl (3 double crochet cluster)** = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 4 loops on hook.

**Croc-st (Crocodile stitch)** = Rotate piece to work down side of indicated V-st, work 5 dc around post of first dc of V-st spacing stitches evenly, ch 1, rotate piece to work up other side of same V-st, work 5 dc around post of 2nd dc of V-st spacing stitches evenly.

**V-st (V-stitch)** = 2 dc in indicated stitch or space. **Note:** When instructed to work in a V-st, work into the space between the 2 dc of the indicated V-st.

## Notes

- Shawl is worked from one short edge across to the other short edge.
- Two Crocodile Stitch panels are worked first. One of these panels is set aside for later. The remaining Crocodile Stitch panel begins the Shawl then a long Climbing Vine Lace panel is worked. The second Crocodile Stitch panel is attached to the end of the Climbing Vine Lace panel.

- Designer recommends making a Crocodile Stitch pattern gauge swatch before beginning shawl. To make a gauge swatch, begin with ch 15 then work Rows 1–17 of Crocodile Stitch panel (below). You should have 5 V-sts in Row 1 and all wrong side rows, 3 Croc-sts in Rows 2, 6, 10, and 14, 2 Croc-sts in the Rows 4, 8, 12, and 16. The finished gauge swatch should measure about 4" [10 cm] square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

## SHAWL

### Crocodile Stitch Panels (make 2)

#### Notes:

- Wrong side rows are V-st rows and right side rows are Croc-st rows.
- The right side of the fabric (the side with the crocodile scales) shows the wrong side of the double crochet (dc) stitches that form the scales.

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**Row 1 (wrong side):** Dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc, ch 1 – first V-st made), \*ch 2, skip next 2 ch, V-st in next ch; repeat from \* across—37 V-sts.

**Row 2 (right side):** Ch 1, turn, Croc-st over first V-st, \*skip next V-st, Croc-st over next V-st; repeat from \* across—19 Croc-sts.

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**Row 3:** Ch 2, turn, working into the previous V-st row, V-st in V-st at center of first Croc-st, \*ch 2, V-st in next V-st, ch 2, V-st in V-st at center of next Croc-st; repeat from \* across—37 V-sts.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn, slip st in first V-st, Croc-st over next V-st, \*skip next V-st, Croc-st over next V-st; repeat from \* to last V-st, slip st in last V-st—18 Croc-sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, working into the previous V-st row, dc in same V-st as last slip st of previous row (first V-st made), \*ch 2, V-st in V-st at center of next Croc-st, ch 2, V-st in next V-st; repeat from \* across—37 V-sts.

**Rows 6–29:** Repeat Rows 2–5 six times.

**Note:** You should have 14 Croc-st rows. To check, count the Croc-st rows diagonally across the panel.

Fasten off first panel and set aside. Do not fasten off second panel.

### Climbing Vine Lace Panel

**Row 1 (Set-Up Row – right side):** Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), turn, Cl in first V-st, dc in next V-st, ch 2, sc in next V-st, \*ch 2, (dc, ch 3, Cl) in next V-st, dc in next V-st, ch 2, sc in next V-st; repeat from \* to last V-st ch 2, dc in last V-st.

**Row 2:** Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), turn, Cl in first dc, skip next sc, dc in next dc, \*ch 2, sc in next ch-3 space, ch 2, (dc, ch 3, Cl) in next dc, skip next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from \* to turning ch-space, ch 2, sc in turning ch-space, ch 2, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Repeat Row 2 until Climbing Vine Lace panel measures about 50" [127 cm], unstretched.

### FINISHING

Wash and block long piece to measure about 23 x 59" [58.5 x 150 cm]. Wash and block separate Crocodile Stitch panel to about 23 x 7" [58.5 x 18 cm]. When pieces are dry, slip st separate Crocodile Stitch panel to short ending edge of Climbing Vine Lace pane.

Weave in ends and wet block to finished measurements.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

