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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 3 skeins of 505 Aruba Sea **A**, 1 skein each 512 Turqua **B**, 706 Perfect Pink **C**, 672 Spring Green **D**, 254 Pumpkin **E**, 324 Bright Yellow **F**, and 312 Black **G**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [I-9 US]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 1 ripple (measured from peak to peak) = 5" (12.5 cm) in pattern; 5 rows = 3" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

School of Fish Blanket

The rippled waves are the perfect background for these colorful fish. Use this crocheted blanket as a fun way for a toddler to start learning colors and how to count the fish.

Blanket measures 36" x 36" (91.5 x 91.5 cm).

Special Stitch
dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.
picot = (sc, ch 2, sc) in indicated stitch.

Special Technique
Adjustable-ring method—Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Notes
1. Blanket is made in a ripple pattern which consists of a series of two 2-dc "peaks" and 2 dc2tog "valleys", with 5 dc worked between peaks and valleys. You may need to work several rows before the ripple is clearly visible.
2. Blanket is worked back and forth in rows. Border is worked in joined rounds with right side facing.
3. 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.

BLANKET
With **A**, ch 115 loosely.
Row 1 (right side): Working in back bump, dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in next ch, *dc in next 5 ch, [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 ch, 2 dc in next 2 ch; repeat from * 5 times, dc in next 5 ch, [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 ch, 2 dc in last ch, turn—112 sts.
Rows 2–54: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in first st, *dc in next 5 sts, [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * 5 times, dc in next 5 sts, [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in top of beginning ch, turn.
Change to **B** in last st of Row 54.

BORDER
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first st, sc in next 7 sts, [skip next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, skip next st, sc in next 6 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last st; 2 sc in end of each row down first side; working across opposite side of foundation ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first ch, sc in next 6 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 ch, [skip next ch, sc in next 7 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 ch] 6 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch, 2 sc in end of each row up 2nd side; join with slip st to first sc and change to **C**—442 sc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first ch-2 space, sc in next 7 sts, skip next st, sc in next 7 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, skip next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in each st to next ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, [skip next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, sc in next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch-2 space, sc in each st to first sc; join with slip st in first sc and change to **D**—448 sts and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first ch-2 space, sc in next 7 sts, [skip next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, skip next st, sc in next 8 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in each st to next ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, skip next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch-2 space, sc in each st to first sc; join with slip st in first sc and change to **E**—454 sts and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 2 st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first ch-2 space, sc in next 7 sts, [skip next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, skip next st, sc in next 9 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in each st to next ch-2 space, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 space, sc in next 9 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, skip next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch-2 space, sc in each st to first sc; join with slip st in first sc—460 sts and 4 ch-2 spaces. Fasten off.

Round 5: With top edge and right side facing, join **F** with slip st into first ch-2 space, ch 1 (sc, [ch 2, sc] twice) in same ch-2 space, [*skip next st, picot in next st*; repeat from * to * to next ch-2 space, (sc, [ch 2, sc] twice) in next ch-2 space] 3 times; repeat from * to * to first sc; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FISH

(make 15: 3 each in B, C, D, E, and F)
Make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc), work 13 dc into ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—14 dc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten and close ring.

Round 2: Ch 4 (counts as first tr), 3 tr into same st as join, *2 dc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in 2 next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st,* 4 tr in next st; repeat from * to * once; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 sts.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—34 sts.

Last Row (tail): Ch 4, (4 tr, dc, hdc) in first st, slip st in next 2 sts, (hdc, dc, 4 tr, ch 4, slip st) in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

With **G** and using photograph as a guide, sew an "x" for an eye and a curved smile on right side of each fish. Arrange fish as desired on blanket and sew in place.

ABBREVIATIONS

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